

COMMUNITY GRANT CYCLE – 2027

Grant Guidelines

VISION

We envision a strong and vibrant Texas for all in which women share equally in opportunities for economic advancement to support themselves, their families, and their futures.

MISSION

Texas Women's Foundation invests in removing the barriers to women's economic security, stability, and success through targeted research, advocacy, grantmaking, and education.

NEW PROCESS

Texas Women's Foundation has invested \$87 million through its grantmaking since inception and seeks to maximize its grantmaking impact. The Foundation is introducing a new two-part process for the 2027 Community Grant Cycle to facilitate this goal.

This LOI process begins on September 8th with the opening of the online grant portal for the initial submission by all applicants seeking consideration for the 2027 Community Grant Cycle. The initial proposal must be received by October 6 at 12:00 pm, Central Daylight Time.

There will not be another opportunity to submit a proposal for the Community Grant Cycle until Fall of 2027.

Status notifications will be sent to applicants by November 5, 2026. Final grant award recommendations for the Community Grant Cycle will be presented to the Texas Women's Foundation Board of Directors on May 26, 2027.

Applicants seeking to learn more about the new process are strongly encouraged to attend one of two information sessions. Registration for both sessions is required.

An **in-person** information session is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2026

A **virtual** information session is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2026

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2027 Community Grant Cycle Timeline	
September 8, 2026	Portal Opens for 2027 Community Grant Cycle
September 10, 2026 September 14, 2026	Registration for September 14 th Information Session Closes In-Person Information Session in Dallas, TX Registration is required due to limited seating
September 17, 2026 September 18, 2026	Registration for September 18 th Virtual Information Session Closes VIRTUAL Information Session Registration is required to receive meeting link
October 6, 2026 @ 12 noon CDT	Proposal deadline and grant portal closes
November 5, 2026	Notifications sent on status of proposal (declined, or invited to submit a full proposal)
November 5, 2026	Portal opens for applicants invited to submit a full proposal
December 11, 2026 @ noon CST	Proposal deadline for applicants invited to submit a full proposal
February 17 – March 25, 2027	In-person site visit period
May 26, 2027	Slate of grant recommendations presented to the Board of Directors Notification of funding status will be shared immediately following the board meeting date with payments by end of June 2027

Overview

As an organization with a forty-year mission centered on supporting women, the Foundation seeks to invest in programming that is intentionally designed to benefit their prosperity and well-being.

The maximum grant request to be considered is \$40,000.

One proposal per organization will be considered and accepted through the Community Grant Cycle. Grants will be awarded for a 12-month period (May 2027 – May 2028) with the grant payment scheduled for June 2027.

Texas Women's Foundation will consider eligible proposals for capacity building support, general operating support and program/project support from organizations that are current 501(c)(3) public charities directly serving women, their families and their futures in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Tarrant, and the immediate surrounding counties.

For proposals seeking general operational support, the **organization's** overall purpose must be primarily centered on women and their families as the beneficiaries. General operating grants provide flexible funding for the overall operations of the nonprofit.

For proposals seeking support for a specific program or to build capacity, the **program or project** itself must primarily and uniquely benefit women and their families. Capacity building grants provide funds for the improvement of an organization's effectiveness in its services to benefit women and their families.

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Please submit this application through the Foundation's grant portal link of [TXWF Community Grants 2027](#)

Questions about the application or portal login-in can be sent to grants@txwf.org.

Foundation staff performs due diligence. Community volunteers perform site visits to select proposals. The Foundation's Board of Directors makes all final decisions regarding approval of grants awarded.

Areas of Focus and Priorities

Areas of focus are aligned with the Texas Women's Foundation research findings from the most current [2024 Economic Issues for Women in Texas report](#). The Foundation seeks to create impact on the broad-based issues highlighted in the report which impact the economic security, stability and success of women in the state.

The report findings recognize the current and future contributions of women to the state's economy and the investments needed to ensure their full participation and benefit from the state's economic success.

In addition, the Foundation recognizes women as leaders and their leadership is essential to elevating the issues which most impact their lives and their communities, now and in the future.

Focus Areas

Additional information on the Texas Women's Foundation focus areas which are cited in the examples below can be found in the ["2024 Economic Issues for Women in Texas Report"](#), and the ["Texas Women and the Wage Gap"](#) and ["Addressing the Texas Childcare Crisis"](#) white papers.

Addressing the Childcare Crisis: "Strong childcare systems enable women's workforce participation, stabilize household earning, and support long-term economic growth."

Support for access to quality and affordable **childcare** for low-income communities including but not limited to the following:

- Development, recruitment, retention of the caregiving workforce,
- Childcare availability to help low-income women maintain employment or participate in other training or education programs,
- Childcare services during non-traditional work hours,
- Nonprofit childcare centers that serve low-income communities.

"Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured women in the nation – 17%. One in four full-time, year-round working women in Texas lacks health insurance."

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Support to provide affordable, high-quality, and community-focused **healthcare** for low-income and uninsured women, especially those in medically underserved and underfunded communities, including but not limited to the following:

- Access to maternal and reproductive care
- Access to mental health services and behavioral health services,
- Strengthening healthcare initiatives to improve the quality of life, preventative care, and health outcomes for the women and girls experiencing the most structural barriers,
- Access to sexual and reproductive health education,
- Prevention and intervention programs addressing safety, healing, well-being, freedom from violence and housing stability.
- Improved community health by addressing and removing systemic obstacles related to quality, accessibility and affordability.

“Texas women are achieving remarkable progress in higher education, however disparities in educational attainment among racial groups, the advanced-academic glass ceiling and rising tuition fees highlight the critical need for targeted support and policies.”

Support for **educational success** for women and girls, with a lens for economic success and mobility and respect for individual agency, this is inclusive of career and technical education.

Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Exposure to and readiness for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine (STEMM) at all levels of education and careers,
- A targeted approach to support students for success which is mindful of their unique needs (language, parenting, non-traditional, first generation, unhoused, etc.),
- Readiness for post-secondary economic independence,
- Opportunities for promotion, career development, and ability to meet housing and other economic needs.

Texas Women and the Wage Gap: “Over her lifetime, the average Texas woman stands to lose \$750,000 in earnings, impacting her ability to achieve economic security, stability, and success for herself and her family.”

Support for women’s **workforce participation** and living wage career pathways, especially in nontraditional industries and occupations, and positions with high employment demand including but not limited to the following:

- Skill building for today’s workforce, especially in information and technology occupations and industries, including the skills and the resources to bridge the digital divide,
- Workforce readiness including placement and transportation services,
- Workforce re-entry,
- Wraparound support for apprenticeship and training program participants.

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“From 2012 to 2022, the share of women in management occupations has only marginally increased by 3%.”

Support for community-led **leadership** programs that recognize women and girls as agents of change, including but not limited to the following:

- Programs which demonstrate a proven history of women and girls to transform their communities, the lives of their peers or multiple generations, especially in under-resourced communities,
- Building leadership skills, self-assurance, and self-efficacy within under-represented communities,
- Building critical skills that enhance leadership potential so participants can elevate their issues through community organizing and civic engagement,
- Programs where women or girls are leading in the design, and implementation of the program.

Priorities

Proposals which address Texas Women’s Foundation research-informed focus areas and community needs (alignment.)

Proposals which create or grow impact in areas where women have been underserved and/or under-resourced in North Texas (alignment.)

Proposals that clearly demonstrate and communicate that women who are recipients of the organization’s services are thriving (goals and outcomes).

Proposals that demonstrate the organization’s history of working locally on behalf of and in partnership with historically under-resourced communities, especially as it impacts women. (community-informed).

Proposals that demonstrate the organization’s understanding of the intersectionality of the unique needs of women and their families within the elements of systemic structures (data-informed).

Proposals with a woman centered approach that is grounded in a strength and growth mindset (woman centered approach).

Organizations with the capacity to be responsive to the women they serve through effective governance, leadership, and operations (organizational strength).

Organizations that align with the Foundation’s mission, vision, values, and research driven priorities (alignment).

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Eligibility

Eligible nonprofits must:

- have a current 501(c)(3) status as a public charity,
- demonstrate a three-year operating history,
- serve Dallas, Collin, Denton and Tarrant Counties, and the immediate surrounding counties,
- have operations that are consistent with the Texas Women's Foundation mission, vision, and values,
- demonstrate how women and girls and their families are centered in the funding sought,
- nonprofits **funded** through the Community Grant Cycle in one of the three previous calendar years (May/June 2024 or May/June 2025 or May/June 2026) must sit out for three years before submitting a new proposal for the Community Grant Cycle,
- Understand that as indicated in the ["2024 Economic Issues for Women in Texas report,"](#) "Our use of the term women is inclusive of all women - transgender women, cisgender women, genderqueer women and all other individuals that identify as women." The term is also inclusive of women of all ages.

The Foundation does NOT fund:

- individuals,
- campaigns to elect public officials or for partisan political projects,
- projects that take place or expenses which are incurred before the grant is awarded,
- projects inconsistent with federal, state, and local nondiscrimination ordinances and laws including discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, and are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services,
- grants that ultimately go wholly to another agency other than the applicant (pass through),
- organizations which have the ability to levy taxes,
- sponsorships for events or networking events,
- fundraising campaigns,
- endowments,
- individual education scholarships,
- programs which promote religious activities, proselytize, or require adherence to a particular religion,
- projects inconsistent with Texas Women's Foundation mission, vision, and values.

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Accessing the Grant Portal

Grant guidelines and an FAQ document are available on the Texas Women's Foundation's Grants Page

Click the “Access Application” button to enter the portal.

Grant proposals will only be accepted if submitted through the Foundation’s grant portal.

To create a new account, select the [application link](#) and click the “Create Account” button. When you have completed the steps to create your account, be sure to save your login information. Your page will refresh and automatically load at the beginning of the application, which you can access by clicking the “Start New Application” button.

For existing accounts, select the [application link](#) and use your login and password which will take you to the beginning of the application which you can access by clicking the “Start New Application” button.

Once you have submitted your application, you should receive an email from Texas Women’s Foundation with the email address noreply@yourcause.com. If you do not see the email from noreply@yourcause.com in your inbox, check your spam folder. We encourage you to add it to your safe senders list.

Note that the link to the grant portal is solely for grant application submission. The login and password created for submitting a grant application is different from the login created by individuals when making online donations to the Texas Women’s Foundation or registering to attend Foundation events or purchasing event tickets or tables.

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