

2020 GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES

Aurora Women and Girls Foundation (Aurora) is accepting applications for grants to be awarded in summer 2020.

Step 1: Make sure you meet ALL qualifying guidelines

To be eligible for a grant from the Aurora Women and Girls Foundation, your organization must meet the following guidelines:

- Your organization must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status; or must be a governmental, educational or research institution with tax-exempt status
- Your grant proposal must be for a program based in Greater Hartford that impacts women and girls
- Your grant proposal must be for a program that aims to increase the college completion rate of women in Greater Hartford

Step 2: Submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) including the following information no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 12, to Jennifer Steadman at grants@aurorafoundation.org.

- Length: 2 pages maximum, 12 point font
- Include organizational name, address, director, tax ID number (EIN) and brief description of organization, its mission and history and current services and population served
- Brief description of the program for which your organization is requesting funds and whether the program is new, existing, or a modification of an existing program
- Briefly describe demographics of those who participate in the program
- Brief description of anticipated costs for the program
- Goals for participants in program
- Grant amount being requested and any additional sources of funding

Step 3: Submit a full grant application.

If your LOI is approved, you will be invited to submit a full grant application. We will notify those asked to submit full proposals by the end of February.

Criteria for Funding

- Ability to demonstrate key measures of impact (program evaluation)
- Program focus supports women from Greater Hartford completing their Associate's Degree and/or Bachelor's degree
- Ability to be replicated in other institutions encouraged
- Collaborative programs encouraged

Timeline/Important Dates

- **February 12 @ 5:00 pm:** Deadline for organizations to submit Letters of Intent (LOIs) based on Aurora's guidelines
- **February 28:** Based on LOI submissions, organizations are invited to submit full grant applications
- **March 27:** Full grant applications due to Aurora Women and Girls Foundation
- **April 6-28:** Site visits
- **June 15:** Official notification sent to organizations regarding funding decisions