



Grant Guidelines

2025

1. What is Greenwood Women Care (GWC)?

Greenwood Women Care is an initiative of the Greenwood County Community Foundation, Greenwood, South Carolina. GWC is a philanthropic women's organization that inspires women to be instrumental in making a difference in our community through collective learning, giving, and granting.

2. Eligibility for Grants

- Grants will be awarded only to organizations with 501(c)(3) or comparable tax-exempt status.
- Grants are for the direct benefit of residents of Greenwood County.
- Organizations must not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or religious belief.
- Organizations seeking funding from GWC are not excluded from applying for grants through the Greenwood County Community Foundation in the same granting year.
- An organization that receives a GWC grant will not be eligible to apply two years in a row. For example, organizations receiving funding in the year 2025 will be eligible to reapply in the year 2027.

3. Funding Priorities and Grant Amounts

- In the 2025 granting cycle, GWC will consider grant applications in any area that enhances the quality of life in Greenwood County.
- Grants awarded will range from a minimum of \$1000 to a maximum of \$10,000. GWC reserves the right to offer partial funding for a grant request.

4. Areas Not Funded

- Capital and endowment campaigns
- Organizations for re-granting purposes
- Travel and professional conferences
- Individuals
- Projects promoting religious or political views



5. Timeline for the Grant Process

- August 1, 2025 Application Cycle Opens
- August 31, 2025 Applications Must Be Received by 5:00 pm
- September 2025 Proposals Evaluated
- October 2025 GWC Membership Vote from Slate of Grant Applicants
- October 2025 Grant Applicants notified of funding determinations

6. How to Apply / Grant Amounts

- Applications are available online now:
<https://www.greenwoodcf.org/greenwood-women-care/grant-application-process/>
- Give yourself ample time to address any issues that may arise while completing the application.
- The completed application form and supporting documents must be submitted electronically, **as separate attachments**, via email to gwc@greenwoodcf.org.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Organizations may submit only one application per grant cycle.
- Funding is available for one year; no multiyear funding will be considered.
- Grants awarded must be applied as approved. Unused funds cannot be redirected to other projects and must be returned to GWC by the end of the grant period, unless specific permission is given by GWC. If GWC determines that the grantee has not performed as set forth in the Terms of Grant agreement, or if the grantee loses its status as a tax-exempt organization, funds shall be returned to GWC.

7. Reporting / Record Keeping

- All organizations receiving 2025 GWC grants will be required to participate in a brief video report on funded projects to be presented at the August 2026 meeting of the GWC Membership and to submit a written final report to GWC by December 1, 2026.
- Future funding is conditional upon receipt of the GWC Final Report.
- GWC reserves the right to conduct audits of records related to the use of grant funds.

8. Information Sessions and Contact Information

- GWC Grants information sessions will be offered at no cost to prospective applicants. Dates and times will be posted on the GWC webpage at:
www.greenwoodcf.org/greenwood-women-care/grant-application-process/ .
- For additional information or questions call or text Jan Puzar at 864.344.7842 or email Debbie Coesens adcoesens@gmail.com, Co-Chairs of the Grants Review and Awards Committee.