WOMEN GIVING FOR SPARTANBURG
GRANT PROCESS OVERVIEW

MISSION

To maximize women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and informing its membership, increasing charitable contributions, and significantly improving the greater Spartanburg community through the impact of collective giving.

PURPOSE OF GRANT

Founded in 2007 as a special project of The Spartanburg County Foundation, Women Giving for Spartanburg is a group of passionate women who have joined together to enhance the quality of life in Spartanburg County. Our mission is to maximize women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and informing our membership, increasing charitable contributions, and significantly improving the greater Spartanburg community through the impact of collective giving. This women's giving circle pools its money, energy and ideas in order to create a measurable impact on the organizations it funds annually. Women Giving for Spartanburg provides high impact grants of $25,000 and up to Spartanburg County nonprofit organizations working to meet the needs of Spartanburg County residents in the areas of Civic Health, Economy, Education, Natural Environment, Public Health and Social Environment.

PROCESS

Women Giving for Spartanburg accepts grant requests in January each year. Nonprofit organizations that serve Spartanburg County are encouraged to complete requests for an innovative program that meets the needs of one of the six Community Indicators. Women Giving for Spartanburg expects to receive more strong requests from organizations than it can fund. In case of an immediate, catastrophic community need, Women Giving for Spartanburg, at the recommendation of the Grants Committee and the approval of the Executive Committee, will have the opportunity to allocate funds where the community need is the greatest instead of awarding individual grants.

ELIGIBILITY

Women Giving for Spartanburg considers only those organizations and institutions that are recognized as 501(c)(3) non-profit and/or tax exempt entities. Organizations must not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious belief.

GRANTS

Women Giving for Spartanburg will consider grant proposals for projects that meet all the following criteria:

- Address a goal area of the *Community Indicators Project* (www.strategicspartanburg.org) with new, creative approaches:
  - *Civic Health*
  - *Cultural Vitality*
  - *Economy*
  - *Education*
  - *Natural Environment*
  - *Public Health*
  - *Social Environment*

- Result in measurable impact on the community
- Have support from all participating organizations' Boards of Directors
- Request a minimum of $25,000
- Will use the Grant and complete the project within twelve months.
- Upon request and in extenuating circumstances, the Women Giving for Spartanburg Grants Committee may give an extension for completion of the grant for up to an additional three months.

Women Giving for Spartanburg will give *priority consideration* to proposals that:
- Collaborate with other community organizations
- Leverage funding sources
- Effect or resulting effect on large target populations
- Utilize volunteer participation

Women Giving for Spartanburg has the authority to recommend granting less than $25,000 if the result of the funding is still of high impact.

LIMITATIONS

Grant proceeds may not be used for the following purposes:

- Projects not predominantly serving Spartanburg County residents
- Endowment campaigns
- Projects that are sectarian in nature
- Religious instruction, proselytizing, or preaching
- Sponsorships
- Lobbying
- General operating expenses of the applicant organization including salaries for existing positions
- Consecutive year requests from Grantees

EVALUATION

Women Giving for Spartanburg requires each Grantee to provide a six-month and a year-end report of measurable outcomes and how the grant funds were used. Women Giving for Spartanburg may actively monitor progress throughout the funded term of the project.