



The 2023- 2024 Application will open September 6, 2023.

The purpose of Women in Philanthropy is to award grants to fund programs and projects that have the potential for high impact, resulting in significant positive change, in the lives of women, girls and/or children in Aiken, Burke, Columbia, McDuffie, Richmond and Edgefield Counties.

The Grant Information Session will be available via video on September 6, 2023.

Grant applications will be due **October 27, 2023 12 noon**.

Women in Philanthropy of the Central Savannah River Area (WIPCSRA) is a women's philanthropic organization that services Aiken, Burke, Columbia, Edgefield, McDuffie, and Richmond counties. Funding for grants is made available through the annual donations of WIPCSRA members. Grants are awarded once a year in March and selection is based on the cumulative voting of the entire WIPCSRA membership.

WIPCSRA awards grants to fund programs and projects that have the potential for high impact resulting in significant positive change in the lives of women, girls and/or children.

We welcome grant requests from non-profit, 501(c)(3) agencies located within the CSRA serving women, girls and/or children.

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Grant seekers are required to watch this session in order to be eligible to receive a grant.

WIPCSRA members believe that a resilient community requires robust programs and services in a variety of areas.

WIPCSRA seeks to fund grants in the following targeted areas:

ARTS:

WIPCSRA seeks to strengthen our community through the arts by supporting projects that promote the creation of, access to, and appreciation for the arts as well as programs that incorporate the arts as a part of a multidisciplinary teaching program.

HEALTH:

WIPCSRA seeks to improve the overall health of the community by supporting projects that promote health, wellness and access to high quality healthcare for everyone, as well as projects that assist individuals in changing or avoiding unhealthy lifestyles or behaviors.

EDUCATION:

WIPCSRA promotes lifelong learning by supporting projects that educate individuals in how to cultivate a productive life from early childhood through higher education as well as projects providing for teacher development, access to quality educational programs, and job training.

SOCIAL WELL-BEING:

WIPCSRA seeks to address inequities within our community by supporting projects that address every individual's need for food, clothing, shelter and safety as well as projects that address underlying social problems.

Grant Process

Each year, **WIPCSRA** will award grants targeted in one of our 4 focus areas: Arts, Education, Health, and Social Well-Being. Based on **WIPCSRA** members' votes, the top-ranked grant requests will be awarded.

The Grants Review Committee, composed of all members who wish to serve, researches each organization requesting a grant. The grant-making process is thorough and participative.

The Grants Review Committee selects, from the community organizations meeting the criteria, those to receive site visits. Site visits typically take place in January. Applicants are expected to be accommodating to Committee Members making the site visit.

The Grants Review Committee selects the organizations to be placed on the ballot presented to the membership for their vote.

Ballot finalists are expected to attend a session to make a 3-minute video to explain their project. This video will allow all members to gain a better understanding of the grants on the final ballot.

Every member of **WIPCSRA** votes by ranking the proposals listed on the ballot.

Every organization funded will be expected to send a representative to the Annual Luncheon. The organization will also be required to file a final report.

Every organization receiving a grant is required to participate in an evaluation process and account for grant expenses upon project completion or by a date specified by **WIPCSRA**. A portion (10%) of each grant awarded will be held in reserve contingent upon receipt of a timely and completed final report.

Any funds not spent for the approved purposes within the dates specified must be returned to **WIPCSRA**.



Eligibility for Funding

Applicants must qualify as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be classified as a unit of government.

Organizations must have a location and provide services in one or more of the following counties: Aiken, Burke, Columbia, Edgefield, McDuffie, and Richmond counties.

Organizations must not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious beliefs.

Each organization may submit only one application per year. Organizations are not eligible to apply for grants in consecutive years.

While faith-based organizations are eligible to apply, projects promoting religious beliefs or requiring participation in religious activities will not be funded.

Organizations must demonstrate financial stability.

Funding Priorities

Women in Philanthropy CSRA is committed to awarding grants that have the potential for high impact and significant positive change in the CSRA. Therefore, WIPCSRA gives priority to projects that:

1. Focus on one of the WIPCSRA funding areas:
 - Arts
 - Education
 - Health
 - Social Well-Being
2. Address a community need, an emerging community need, and/or provide a new, creative approach to a community need.
3. Offer opportunities for collaboration and foster partnerships, as well as leverage other funding sources.
4. Demonstrate the ability to achieve measurable results. Priority will be given to a project/organization demonstrating high probability of sustainability beyond the grant period.
5. Clearly reflect how the grant funds will be used to accomplish the outlined goals and objectives.
6. Will positively affect the lives of women and/or children.
7. Develop competencies and skills enabling women to live fuller, more productive lives.
8. Address a significant need affecting a broad segment of women and/or children.
9. Promote the cooperation of two or more agencies to avoid duplication of services and coordinate resources and programs.
10. Demonstrate the capacity to provide the necessary services using good administrative and financial management.
11. Promote systems or approaches which can prevent individual, family, or community problems.

Instructions

Areas Generally Not Funded

WIPCSRA does NOT provide funding for:

- Capital and endowment campaigns
- Travel and conferences
- Projects promoting religious or political views
- Fraternal organizations
- Organizations for re-granting purposes
- Core operating expenses for public and private schools
- Projects already completed or will be completed in the current calendar year
- Any agency that received a grant for the previous year