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Central  
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the  
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and  
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women  
to  
transform  
ourselves  
and  
our  
communities  
through  
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**Thank You  
to our  
facility host  
- Peoria  
NEXT  
Innovation  
Center**





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# Collective Giving: Better Together

 High-impact grants to local, worthy causes selected by our members.





# The Big Idea: We ARE Better Together

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# \$1,263,000

awarded to our community  
in our first five years

&

on pace to again award **over**  
**\$325,000** in this grant cycle




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# Grant Types & Focus Areas






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Impact - Education & Community Development	Impact - Health & Community Wellbeing	Impact - Social Services & Basic Needs	Inspire
			
<p><b>Supporting the development of the talent within our community</b></p>	<p><b>Caring for the holistic health of the people in our community</b></p>	<p><b>Caring for basic needs within our community</b></p>	<p>Gross Receipts less than  \$250,000</p>
<p>Projects addressing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• educational outcomes</li> <li>• youth development</li> <li>• early childhood development &amp; childcare</li> <li>• career development</li> <li>• job readiness</li> <li>• community leadership</li> <li>• cultural and arts advancement</li> <li>• environmental conservation</li> <li>• civic engagement</li> </ul>	<p>Projects addressing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mental &amp; physical health</li> <li>• environmental health</li> <li>• therapeutic programs including animals, recreational, &amp; residential</li> <li>• addiction &amp; recovery programs</li> <li>• healthcare access &amp; advocacy</li> <li>• healthy recreational opportunities</li> <li>• public safety initiatives</li> </ul>	<p>Projects addressing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adequate and affordable housing</li> <li>• eviction &amp; homelessness prevention &amp; support</li> <li>• recidivism prevention &amp; support</li> <li>• domestic violence case management &amp; family support</li> <li>• child abuse prevention, care, and support</li> <li>• foster care &amp; adoptive services</li> <li>• crisis intervention</li> <li>• transportation needs</li> <li>• hunger &amp; food security</li> </ul>	<p>Any of the three focus areas.</p>



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Nonprofit Focus Areas	IMPACT Education	IMPACT Health	IMPACT Social	INSPIRE Ed, Health, Social
Grant Amount	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$25,000
Gross Receipts	≥ equal to or greater than \$250,000	≥ equal to or greater than \$250,000	≥ equal to or greater than \$250,000	< less than \$250,000
501(c)(3) & Tax Status	All organizations must have had <b>501(c)(3)</b> status for <b>3 full years</b>			
Target Locations & Timeline	Peoria, Tazewell or Woodford counties to be used with 24 months			
Proposal Criteria	Must support social outreach or charitable service <b>which serves the community at large</b>			



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Requirement	<p><b>Any 501(c)3 organization</b> satisfying the grant guidelines and with a program within the scope of our funding guidelines may apply for funding to support <b>social outreach and charitable service programs that benefit the community at large</b>. Impact Central Illinois does not require the organization to refrain from incorporating its foundational ideology of justice and charity in its program methodology, activities, or facilities which serve the community at large. However, as a collective giving organization, Impact Central Illinois reserves the right to determine the grant recipients based upon full disclosure of that ideology.</p>			
Disclosures	<p>We will review any projects/programs which serve the community at large BUT organizations must fully disclose any restrictions the organization may have related to Restrictions on Participation, Required Statements of Belief, Required Affiliation, and Required Public Display of Support</p>			
Capital Improvement	<p>Property owned by organization or leased min 5 yrs as of 1/1/2024</p>			
Not Allowed	<p>Debt reduction, Endowments/memorials, Bridge funding or interim financing, Operational deficits, Partisan, political lobbying or legislative activities, Private Foundations, Litigation/legal expenses, Fundraising expenses, &amp; General advertising expenses*</p> <p><i>*unless advertising is directly related to the organization's proposal to directly offer services to the community</i></p>			





# Grant Guidelines - Choosing a Grant Review Committee

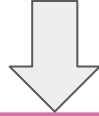
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Gross Receipts	equal to or greater than \$250,000 annually	equal to or greater than \$250,000 annually	equal to or greater than \$250,000 annually	less than \$250,000 annually



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## Apply For A Grant

*Impact Central Illinois Grant Cycle 2025 is now open!*

*And our membership is on track to award at least \$325,000 in June 2025!\**

Phase 1 - Financial Documentation & Organizational Questionnaire  
is now open and accepting submissions  
until January 1, 2025 @ 11:59 EST

[Click Here To Begin Online Submission](#)

All nonprofits interested in submitting a grant proposal for the ICI 2025 Grant Cycle must complete the Phase 1 online submission prior to the January 1 deadline. See [GUIDELINES AND DOCUMENTS](#) below for details.

*\*Final grant amounts determined after Membership Recruitment is finalized and will be announced early December*



# What is the Five Phase Funnel?



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Nonprofit Semi Finalists visit with GRC site visit teams for approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours to share proposal details, tour, & organization highlights.

Finalists write one-page executive summaries and prepare six minute presentations for Annual Finalist Awards Night

Finalists invited to present at Annual Finalist Awards Night. Grant recipients are chosen and announced that evening.

**October 10, 2024 - January 1, 2025**

**February 17 - March 17, 2025**

**Date to be coordinated**

**May 1 - May 23, 2025**

**June 3, 2025**



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# 2-3

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# 4

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# 5

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# What is your first step?

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October 10, 2024 - January 1, 2025

Financial Review Committee (FRC) Reviews  
January 2 - February 17, 2025

1

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- 3 years of year-end financial documentation
  - 2023, 2022, & 2021
  - Past 3 990s (990,990-EZ), or ICI Financial Review Template completed & signed with 3 years of year-end financial data
  - Check guidelines for detailed requirements
- 501(c)3 designation letter (copy)
- CO-1 registration form from IL Attorney General (copy)
- Most recent audit, if organization is audit eligible
- Organization questionnaire (completed online)



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- We do NOT need grant proposal level information at this time.
- All organizations reviewed and considered ready to receive and implement a grant from ICI will receive an invitation to submit a grant proposal and budget to the 2025 grant cycle



# What is your second step?

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# What are your third & fourth steps?

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- Refer to our Grants Newsletter for insights into our organization and process





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- We believe every woman brings valuable knowledge, insight, and life experience to our organization and we welcome every member to the grant review process, regardless of where she may be on her philanthropic journey.



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- We believe every nonprofit in our community deserves our respect and recognize them as the experts in determining what type of programs or projects our community most needs.



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- We believe in the value of meeting together as grant review committees. We facilitate constructive conversation within each committee at each review step.



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- The spirit of collective giving depends upon a transparent and fair process which allows our members to research and vote for the proposals they wish to support.
- ALL communication **MUST** be through Nonprofit Relations Team, Jami Truelove, [grants@impactcentralillinois.org](mailto:grants@impactcentralillinois.org)



# Over the past 5 years,

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- 91 different organizations have applied for our grants
- 15 different organizations (17%) have won
- 5 of the 15 (33%) were first time submissions
- The other 10 (67%) submitted at least two and up to four different times.
- But, unfortunately 30% of organizations only submit one year if they do not become a grant recipient.
- Encourage you to remain part of the process



# Three Key Criteria

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Impact Central Illinois has the desire to support programs or projects being proposed by a **Highly Capable** organization to address a **Measurable Need** within our community with an **Innovative Solution**.


Capable	Measurable Need	Innovative Solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Displays financial integrity</li><li>● Defines an achievable plan</li><li>● Contains supportive research</li><li>● Prior Experience or Demonstrated Capability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● States the Central Illinois problem/need w/measurable statistics</li><li>● Demonstrates the risk if not implemented</li><li>● Can define the impact on beneficiaries</li><li>● Contains a plan to measure, monitor, &amp; evaluate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Unique (minimizing a duplication of efforts)</li><li>● Calculated risk tackling a large-scale or root-cause</li><li>● Adapts national/global ideas locally</li><li>● Repurposes an older tool for a new purpose</li><li>● Innovative funding or sustainable funding revenue streams</li></ul>



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### Proposal Scoring

#### ICI Disbursement Request Form

Grant Cycle Year 2023

0 Submitted for Screening

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1 Submitted for Screening

- Reviewers Get Email Notification
- Member View
- Read All Grant Proposals Beforehand



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# Annual Finalist Awards Night - June 3, 2025



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSFDgroJUzo>



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THANK YOU  
PORTAL IS OPEN NOW!

FOR FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION &  
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