



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
OF WEST TENNESSEE



## 2026 Grant Eligibility and Application Procedures

### Eligibility

100 Women Who Care: West Tennessee awards grants annually to organizations that serve the people of West Tennessee. There is no specific area of focus for these awards, and the grant may be used for unrestricted operating support or specific projects/programs.

Applicants must be an established 501 (c)(3) organization for a minimum of three years or be a current, active fund of the Community Foundation of West Tennessee in good standing.

Eligible Counties:

Benton	Gibson	Lauderdale
Carroll	Hardeman	Madison
Chester	Hardin	McNairy
Crockett	Haywood	Obion
Decatur	Henderson	Tipton
Dyer	Henry	Weakley
Fayette	Lake	

Organizations who have received funding in the last three years are not eligible to apply.

### Application Procedures

Grant applications will be accepted between January 1, 2026, to January 31, 2026. The 100 Women Who Care selection committee reserves the right to disqualify any proposals arriving after the deadline.

Applicants must apply online at <https://www.cfwnn.org/100-women-grants>.

### Funding

Finalists will be selected to present at a luncheon on March 5, 2026. Selections are made by scoring and discussion from a committee of members. Any finalists will be notified at least one week prior to the event to prepare presentations and information. Funding determinations will be made on March 5, 2026, after voting is completed by members.

## Application Questions

- **Who are you?** Describe your organization, including the year established, your mission, who you serve, your staff, and your board structure. *Maximum 250 words.*
- **What need(s) does your organization address?** Describe the community issue or need your organization addresses. *Maximum 550 words.*
- **How do you address this need?** Describe how your organization addresses this issue or opportunity. Be specific with services delivered or created, including timelines and how your organization works to achieve this task. Explain why your approach is the best method to address this need. *Maximum 750 words.*
- **What results do you accomplish?** Describe what results your organization has seen through its work. Include specific, measurable outcomes your organization tracks. *Maximum 500 words.*
- **What are your other sources of funding?** Explain how you raise funds to support your organization. If applicable, explain your project/program budget along with adjustments you will make if not all the anticipated funding is received. *Maximum 250 words.*
- **How does your organization impact women and children?** Describe how your organization serves women and children through your mission and services either indirectly or directly, including specific examples. *Maximum 250 words.*

## Required Documents

- Operating budget which includes:
  - Anticipated income (source, amount, restrictions, and whether secured or pending)
  - Anticipated expenses (overall project/program expenses and what line item(s) this grant award will specifically be used to fund).
- 501 (c)(3) determination letter (unless a fund of the Community Foundation)
- If applicable, please include information pertaining to permits, permissions, or licenses for your project/program.

If your proposal is selected for further review, you may be asked to submit additional documentation. For questions about the grant or application process, please contact Haley Fortune at [haley@cfwtn.org](mailto:haley@cfwtn.org) or (731) 984-2146.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

501 (c)(3) organizations that have been established for a minimum of three years or funds of the Community Foundation are eligible to apply. Programs or projects must benefit residents of rural West Tennessee. For a full list of eligible counties, please see page 1 of the grant guidelines.

### **How much is available for funding?**

The amount of funding available for each grant cycle is dependent on the donations raised through member contributions. All member donations are pooled together to fund grants each year.

If you are interested in becoming a member to support our grants, please contact us at [100women@cfwn.org](mailto:100women@cfwn.org).

### **How many grants will be awarded?**

Two grants will be awarded during the luncheon on March 5, 2026 (one to a small organization; one to a large organization). The amount of the grants will be determined by the amount of funds raised by 100 Women Who Care donations.

An organization's category (large v. small) will be determined by the operating budget submitted for the application.

### **When will funds become available for use?**

Nonprofit winners will receive a check for the awarded funds after March 5, 2026.