

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 *

New Beginnings Educational Center

Address *

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City, State, and Zip *

Montgomery, AL 36104

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Funding Requested *

\$8,000.00

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

Our clientele exist in an environment filled with challenges, often drug related. Many of the parents have criminal records, were raised in abusive homes, or do not have a high-school education. The children attend many of the schools in Montgomery County which are listed as failing. Our purpose is to be a supportive influence in the lives of the children we serve, resulting in more stability for them. Our goal is to assist children in improving their condition.

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

For the 2022-2023 school year, New Beginnings Educational Center will continue in-person tutoring and mentoring of students in grades pre-K through twelve after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays by college students, as well as church and community volunteers. We would also like to continue supplementing instruction by contracting with certified teachers to work with our students. On Wednesdays we will again partner with The Episcopal Church of the Ascension to offer one-on-one tutoring/mentoring for a smaller group. On all four afternoons the children will be able to gather in a safe place, interacting with caring adult role models. They will be fed a well-balanced meal each time they participate. Almost all of the children enrolled are from Paterson Court or other low-income neighborhoods. Staff monitor report cards to target areas needing remediation and prepare materials to address these issues; we also offer incentives for participation. An extracurricular program—offering recreation as well as teaching commitment and preparation—will be planned. In the past, such activities have included a dance team and a basketball team. In the summer, we offer a free, month-long academic and recreational day camp supervised by certified teachers and counselors.

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 following evaluation criteria are used to determine program success: enrollment and participation in the program over the school year; grade improvement for enrolled students whose grades are not excellent and continuation of excellent grades for those students with such marks; school conduct/behavior/attendance improvement; passage to the next grade or graduation; and parent feedback that our work has impacted their families positively. Data are collected by three primary evaluation methods: observation, analysis of parent surveys, and review of progress reports and report cards.

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: _____

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 Center's mission is to help break the cycle of poverty through education and family wellness services in Montgomery County. Therefore, we seek to increase student academic achievement, raise graduation rates, and increase access to post-secondary credentials. Additionally, we serve as a much-needed supportive influence in children's lives through mentoring. Your funding will help us pay our expenses so that we can continue to offer these services.

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

New Beginnings helps economically and socially distressed students navigate school and social challenges, assistance which their parents often don't have the resources to provide. This request for funds to be applied to our tutoring and mentoring program allows your organization to partner with us in improving the chances of success for these children.

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.

Common Ground Montgomery (Washington Park/Gibbs Village) and the Boys and Girls Club (Chisholm/West End) offer programs similar to ours in some respects. Various community centers in other parts of Montgomery serve children in those neighborhoods. New Beginnings focuses on children from Paterson Court and the surrounding central Montgomery area. Many of our students attend Nixon Elementary, Bellingrath Middle, and Lanier High schools. Although these institutions have after-school programs, most of our parents don't have cars, and it would be dangerous for children to walk in these neighborhoods at night. Many of our children can safely walk to the Center, and we are also conveniently located for those who do have transportation to be dropped off.

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

50

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. *

All of these organizations have granted us funds in the past, but we are just beginning our cycle of applying for next year's funds:

Central Alabama Community Foundation: \$8,000 to be requested

The Daniel Foundation of Alabama: \$10,000 to be requested

The Hobbs Foundation: \$17,000 to be requested

The Munson Foundation: \$5,000.00 to be requested

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama: \$3,000 to be requested

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension: \$10,000 to be requested

St. John's Episcopal Church: \$2,000 to be requested

First United Methodist Church: \$1,000 to be requested

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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