

2019 Letter of Inquiry: 19th Amendment Centennial

Application Deadline: August 29, 2019 at 5 PM

Special Community Initiative

To mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020, community philanthropic partners have come together to create the 19th Amendment Centennial Fund. We seek to partner with organizations to create a yearlong series of events to recognize the milestone. The goal is to collaborate and find effective, inspirational and authentic ways to create conversation, drive positive change and build strategies to advance gender equity. Communities Foundation of Texas is the fiscal sponsor for the fund and a steering committee of philanthropic partners will advise on the grants of up to \$10,000 for programs and events by non-profit organizations and up to \$1,000 for public schools.

Funding Priorities

At CFT, we believe that a thriving community is one in which all people feel cared for, invested in, nourished and valued, and have an equitable opportunity to contribute to the well-being and growth of themselves, their families, and their communities. CFT's Letter of Inquiry (LOI) process supports programs that address needs across the North Texas region, with a focus on those which:

- address an issue or topic relevant to and timely in the community
- use data, best practices or proof-points of success to create measurable impact
- support under-resourced communities
- improve access and outcomes for communities who have been marginalized or have experienced discrimination
- promote narrative change and storytelling that helps restore and repair community trust and resilience
- collaborate in a way where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts

Eligibility

To apply for 19th Amendment Centennial funds, your organization must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- have a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt designation from the Internal Revenue Service that has been active for at least two years as of September 1, 2019.
- at least 75% of the population served by or engaged with the project being proposed must reside in Dallas County.

Church and religious organizations' programs that are focused on evangelism are not eligible.



100 YEARS OF WOMEN From Suffrage to Seats at Tables

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”

These 28 words ignited 100 years of a fertile, yet thorny, evolution of democracy and inclusion. Formally ratified as the 19th amendment of the U.S. Constitution on August 18, 1920, the words provided most women with the right to vote nationwide.

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Texas was the ninth of 36 states to ratify the amendment after more than 50 years of contentious debate. Before then, the predominantly Democratic one-party state legalized voting for women, but only in primary elections. Full legalized suffrage for Texas women would not come until June 28, 1919, a few weeks after Congress called for states to agree to the amendment. Even then, voting rights in Texas remained elusive for black women and women of other ethnicities – then called “language minorities.” Racism in the form of white primary election laws and poll taxes continued to keep the state’s non-white women from voting. Voting rights for all would not inch toward reality until the passages of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the extension of the latter in 1975.

To mark the 100th anniversary in of women gaining the right to vote in 2020, we seek to partner with organizations to create a yearlong series of events to recognize the milestone. The goal is to collaborate and find effective, inspirational and authentic ways to create conversation, drive positive change and build strategies to advance gender equity.

Here are topic areas organizations can consider for grants up to \$10,000 for programs and events by non-profit organizations and \$1,000 for public schools that will be completed by August 30, 2020:

1. **Celebrate:** Remember, honor and applaud those who have moved women from suffrage to seats at many tables and continue to work to improve the position of women in society.
2. **Educate:** Tell the story behind the creation and significance of the 19th amendment, including who was involved, what sacrifices were made for it to happen and the women of color who were marginalized to advance the movement.
3. **Activate:** Make the call for people to participate in democracy and provide data, information and solutions for ways to increase Texas’ ranking as 49th among the states when it comes to women’s political participation.

We encourage programs and events that provide a publicly accessible component of the project’s work such that it can be explored and enjoyed by individuals from diverse cultures, ages and economic means. This can include, but is not limited to, exhibitions, screening, panel discussions, participatory classes and seminars, etc. anything which aims to educate and inspire these audiences across Dallas.

Applications related to Community Services (Social Services, Veterans and Youth), Environment, Health and Racial Equity will be accepted in the Fall Letter of Inquiry due on August 29, 2019. The Fall Letter of Inquiry application will be posted online by May 2019.

Application Process

Visit cftexas.org/apply-for-a-grant to download the application. Please email your completed Letter of Inquiry (LOI) to grants@cftexas.org by 5 PM on August 29, 2019. If it is helpful, you may mail (or drop) the LOI to CFT Offices at 5500 Caruth Haven Lane, Dallas, TX 75225. All applications must be received by 5pm on August 29, 2019. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

LOIs are initially reviewed by a staff subcommittee. Final decisions will be made by the 19th Amendment Centennial Funding Committee. Applicants will be notified if more information is needed regarding the funding request. All agencies will be notified regarding funding decisions by November 2019. If you have questions about the LOI application process, please contact grants@cftexas.org or 214-750-4229.

Please complete the following two-page LOI. Please do not use a font smaller than size 10 to fill in the form. No additional attachments or narrative is necessary.

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Organization Name:	EIN:
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Contact Phone:	Contact Email:
Mailing Address:	
What category does your LOI fall into: <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Organization Mission Statement and Summary: <i>Please provide the mission statement and a brief, high level overview of your organization's work. 150-word limit</i>	
Community Served: <i>Please describe as data is available:</i> 1. <i>How many people are served by your organization each year?</i> _____ 2. <i>Where do clients reside (ex. zip code, neighborhood or community name)?</i> _____ 3. <i>What are demographics of the community being served (ex. age, income range, ethnicity)?</i> _____	
Project Description: <i>Please describe the project to be considered for a grant. Please 1. explain the core components of the project; 2. partner organizations involved, if any, and 3. a projected timeline of the project. 300-word limit</i>	
Challenges: <i>Other than funding, what are your organization's challenges and what resources will be used to address them? 200-word limit</i>	

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Connectedness: Please describe how you will collaborate and find effective, inspirational and authentic ways to create conversation, drive positive change and build strategies to advance gender equity. Please include any components that create opportunities for civic engagement of the general public audience. 300-word limit

Project Goals: Please describe how you will evaluate project effectiveness. Please include 1. projected outputs and outcomes and 2. how many will be served through this project? 250-word limit

- **Outputs:** Program activities that have a direct link with the program’s intended goals; ex. number of bags of books distributed each week in classrooms participating in a reading program.
- **Outcomes:** Medium-term results that measure how well the program is achieving its goals; ex. improvement in reading scores.

Additional Considerations: What circumstances make this problem timely and/or relevant to our community right now (ex. new partnerships, current events, new data/research, synergy with organizations doing similar work, opportunities to engage public audiences etc.)? 250-word limit

Project Budget \$	Project Budget Raised to Date \$	Total Agency Operating Budget \$
Executive Director’s Signature:		Date:

Note: Electronic signatures are accepted.