

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 *

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Funding Requested *

\$5,000

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

The Davis Elementary, Nixon Elementary and Bellingrath conversion charter schools are part of a plan to serve much of the feeder pattern in West Montgomery, providing a transformative educational opportunity to improve our public schools. The first in the state of Alabama, the conversion charter model continues to serve the students in the enrollment zone but reconstitutes the leadership, instruction, and student support models. In fall of 2021, Davis Elementary started the school year as a conversion charter school, led by Phalen Leadership Academies and the Montgomery Education Foundation.

Nixon Elementary and Bellingrath Middle School will convert in the Fall of 2022, creating a continuum of high quality and high expectations for families and over 1500 students.

All 3 of these schools are among the lowest performing schools in the district and the state. We know that the past performance scores are not indicative of the students abilities and are working to change outcomes with new leadership and instructional focus.

These schools are still a part of the MPS system, but have the autonomy of new management.

At risk students are at particular risk for significant learning loss during the summer that increases the challenge of success during the school year.

MEF has developed and successfully implemented the Brain Forest and LEAPS summer academic enrichment programs to address this learning loss which also includes the MGM READS literacy/reading program.

PURPOSE:

To reduce summer learning loss for public school students by providing access to high quality summer academic enrichment programs.

GOALS:

1. Serve 300 conversion school students grades K-6 during the summer of 2023
2. Create access to reading libraries for children during the summer providing weekly book packages for each child for 5 weeks.
3. Increase proficiency in reading and math

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

The MEF Program Director will manage the implementation of the program.

MPS teachers and pre-service teachers from Schools of Education will be competitively hired to provide daily instruction. A summer assistant will be hired to manage the MGM Reads program and manage the weekly delivery of book packages to students.

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? *

Pre and post tests will be administered to all students in the academic enrichment program. The MGM Reads program will quantify the number of books/packages delivered as well as be able to measure the number of minutes each student reads during the summer through the online library that is included. We will also be able to follow those students through the school year to measure any gains versus other students who did not participate.

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: Low income children and families

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

MEF's mission is to work for the improvement of outcomes for all students in our public schools. This summer program supports our largest targeted commitment of support and leadership of the conversion schools to change outcomes for students who have typically been underserved.

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

More than 80% of the students at the 3 schools qualify as low income/high poverty. Many of our students have minimal support at home and the majority are living in single parent homes, typically led by working women. Over the past 9 years of delivering summer programs, parents have repeatedly shared 3 reasons of why the programs are important to them: 1. A free safe and caring place for their child to go to for 5 weeks. 2. The skills, both social /emotional and academic that their student acquires. 3. Free feeding program that serves breakfast and lunch every day.

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 few academic programs and no programs that are free, 5 weeks, 5 days a week. Programs that serve our three schools have been limited to non existent in the past.

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

300

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. *

Community Development Block Grant - will apply in October
Junior League of Montgomery - will apply in the fall
Montgomery County Commission - pending

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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