



# Impact 100 Baldwin County

## GRANTS OVERVIEW

*Our Mission: Impact 100 Baldwin County is a community of women seeking to transform lives in Baldwin County by awarding high impact grants to nonprofits in the areas of Arts, Culture and Recreation · Education · Environment and Preservation · Family · Health and Wellness*

## INTRODUCTION

IMPACT 100 Baldwin County is a nonprofit organization of women whose commitment is to know and serve their community by collectively funding significant charitable initiatives on an annual basis. By pooling individual resources, IMPACT 100 Baldwin County expects to make a substantial impact on community life.

IMPACT 100 Baldwin County awards grants to fund projects with high potential for community impact in any of the five focus areas below. Grant funding comes from member contributions, and each contributing member of IMPACT 100 Baldwin County will vote to select the final funded project(s). The total number of grants to be awarded and the amount of each grant will be determined by the total number of members and will be announced after the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for membership. That information will be available on our website in April.

The official grant period begins in March with our Grant Writing Workshop. **An organization wishing to apply for an IMPACT 100 Baldwin County grant must first submit an online Letter of Intent to apply for a grant and then complete the grant application.** Each grant application will be reviewed by focus groups, and site visits will be conducted July through August. The annual grant winners will be announced in early November. Please consult our website for exact dates during the current year grant process.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GRANT GUIDELINES**

IMPACT 100 Baldwin County will accept proposals for funding from entities recognized as public charity tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicant organizations need not be based in Baldwin County, but the proposed project or capital endeavor must be implemented in Baldwin County and primarily serve the residents of Baldwin County.

The project may be a capital project, new program, an expansion of an existing program, or a collaborative effort of several agencies. Applicants may not request funding for any of the following activities or expenditures:

- General operating expenses or overhead. Items of an operating or overhead nature may be requested if applicable only to the new initiative or project to be funded by IMPACT 100.
- Debt reduction or operational deficits • Grants to individuals • Endowment funding • Interim or bridge funding
- Partisan, legislative, or political activity
- Fees paid to a grant writer
- Capital improvements or renovations to property for the grant project where the organization does not own or have at least a five-year lease or written agreement.
- Projects of individual churches, religious organizations or bodies of worship that are intended to benefit only their specific denominations or congregations, or are exclusive with respect to others of differing beliefs.
- Faith-based projects/programs that require participation in activities of a particular faith, denomination or religion in order to benefit from the project or program

\* Benefits of the project or program must be available to any person, regardless of religious beliefs or practices.

\* Benefits of the project or program must not be dependent on any person being required to participate in any religious activity, ceremony or service.

Funds must be expended within 25 months beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> following the grant award date. An organization may submit only one application each year. IMPACT 100 Baldwin County reserves the right to change its eligibility criteria without notice at any time.

Organizations that have been previously awarded an Impact 100 grant may re-apply for a grant the second year following the year of its award. In other words, an organization must sit out one grant application cycle after being awarded a grant; a grant recipient in 2019, for example, is eligible to re-apply for a grant in the 2021 cycle.

The Board of Directors of Impact 100 Baldwin County and the members who serve on individual focus committees bear a responsibility to the membership at large to recommend finalists that, to the best of the committees' understanding, demonstrate sustainability as organizations and have proposed projects that meet the eligibility guidelines. The grant application and site visits, are, in part, designed to assist in this effort. To that end, any focus committee chair may bring to the full Board, a non-recommendation proposal, when significant questions of organizational sustainability or project eligibility arise. The Board reserves the right to authorize the non- recommendation of a finalist from any focus area on these grounds.

## **FOCUS AREAS**

IMPACT 100 Baldwin County has identified the following focus areas and will appoint committees to review grant applications in these categories. Applicants must select one of the focus areas for proposal review.

- Arts, Culture and Recreation: Initiatives that cultivate, develop, and enhance the cultural, artistic and recreational climate of Baldwin County.
- Education: Initiatives that further the educational process or improve access to education for children and/or adults in the Baldwin County area.
- Environment and Preservation: Initiatives that restore, preserve, revitalize or enhance the natural resources, facilities, and surroundings of the Baldwin County Area.
- Family: Initiatives that strengthen and enhance the lives of children and families living in the Baldwin County area.
- Health and Wellness: Initiatives that improve the mental and/or physical well being of people living in the Baldwin County area.

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