



ANNE ARUNDEL WOMEN GIVING TOGETHER

2023 GRANTS OVERVIEW

Welcome to the 2023 Grants Program for Anne Arundel Women Giving Together (AAWGT). We are committed to supporting work that improves the quality of life for women and families in Anne Arundel County and to partnering with nonprofits who share this vision.

Like you, we care about healthy lives and safe places to live – we worry about food deserts – we see the growing need for emergency responses for housing and food, for access to equitable health care, and for safe, secure homes and a healthy environment for all women and families.

Like you, we care about education in all its forms, starting with the very youngest – and the importance of literacy and mentoring for people of all ages.

Like you, we are concerned about violence of any kind – domestic violence, gun violence and bullying.

And, like you, we care about breaking the cycle of inequity in society, in organizations and in practice.

For several years, AAWGT has worked to embed the principles of DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility) and trust-based philanthropy within our organization and our grantmaking process. We are committed to being a positive force for DEIA through the work we fund. And, while maintaining our all-important focus on improving the quality of life of women and families in our county, we believe that you, as a nonprofit, bring a firsthand understanding of how best to address this. This application is your chance to tell us how you believe you can make a difference.

TIMELINE FOR THE 2023 GRANT CYCLE

November 15, 2022: Grant application is made available in PDF format for preview only.

January 4, 2023: Online portal (Foundant) opens for organizations to apply for 2023 grants.

January 12, 2023: Grant Applicant Workshop on Zoom. Two identical sessions will be held at 9:30 am and 1:30pm. To receive the Zoom link, [registration is required](#). For the morning session, register [HERE](#) and for the afternoon session, please register [HERE](#).

February 10, 2023: Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm when the online portal will close.

July 1, 2023: Grant year funding begins.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS WHEN APPLYING

- An organization may submit only one application.
- Funding is limited to two consecutive grant cycles after which the organization becomes ineligible for the following two grant cycles.
- If applying to continue a currently funded program, the application will need to show that the current program has demonstrated substantial progress toward success by the application due date.
- Your organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit at the time it applies, after the grant is awarded, and for the duration of the funding cycle*.
- Your proposal must be responsive to our mission: improving the quality of life for women and families in Anne Arundel County.
- We only fund programs or projects which provide benefits or services to women and/or families located in Anne Arundel County.

KNOW AND CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING THREE NUMBERS FOR YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION – THEY ARE REQUIRED!

- **Federal Employee Identification Number (EIN)** – this identifies your organization as a non-profit. *Your EIN will look like this: 00-0000000*
Website to verify: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>.
- **Maryland Charity Registration number (CID)** – this identifies the organization with MD Office of Secretary of State.
Your MD Charity number will look like this: 00000
Website to verify: https://onestop.md.gov/list_views/62f3e1797f7e3200016a3dab.
Organization must be listed as “Registration Status: Current”
- **Business Entity Number** – this identifies your organization with the MD Department of Taxation and Assessments.
Your Business Entity number will look like this: InitialLetter00000000
Website to verify: <https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>
Organization must be listed as “This business is in good standing”

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

All organizations must provide the financial statements requested in the application, including a current Operating Budget for the organization, a Budget-to-Actual Financial Statement from most recently completed fiscal year, and a Proposal Budget. You are encouraged to consider applying for general operating expenses as well as program expenses.

WE DO NOT FUND ...

- Organizations that discriminate by race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or national origin
- Capital projects, including new construction, expansion, renovation or replacement of existing buildings
- Endowments

- Sponsorships or fundraising drives/events
- Banquets, receptions, or similar events
- Political activities or lobbying
- Sectarian religious activities
- Grants to individuals

GRANTMAKING HISTORY

In 2022, AAWGT received applications from 49 nonprofits. In May 2022 AAWGT's membership voted to award \$159,000 to 11 of these organizations. This brought AAWGT's total dollars invested in Anne Arundel County nonprofits to close to \$1.6 million since 2007.

**If you are not a nonprofit, you may also apply by affiliating with a sponsoring 501(c)(3). Your organization could also have access to a Group Exemption by virtue of its affiliation with a church. If so, you will need to provide us with a letter dated this fiscal year from your parent organization that establishes the right of your organization to use the Group Exemption.*