

Request for Proposals

2021 Women's Fund Grant Cycle

Austin Community Foundation believes that maintaining the economic security of women and children is essential to closing the opportunity gap in Central Texas, and we know we cannot do this without addressing the racial wealth and health divide faced by women of color.

FUNDING CATEGORIES



/ Housing - We invest in programs and organizations that provide affordable housing opportunities for women that include a network of support and/or opportunities for long-term wealth building.



/ Child Care - We invest in the expansion of programs and organizations to increase access to safe, quality, culturally competent and affordable child care that is conveniently located for families with low incomes.



/ Education - We invest in programs and organizations that provide access to an ecosystem of support — financial, emotional, and academic — for women pursuing educational dreams.



/ Women's Health - We invest in programs and organizations focused on reducing health disparities faced by women of color.



/ Unintended Pregnancy Prevention - We invest in programs and organizations that provide access to consumable, unbiased pregnancy prevention resources.

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

- / Review the Women's Fund impact areas & data reports >**
- / Apply online through our grant portal >**

All applicants must be tax-exempt organizations or units of government serving the six county Central Texas region. Preference will be shown to applicants whose board, staff and leadership reflect racial and gender diversity and whose work addresses multiple Women's Fund impact areas.

Applicants will be vetted by Women's Fund donors and a diverse group of community reviewers. Final award decisions are based on a vote conducted by the same group. Applicants' identifying information is removed during this vote in an effort to curb implicit bias.

KEY DATES

- / Application opens:**
Dec. 10, 2020
- / Applications due:**
5 pm CST, Jan. 28, 2021
- / Semifinalist Learning Sessions:**
Mar. 22 – Apr. 16, 2021
- / Award decisions announced:**
May 11, 2021

GRANT DISTRIBUTION

\$400,000

Total awarded in the form of unrestricted, general operating grants

5

Funding categories (see left)

20

Nonprofit organizations awarded

Grant distributions will be awarded in each funding category as follows:

- / One winning finalist**
\$40,000 multi-year grant distributed over 2 years (\$20K in 2021 & \$20K in 2022)
- / One runner-up finalist**
\$20,000 grant in 2021
- / Two semifinalists**
\$10,000 grant in 2021

Apply online at austincf.org/wf-grant