

Live Well Grand Cities Grant Frequently Asked Questions

What is the deadline for the application?

April 30.

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

To be eligible for funding, an applicant must be a public charity with tax-exempt status under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, In all cases, the applicant organization or agency must have a clear charitable purpose.

Are members of the LWGC eligible to apply for funding?

Yes, if eligible.

Are there regional restrictions?

This funding opportunity is limited to the Grand Cities.

How often can we apply?

An organization may apply for funds once every twelve months per grant program. Organizations may apply for more than one program per year. If you have previously applied for a grant from LWGC and have questions about your eligibility to apply again, please contact us.

Are there specific types of requests that you will not fund?

Generally, LWGC will not fund the following:

1. Individuals
2. Academic or scientific research
3. Debt retirement
4. Direct lobbying expenses to influence legislation or elections
5. Expenses, including travel expenses to attend conferences, workshops, events or symposia, unless part of a broader capacity building request that improves the organization's ability to deliver services
6. Endowments
7. Publications, video or film production
8. Private or parochial education
9. Programs with religious content
10. Replacement of lost/expired government funding
11. One-time fundraising events or fundraising campaigns
12. Fraternal organizations
13. Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Does LWGC award grants for capital expenditures?

Although a lower priority, LWGC may consider requests for capital and equipment support when it is convinced that such funding can make a difference and that access to such funding elsewhere is limited. For both capital and equipment requests, the applicant should show how the project will enable the organization to carry out programs that would not otherwise be possible, and how the quality of life in

the community will be improved as a result. For large capital requests, LWGC generally will not provide a grant until a significant majority of other funding has been secured.

Does LWGC award grants for existing programs?

LWGC awards grants to support new or existing programs and projects.

Does LWGC award grants to newly established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for start-up costs?

LWGC does consider grants for start-up or recently formed organizations if there is evidence of thorough planning and a strong sustainability plan.

What information do you consider when making a funding decision?

In addition to the specifics of your proposal, we will consider whether:

1. The organization appears to have the capacity to carry out the project, including necessary staff and financial resources
2. There is an adequate plan to collect outcome data and evaluate the impact of the project
3. The project is change-oriented, addressing root causes and systems, rather than just providing for current needs
4. Other funding has been requested or secured. (LWGC prefers to share funding responsibilities with other stakeholders rather than being the sole funder.)
5. The organization has been timely in completing reports for previous awards, and the success of previously funded programs

Does LWGC fund faith-based organizations?

LWGC does fund faith-based organizations that provided their activities to address the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs. We do not fund religious activities or organizations that require religious activity or affiliation as a condition of receiving services.