

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 *

Common Ground Montgomery

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City, State, and Zip *

Montgomery

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Funding Requested *

\$10,000.00

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

Cyclical and systemic issues plague impoverished neighborhoods across America--hardships for single-parent households, failing schools, high crime rates, effects from institutional racism, etc. It's an anomaly for youth in these communities to find long-term success.

Through the efforts of generous donors and community partners championing change, Common Ground Montgomery provides developmental programs, camps, and activities while connecting youth in west Montgomery, Alabama, with resources and mentors.

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

The After School Program will be overseen by our Board of Directors and Bryan Kelly, the founder and Executive Director. The program will be implemented by program staff throughout the school year.

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? *

Throughout the year, we track and measure progress through progress reports and report cards. By having a relationship with parents, school administrators, and teachers, we are also able to monitor emotional and social behavior.

Additionally, we make sure that our children have no involvement in criminal activities, teenage pregnancy, truancy, and/or gang involvement. By being in the neighborhood for over 16 years, we have developed meaningful relationships with entire families and have been able to have the children in our programs. Our desire is to create thriving leaders that graduate, pursue college or a career following graduation, and that become upstanding citizens that give back to their community.

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: Supporting single, working mothers through an After School Program

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

It seems as if every single day we are faced with another news story about crime in Montgomery: someone received a non-life threatening gunshot wound, one person was fatally injured, local store was robbed at gunpoint, traffic stop leads to drugs and firearms being confiscated. Often times, these occurrences are in very close proximity to our building and the neighborhood our children and families live in.

Last year we reached an all time high for murders.

At Common Ground Montgomery (CGM), we know several of the names on the list from 2021 and this year. Unfortunately, some of them were kids from the neighborhood, others were in our program at one time, and some of the names are parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and/or siblings of our children.

We know these are not just statistics and numbers. We have attended funerals and seen the firsthand effect that this violence is having on so many families here in Montgomery. One of our staff members recently lost her nephew to a senseless act of gun violence. Her nephew left behind a 9 year old brother and a 14 year old sister that are currently enrolled in our program. Watching them experience bouts of grief throughout the year has been heartbreaking.

At CGM, we understand the importance of being present and stable in the lives of our children. Our program creates an additional layer of support for the single, working mothers. By simply being here helping with homework or a project, we genuinely believe that we can help change the trajectory of their lives. When they are with us, they are not exposed to the violence that occurs right outside of our doors. We offer programs but in actuality we offer relationships, security, and love.

This is why, now more than ever, we need the support of foundations like WWHA. The requested funding allows us to continually provide our After School Program to 100 children in a safe and loving environment.

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

In accordance with WWHA guidelines, we are continuing to provide assistance to women and children in a distressed and underserved community. Specifically, the Washington Park neighborhood stands out for having an average per capita income lower than 99.6% of the neighborhoods in the United States.

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.

Our program is offered at no cost to the families. Additionally, our program is offered throughout the entire year.

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

100

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. *

Other Commitments for After School Program
Big Lots Foundation - \$10,000 - received
BCBS Caring Foundation - \$25,000 - applied for
The Arby's Foundation - \$15,600 - received
The Dollar Tree Foundation - \$10,000 - applied for
The Toyota Foundation - \$15,000 received
Central Alabama Community Foundation - \$6,700 received
Monthly
Trinity Presbyterian Church - \$2,083
Jerry Pelham - \$2,000
Tom Coker - \$1,000
Willow Creek Church - \$1,000

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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