



Asian Women Caring & Sharing

2019 Grant Guidelines

Complete Grant Applications are due by Noon on March 18, 2019

Our Philosophy

The Orchid Giving Circle Fund at Texas Women's Foundation is a group of Asian women who work together, pooling their resources and leveraging their networks, to award large community grants that support social change and services for the North Texas Asian community. Orchid members represent a wide range of Asian cultures, ages, ethnicities and professions with the goal of increasing awareness of the local Asian population, community needs and knowledge about philanthropy.

Additionally, Orchid Giving Circle Fund at Texas Women's Foundation is a member of the [Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy](#) (AAPIP), a national, member-supported philanthropic advocacy organization dedicated to advancing philanthropy and Asian American/Pacific Islander communities.

Our Mission

The mission of the Orchid Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation is to encourage philanthropy in the Asian American/Pacific Islander community to contribute in a strategic and meaningful way and to bring a new source of funding to nonprofit organizations serving Asian Americans throughout the North Texas area. The Circle provides the opportunity to learn about issues and organizations that affect and impact the Asian American/Pacific Islander community.

Eligibility & Grant Limits

1. 501(c)(3) organizations in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service.
2. Beneficiaries of services/aid must be Asian-American.
3. Organizations must have a significant presence in North Texas.
4. Organizations demonstrating strong leadership and staff.
5. Programs that provide evidence that the service is in response to a valid need in the community, and demonstrate objectives and metrics tied to outcomes, not activities.
6. Applications must be received by the deadline of March 18, 2019 at noon through the online grants portal.



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Ineligible Requests

The Orchid Giving Circle does not fund:

1. Individuals
2. Campaigns to elect public officials or for political or lobbying efforts
3. Programs which promote religious activities, proselytize or require adherence to a particular religion.
4. Projects which take place before the completion of the grant making process
5. Projects inconsistent with federal, state and local nondiscrimination ordinances regarding equal employment opportunity
6. Grants that ultimately will go wholly to another agency, other than the applicant (pass through)
7. Organizations which have the ability to levy taxes

Grant Process

The complete grant application is due online by Noon on **March 18, 2019**.

Applications will only be accepted through the online grant system at:

[Texas Women's Foundation Grants Portal](#)

Failure to provide a complete application, including all properly labeled attachments or to meet the application deadline will automatically eliminate the applicant from consideration. A complete application must be submitted through the online grant portal.

Please do not submit any additional items not requested in the application including: CDs, DVDs, newsletters, brochures, evaluation matrices, letters of support, etc.

Questions concerning the guidelines should be directed to: Sejal Desai at sdesai@cftexas.org

Questions related to accessing the online application and grants portal should be directed to:

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Grant Request Timeline

Online application available	February 11, 2019 at noon
Deadline to request a login account	March 16, 2019 at noon
Application submission deadline for 2019	March 18, 2019 at noon
Notification of meeting/site visit or elimination from consideration	April 1, 2019
Meeting/Site visiting period	April 2 – April 24
Final notification of grant status for site-visited applicants	September 18, 2019



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Target Funding Areas

We are seeking funding proposals for the 2019 giving cycle from North Texas based non-profit organizations located in the Dallas, Collin and Tarrant Counties, that empower Asian women and girls to achieve their potential but also support the underserved community of North Texas Asians in general.

Orchid grant making is limited to \$20,000 per nonprofit per year.

The Orchid Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation requires program alignment with the Foundation's core values.

We value:

- Equality
- Empowerment
- Inclusion
- Integrity

Decision Making Criteria

Orchid Giving Circle encourages agencies to consider the following questions in reference to the program for which they are applying for funds.

Does the program:

- Effect long-term, positive changes in systems that currently prevent Asian-Americans from reaching their full potential?
- Expand choices and opportunities for Asian-Americans?
- Use evaluation tools that include measurement for effectiveness with clear definition of program success?
- Explicitly address the particular and unique needs and challenges of Asian-Americans?
- Effectively use volunteers and board members?