



WIL 2017 Empowerment Grants: Guidelines

EMPOWERMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

In accordance with WIL of Greater Philadelphia's mission of "Women empowering women globally through education, service and microfinance," WIL offers competitive empowerment grants to provide financial support for non-profits and NGOs working in developing countries. The Empowerment Grants target areas of WIL's mission other than microfinance and village banks: education, health, training, social and political empowerment programs for women. The Empowerment Grants Committee awards grants of up to \$1000 to provide seed money and/or help build capacity in programs. Microfinance projects are not eligible for this grant program.

The WIL Empowerment Grants Program is administered by the Empowerment Grants Committee. Please contact WIL at wilofgp@gmail.com, or Empowerment Grants Committee chair Adele Lindenmeyr at lindenmeyradele@gmail.com, with any questions.

Completed grant applications with all supporting documents should be emailed to Adele Lindenmeyr at lindenmeyradele@gmail.com no later than January 31, 2017 to be eligible for this year's awards.

2017 EMPOWERMENT GRANT INFORMATION AND TIMETABLE

Grant Amount:	Up to \$1,000
Deadline for Application:	January 31, 2017
Announcement of Grants:	March 15, 2017

2017 GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Each grant must have a sponsor who is a current WIL Member and has direct knowledge of the applicant organization and its programs. The committee will ask the sponsor for a letter of reference.
- Applicant organizations must be valid a not-for-profit organization working in a developing country, but may have headquarters in North America.
- The organization's principal activities must be for the benefit of women and/or girls.
- Prior applicants, including those who received a grant in past competitions and submitted final reports, as well as those whose applications were declined, are welcome to apply again this year.

2017 GRANT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each proposal will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Does the mission of the applicant support the WIL mission to improve the status of women?
2. How is the WIL member connected to the applicant organization?
3. How many women will be impacted and in what ways, if the grant is awarded?

4. How will the program be sustained?
5. Does the program require funding in addition to the WIL grant? If so, how will this money be raised?
6. What is the history and track record of the organization?

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Each recipient of a 2017 WIL Program Grant is requested to provide a final report describing the results of the implementation of the program and the impact the grant has had on the organization and the women it serves. This report must be submitted **by March 15, 2018**.