



POLICY FOR UNSOLICITED GRANT REQUESTS

The Women's Giving Circle of York County Community Foundation (WGC) seeks out grant opportunities in response to projects initiated or identified by the WGC which focus on strengthening the connections among people and groups (building "social capital") to advance key themes of the YorkCounts Action Plan.

Current Program Priorities

- Revitalizing York's urban core, with particular interest in healthy neighborhoods and a vibrant cultural and commercial center.
- Improving educational opportunities, especially for those at risk.
- Improving the quality of place for young professionals in York.
- Encouraging a diverse community of people living in harmony with one another.

Grantmaking Principles

The WGC is guided in its grantmaking by these principles:

- **Change-Making Potential**
With strategic giving and leadership, we seek to effect significant community change rather than tinker at the edges.
- **Leverage**
We look for projects with the potential to attract other resources – time, money, know how – adding force to our own.
- **Ripple Effects**
We seek projects with the potential to "ripple out" and inspire new champions for continuing the work.
- **Sustainability**
We will select projects that have real prospects for sustainability.
- **Return On Investment**
We want to invest in projects that deliver maximum return in relationship to the value of time and money we are investing.

Typically the WGC also has an annual competitive grants program which focuses on a particular aspect of its program priorities. Notice of the program is given on the YCCF website and in the media. An information session is held to provide specific program information. Interested organizations/ groups are invited to apply for funding through the program.

Unsolicited grant requests are not encouraged.

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