

Working Woman's Home Association 2023 Grant Application

Within the City of Montgomery and its environs, the intent and purpose of the Working Woman's Home Association is:

1. To aid and assist distressed and abused women and children
2. To aid in the education of women to the end that they may become self-sufficient
3. To aid and assist women in providing emergency housing
4. To aid and assist elderly persons, particularly women, in meeting their basic needs

Instructions: Please complete the following questions and submit form at the end. This form allows information from another document to be inserted or pasted in the question response space. It is also possible to edit information on the form after submission.

Email attachments to secretary@wwhassn.org.

** This grant application is requesting funds to be awarded in January 2023. NO grant applications will be able to be submitted after the deadline - 5:00 pm on Monday, June 13, 2022.

Name of Organization/Agency *

Boys and Girls Clubs of the River Region

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Project or Program Proposal Contact Person (if different from above)

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Funding Requested *

\$30,000

Briefly state the purpose and goals of this project or program. *

Boys & Girls Clubs of the River Region (BGCRR) "provide programs and opportunities which encourage young people, especially those who need us most, to maximize their potential and become caring and productive citizens of our community."

The challenges of discipline, reasoning, and problem solving inherent in The Arts are especially effective in building self-confidence and self-esteem in young people. Many educators believe that children unexposed to art are as lacking as children without math. Yet arts programs are disappearing from the lives of many young people as schools struggle with budget cuts in their attempts to sustain and maintain a viable arts program. This is why BGCRR is seeking continued funding for operation of Arts programs at its clubs West End, and Chisholm. This funding has and will continue to contribute significantly to the positive, overall development of club members.

Briefly describe your plans for administration of this project or program request? *

BGCRR is a place where young people can come to receive guidance in the arts from trained professional staff and where they develop the self-esteem needed to become leaders of their community. Our staff for this project consists of the Arts & Crafts Directors, who administer the arts & crafts program, and report to the Unit Directors, who report to and work closely with our Central Service Office staff will carry out other administrative requirements. This team will oversee all activities for the youth.

How will you evaluate the success of this project or program? Or how have you evaluated the success of this project or program in the past? *

BGCRR has designed Pre- & post-program surveys which are completed by our club members. Examples of some of the questions asked are:

1. My knowledge of ways to create arts and crafts
2. My knowledge of different artists.
3. My interest and participation in arts/crafts activities.
4. My knowledge of different music styles and artists.
5. My knowledge of arts resources in the community.

The program score is measured on a scale of 1-4, with 1 or (poor) being the lowest score and 4 or (excellent) being the highest score. The program score from all our clubs showed an average of 2.87 on pre- program surveys and 3.20 on post- program surveys...this is a 17% positive change for 2016. This is proof that we're having a greater impact on our youth in the areas of The Arts for which they have a greater appreciation and understanding.

BGCRR uses membership, club attendance, and activity attendance to determine the ongoing need for and demand of the facility and its offerings. Monthly reports on attendance – both at the club and for each of the hundreds of activities offered each month are prepared by the administrative staff and shared with the Board of Directors at each month's meeting

This project or program will impact Montgomery in the following areas (check all that apply) *

- Distressed and abused women and children
- Education of women and life skills development
- Emergency housing for women and children
- Assist elderly persons, particularly women, in meeting their basic needs

Other: Children and youth; low income families; and youth at risk

How does this project or program funding request fit into your organization's mission and, more specifically, the mission of your project or program? *

BGCRR's mission is providing programs and opportunities which encourage young people, especially those who need us most, to maximize their potential and become caring, productive citizens of our community. The Arts program is geared towards those that need us most and it will make for more productive citizens because of their club experience in the arts.

How does this project or program funding request fit into the mission of the Working Woman's Home Association? (stated at top of form) *

The Arts will assist our youth in becoming well rounded citizens which fit in with the mission of WWHA to aid and assist underserved children needs.

Will this project or program initiate a new service in Montgomery? *

- Yes
 No

If not, explain the features of this project or program that distinguish it from other organizations in Montgomery that provide the same or similar services. Identify those organizations in Montgomery providing the same or similar services.

YMCA and Community Centers are just some examples of other organizations that provide similar youth services. While there are other organizations or agencies that offer after-school and summer programs: BGCRR is unique because our children vote with their feet. If our members don't enjoy the programs and activities offered they will not come to the clubs. BGCRR facilities are solely dedicated to at-risk children ages 6-18 that live in distressed neighborhoods by providing these youth with a safe alternative to the dangers of the street via a safe, supervised environment with a trained.

How many people will be served by this project or program funding request? *

1100

Will a grant from the Working Woman's Home Association enable your organization to receive matching funds? *

- Yes
 No

Is there another resource that can assume financial responsibility for this project or program upon completion of the commitment of the Working Woman's Home Association? *

- Yes
 No

List other organizations or grants from which you have requested funding for this project or program and the status of such requests. *

We are a United Way Agency; A big part of our funds are individual donors and yearly fundraiser.

In addition to submitting this project or program funding request, the documents below are required for this application to be accepted as complete. Please email current documentation in PDF format to: secretary@wwhassn.org. (You may check the box below when the item has been emailed.)

- Detailed proposed budget for this project or program request
- Proposed budget for your organization for the current year
- Copy of Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Balance Sheet for the current and most recent fiscal year completed for your organization
- Copy of your most recent audit. If an audit is not available, please include a copy of your most recent 990 form
- List of Officers and Directors
- Copy of your IRS Letter of Determination of 501(c)(3) status

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