



## Member Sponsorship Program

Impact Grants Chicago offers a Member Sponsorship Program (the “Program”) intended to support women who would like to be involved with Impact Grants Chicago but who may not be able to fully fund a membership on their own. The Program supports our commitment to having a diversity of perspectives in our membership and in our support of the nonprofit community.

This Program is funded by members and donors with the goal of supporting women so they can experience the full benefits of membership and the power of collective giving. In addition, funds raised to support the Program go directly towards grants issued to selected Chicago nonprofit organizations as do all our membership fees. Impact Grants Chicago pools all membership donations to make multiple \$100,000 grants each year.

Applicants may be fully sponsored for the \$1,000 annual membership fee or may make a donation to the Member Sponsorship Fund (the “Fund”) towards their membership. For example, an applicant may contribute \$250 towards their annual membership, and the Fund will cover the balance of the membership fee.

The Program requires each sponsored member to:

- Submit a Member Sponsorship Application by the stated deadline (see below);
- Specify whether they will make a donation towards the Fund and the donation amount; and,
- Commit to being an active member of Impact Grants Chicago, including participating on a Grant Review or Financial Review Committee, voting for grant finalists at the Grant Awards Ceremony, and providing feedback on their experience as requested by Impact Grants Chicago.

### Timeline

The application will be available on the Impact Grants Chicago website at the beginning of the new grant year. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis but must be submitted by December 31st. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance through email. Donations to the Fund must be received by May 1st of the grant year.

**Important Considerations**

- Sponsorships are limited based on funds available each year; all who apply may not receive a sponsorship.
- Sponsored members will enjoy full membership benefits during the grant year, including the ability to volunteer in different capacities and be considered for a leadership role.
- Returning members and new members are eligible to apply for sponsorships under the Program.
- Impact Grant Chicago's Board of Directors reserves the right to amend the Program without notice at any time.