

**The Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga (WFGC) 2024
Nightingale Network Grant Application**

Mission: The Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga leverages **advocacy**, education, and empowered **philanthropy** through strategic grantmaking, and a robust **network** of collaborative partnerships to address the root causes of inequity and to create lasting change for the women of the Chattanooga area and the state of Tennessee.

About the Nightingale Network: The Nightingale Network is the collective philanthropy arm of the Women's Fund. They are a group of like-minded individuals working together to have a positive social impact on our community. 100% of Nightingale Network membership fees and matching gifts are used to fund an annual grant to a community organization that is selected by a vote of the membership. Since 2011 the Nightingale Network grants have awarded more than \$140,000 to area nonprofits.

The 2024 Nightingale Network Grant will fund an effort elevating the status of women in one of the following areas. *(For your reference, more information on each on these impact areas and the IWPR's Status of Women report can be found at: <https://statusofwomendata.org/explore-the-data/state-data/tennessee/>*

- Political Participation
- Reproductive Rights
- Health and Wellbeing
- Poverty and Opportunity
- Work and Family
- Employment and Earnings
- Safety and Violence

Priorities The WFGC welcomes proposals from organizations, individuals, and/or programs that are committed to creating long-term social change for women and/or girls that:

- Promote gender, racial, economic, and social justice;
- Increase the economic success of marginalized populations;
- Emphasize community organizing and/or advocacy strategies in order to create meaningful institutional change in their communities; and
- Are diverse and inclusive.

Funding Eligibility

- Programs must benefit women and/or girls in the Greater Chattanooga area.
- Funded work must take place between November 1, 2024, and October 31, 2025.
- Individuals and organizations without 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply, **however, they must have a 501(c)(3) fiscal agent to receive the grant.** *You can find more information about securing a fiscal agent on the [Fiscal Agent FAQ and Resources Document on our website](#).* The benefit of a grant from the Women's Fund must reach beyond the individuals or organizations applying.

Grant Award: Our goal is to grant \$10,000 (\$5,000 raised through Nightingale Network membership donations + matching donor up to \$5,000)

Use of funds: Grant funds must be used to carry out the program, effort, or initiative described in the grant proposal.

Funding Restrictions: The WFGC will not fund projects that discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, HIV/AIDS status, veteran status, or any economic circumstances.

The WFGC will not fund projects that present or incorporate religion in any manner. While there is no restriction on funding faith-based organizations, all projects and services that are funded by the WFGC must be secular.

Funds May Not Be Used for:

- Political campaigns or promotion of candidates for public office
- Capital or endowment campaigns

Your Commitment: we expect that grantees will:

- Fully engage in all meetings, interview & collateral requests related to the grant making process.
- Attend our annual luncheon, Voices, on September 24, 2024, to receive the check.
- Present your progress and the impact of the grant funds at our May 2025 Nightingale Network Event using data, pictures, and anecdotal evidence as appropriate to show the success of your project for WFGC.

Grantmaking Process: Completed applications are due by 5:00 p.m. EST June 20, 2024. All eligible applications will be reviewed and scored by the Nightingale Network Committee. The Committee will select and present three grantee finalists to the Women's Fund for approval. Grantee finalists will be notified no later than August 1, 2024; the three grantee finalists must present their proposals at the Nightingale Voting Launch Event on September 10, 2024. Each member of the Nightingale Network is entitled to one (1) vote, and the finalist with the most votes will win the grant. The recipient of funding will be notified no later than September 17, 2024.

The 2024 Nightingale Network grant recipient will not be eligible to apply for the grant again for two years. 2024 Nightingale Network finalists will not be eligible to apply for the grant again for one year after they were chosen as a finalist.

The Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga - Grant Application

Applicant:

Fiscal Agent (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

Contact for Proposal:

Contact Title:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Email:

Website and social media handles:

Tax ID of Applicant or Name and Tax ID of Entity Sponsoring Applicant (if applicable):

Project Title:

Total Project Cost:

Is the Program New or Existing?:

We certify that the information contained herein is correct and complete. We certify that no person is excluded from employment, volunteer participation, or agency services because of ethnicity, race, color, gender, creed, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, HIV/AIDS status, veteran status, or any economic circumstances.

We agree to keep accurate financial records for any funds that might be received and to use any grant money strictly for the purpose detailed herein. We will comply, in the event the Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga requests, to schedule a project evaluation visit after the grant has been made.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name (printed): _____

Fiscal Agent Representative Signature (if applicable): _____

Representative Title: _____ Date: _____

On 4 pages or fewer, with a 12-point font minimum, please provide answers to the following:

- I. Mission: Describe your mission, work, and the population you serve.
- II. Project Summary Statement: This information may be used in publicity materials for the WFGC literature (50-word maximum).
- III. Project Description/Budget (20 points): Tell us about your project. How will you use the funds? Include a detailed budget. What are your goals and how will you measure success?
- IV. Project Area of Impact (40 Points): Describe how you will use the funds to make progress in at least one category below. *(For your reference, the IWPR's Status of Women report can be found at <https://statusofwomendata.org/explore-the-data/state-data/tennessee/>)*
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- V. Statement of Need (20 points): Explain how the project addresses an unmet need in the community.
- VI. Alignment with Women's Fund Priorities (20 points): Tell us how your organization, and/or program's strategic direction or vision intersects with long-term social change for women and/or girls within our priorities listed above.

To increase accessibility and embody our commitment to inclusion, The Nightingale Network invites applicants to submit narrative responses via video should they choose. Below are the guidelines:

- Videos must be uploaded to YouTube for ease of access. Please provide the link within the body of the document outlining your detailed budget.
- Videos must address each of the six required questions above. Please respond to the prompts in the order in which they are listed above for the most consistent point allocation from scorers.
- Your video response should be no longer than 6 minutes in length.

There will be a ZOOM help session for applicants on **Tuesday, May 7th at 1pm and Wednesday, May 15th at 10am**, "drop in" anytime during either session and we will answer questions and provide feedback.

May 7th, 1pm Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89392674903>

May 15th, 10am Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83621084418>

You can also contact Valerie Chandler at the Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga with questions at valerie@chattanooga.womensfund.org or 904.385.8721. You are not required to attend a help session in order to apply.

Please compile a packet containing the following items (in the order listed) and submit as **ONE pdf document**:

1. The application
2. Narrative response to the questions listed above or a detailed budget with YouTube link if choosing video response option
3. Proof of IRS 501(c)(3) Status or Fiscal Agent Agreement
4. Please email your completed application packet (as ONE pdf document) to Valerie Chandler at valerie@chattanoogaowomensfund.org

All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on June 20, 2024.

Applications received after this time will not be considered for funding.