

## 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@wwhasn.org](mailto:secretary@wwhasn.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 \*

Children's Center of Montgomery

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Funding Requested \*

\$3,000.00

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

Children's Center of Montgomery is requesting funds to purchase materials and supplies for our arts and crafts program. Art is a major part of our daily schedule. Our clients with disabilities and medical fragility can express themselves through art. Many of our clients are non-verbal so art enables them to communicate their feelings. My staff finds a way for everyone to participate in art regardless of their limitations. One young man cannot use his hands but paints beautifully with a paint brush in his mouth. He speaks to civic groups about how painting has given him confidence and has challenged him to do things he didn't know he was capable of doing. Art is known to build self-esteem, increase attention span and promote socialization.

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

Our staff of 7 will work on planned art activities as part of the daily schedule. The clients are divided into small groups during art so they can participate in projects that are tailored to their special needs. Several of the staff have previous training in art and the others are very creative and come up with craft activities using Pinterest and other resources. The director will meet with staff weekly to go over the planned projects for each group and purchase any supplies that are needed using the funds of the WWHA grant. Staff members will attend appropriate art workshops that are tailored to art for individuals with disabilities. All staff will visit the Musuem of Fine Arts to view art displays that have been submitted by various groups in the community.

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? \*

The staff will meet with the Executive Director on a weekly basis to discuss how each client was involved in the planned art activities and what individual benefits they received. Staff will work as a team to come up with ideas to ensure that all clients, regardless of their ability, benefit from all planned projects. Part of the success of the project will be determined by the enthusiasm the clients show, how long their attention span is tuned into the project and whether the more fragile clients stay awake because of all the fun and laughter or whether they fall asleep. Data will be discussed at weekly staff meetings. Changes to modifications being used to increase the success of each client will be made as appropriate.

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:

Provide a stimulating and safe environment for individuals with disabilities and medical fragility

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

The mission of the Children's Center is to provide individuals with disabilities and medical fragility a safe and nurturing environment and to involve them in an array of activities to meet their physical, social and vocational needs. The primary objective of the program is to promote independence, self-worth and happiness through leisure activities. Art meets all parts of our mission and is our clients' favorite activity of the day. Our program operates a small boutique where we sell the artwork created by our clients. Their self-esteem is greatly increased when others value their creations.

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

Our clients are able to attend the Children's Center on a daily basis which enables our parents to work and not be forced to quit their jobs. Many of our clients are raised by single mothers. They need their income to meet the needs of their child with disabilities. It is very expensive to take care of a child with disabilities. If our program did not exist, many of the clients would be placed in a nursing home which would not allow them to be a part of the community or to have friends and participate in stimulating activities such as art. It is very difficult to find qualified individuals to keep the clients in their own homes. Parents risk their child being neglected and even abused by individuals not trained in taking care of their specific 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.

There are other programs that serve individuals with disabilities but none that are open 9 1/2 hours a day or that operate 12 months a year. Our program is very unique in that all staff are retired educators or current teachers. This gives structure, professionalism and experience to our program. All staff are very passionate about working with individuals with disabilities and have great rapport with the clients. Our program also works with the families to provide the support they need to take care of a child with a disability. We are all family and do what it takes to make life as easy as possible for our families.

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

35

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. \*

A small grant request will be made to St. John's Episcopal Church. Various community groups will be given a wish list of art supplies throughout the year.

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](mailto: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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