

SEEDS OF STRENGTH ABOUT OUR GRANTS 8/20/2024

Welcome to our 2024-25 Grant Cycle

Seeds of Strength solicits grant proposals in the fall, evaluates the proposals February through April, and awards grants in May. We do not accept grant requests past our submission deadlines.

Nonprofit applicants must....

- Be classified as a "Public Charity" with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Provide services to individuals residing within the Greater Georgetown zip codes: 78626, 78627, 78628, 78633, 78634, 78665, 78673, and 78674.
- Determine the grant request ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
- Apply for only one grant.
- Follow all Seeds of Strength's grant procedures and meet all deadlines.

Note: Seeds of Strength has an alternate-year funding policy. This means that an organization awarded a grant in 2024 may not apply for a grant in 2025.

What we will fund....

- Applicants that can demonstrate how their program goals and outcomes will impact one of Seeds of Strength's **Areas of Interest**:
 - **Health and Well-Being** Support programs and projects that positively impact the mental, and/or physical health and well-being of individuals.
 - **Family** Support programs and projects that strengthen and enhance the lives of children and families.
 - Education/Financial Security Support programs and projects that enhance personal knowledge and improve financial stability.
 - Arts and Culture Support programs that will ensure arts and culture are relevant and engaging to the citizens of Georgetown, such as programs that focus on individual development, quality of life, and provide an economic impact to the community and to those who visit.
- A new or existing program that targets a specific need.
- Capital expenditures that are a part of the new or existing program.
- Operating costs that are part of the new or existing program.
- A program supported by one organization or by a collaboration of two or more organizations.

Seeds of Strength has a Four-Step Grant Application Process:

- **Step 1**: Letter of Intent (LOI)
- **Step 2**: Program Grant Application
- Step 3: A site visit may be conducted for selected organizations
- **Step 4**: Finalists virtually present a video and Executive Summary for member consideration prior to voting. Grantees are recognized at a Grant Awards Event.

Apply...

Our 2024-25 Grant Process will begin accepting Letters of Intent (LOI) Application Packages from nonprofit agencies on September 30, 2024.

LOI Application Package submission deadline is November 7, 2024 at 5 pm.

Letter of Intent and Grant Application information and forms are located at Seeds of Strength website: <u>www.seedsofstrength.org</u>, "Our Grants", "Apply for a Grant".

More Information....

Seeds of Strength will conduct a virtual **Information Session for the LOI and Grants Process** to help nonprofits better understand our grant application process and priorities. All potential applicants, whether or not they have applied previously, are strongly encouraged to attend to ensure they are aware of all the guidelines.

The virtual LOI Information Session is scheduled on October 17, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 pm. RSVP is required. Request an invitation by email: <u>grants@seedsofstrength.org</u> or register through "Events" on <u>www.seedsofstrength.org</u>.

Questions: E-mail: grants@seedsofstrength.org