

Mini Innovation Grant Website Application

Empowering Program Innovation to Reach More Girls

INTRODUCTION

Do you, or someone you know, have an innovative idea for a community event or project that has the potential to benefit girls in Indiana, but the lack of funds has been a barrier? Girl Coalition of Indiana (Girl Co.) is excited to announce the launch of our Mini Innovation Grants. This initiative offers an excellent opportunity for leaders to make a profound and lasting impact on the lives of girls across the state.

We know girls and adult volunteers have some of the most creative and relevant ways to meet the needs of girls today. To support and empower trailblazers, Girl Co. will offer Mini Innovation Grants of up to \$1,000 for individuals (both adults and youth) to test their ideas in their communities. These grants are designed to provide the resources needed to create enriching experiences that foster learning, creativity, and personal growth for girls. These grants will come with comprehensive training, financial oversight, and follow-up to ensure the success of each project.

Adult Innovation Grants: Empowering Trailblazers

- Designed for current or inspiring adult volunteers to expand outreach to girls from low-income households and high-needs populations, providing them with meaningful opportunities in Girl Scouting.

Girl Innovation Grant: Impact your community

- Empowering girls to identify and address community problems and test solutions. This grant will provide them with the resources needed to make a real impact. While we will encourage girls to utilize funds to engage non-Girl Scouts, projects will ultimately be driven by needs and solutions identified by girls.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GRANT

The purpose of these grants is to foster novel initiatives that engage more girls through Girl Scouts. This grant is specifically earmarked for:

1. Initiating new programs or adding innovative elements to existing programs.
2. Reaching out and involving girls who are not currently Girl Scouts and for those in low income households.
3. Providing enriching experiences that can be sustained beyond the grant period through the Year of Innovation or traditional Girl Scout activities.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- The grant is intended for one-time funding only.
- Projects must commence within three months of receiving the award.
- All initiatives will be supported by dedicated staff from Girl Coalition of Indiana.
- All participants in this project will have the opportunity to become Girl Scouts and engage in Girl Scout programming and/or the Year of Innovation, sponsored by Girl Coalition of Indiana. As members, participants will gain access to a wealth of resources and benefits, which the Community Engagement Specialists (CES) will showcase to help maximize the value of this unique opportunity. Membership will be optional.
- Successful projects may be considered for broader implementation by Girl Scouts and/or Girl Co., based on evaluation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 75% of girls participating must be new to Girl Scouts.
- 75% of girls participating must reside in low-income households or attend a Title I school.

The grant should not be utilized to sustain operations but to kickstart new innovations.