



APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND FUNDING PRIORITIES

Overview

Impact100 Philadelphia's mission is to engage and educate women in philanthropy and collectively fund grants to charitable initiatives in the Philadelphia region. The goal of Impact100 Philadelphia is to provide high-impact grants that reach under-served populations, raise the profile of deserving but lesser known organizations, and highlight unmet needs in the region. Impact100 members are women, age 21 years or older, who each contribute a minimum of \$1,000 annually toward the grants to be awarded that year. Grant finalists are determined through a detailed process of proposal review and evaluation by members, and the grant recipients are chosen by a vote of the membership at the Impact100 Philadelphia annual meeting.

Eligibility Criteria and Funding Priorities

Organizations eligible to apply for the Impact100 grant must be:

- Tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Located in the counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or in the county of Camden, New Jersey
- In operation at least 36 months prior to applying for a grant
- In possession of independently prepared financial statements (audit or review acceptable)
- Not a recipient of an Impact100 Philadelphia **project** grant in the past 36 months

Impact100 will give **preference** to applicants that:

- Have annual operating budgets above \$300,000 and below \$5 million
- Have limited access to large grants and do not have the resources of larger nonprofits
- Are lesser known organizations

Impact100 will give **priority** to projects that:

- Target under-served populations
- Highlight unmet needs in the region
- Will have a high impact on beneficiaries

Projects eligible for the Impact100 grant must:

- Serve residents of and expend funds fully in the geographic areas listed above
- Be a new program, the expansion of an existing program or a new or expanded collaboration
- Have a total project budget of at least \$100,000 (note: up to 15% of the Impact100 project grant may be allocated to organizational overhead expenses)
- Expend funds within 15 months
- Fit within one of the following Focus Area definitions:
 - *Arts and Culture:* Develop greater cultural and artistic opportunities and improve participation in the arts or arts education
 - *Education:* Improve educational opportunities for children and/or adults
 - *Environment:* Foster the connection between people and the environment, including stewardship and enhancement of physical or natural surroundings
 - *Family:* Strengthen and enhance the lives of children and families
 - *Health & Wellness:* Improve the mental and/or physical well-being of people

Impact100 will **not** provide grants for:

- Debt reduction, operating deficits, interim or bridge funding, or endowment funding
- Individuals or private foundations
- Activities that are religious, or partisan, legislative or political in nature
- Fund drives, annual appeals, fundraising events
- General capital campaigns (unrelated to a specific project)