

2025 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

About The Orchid Giving Circle

Mission

The Orchid Giving Circle is an Asian sisterhood that provides grants and fosters philanthropy primarily within and for the North Texas Asian community.

Value Statements

1. We believe in collaboration and positively inspiring each other.
2. We are a community of South, East and Southeast Asian women with a common mission to effect beneficial change through the power of collective giving.
3. We support nonprofits that empower women and girls and place an emphasis on female-led organizations.

Grant Process

Questions

- Questions concerning the guidelines should be directed to: grant@orchidgivingcircle.org. Please include “OGC applicant” in the subject bar.
- Questions related to accessing the online application and grants portal should be directed to: grants@cftexas.org.

Eligibility

1. Organizations applying must be a 501(c)(3) organization or have a 501(c)(3) organization fiduciary sponsor.
2. Beneficiaries of funded activities/projects/proposals must be a majority women and youth (girls) of Asian heritage or identify with the following geo/culture regions: East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Pacific Islanders and Central Asia.

Ineligibility

1. Individuals
2. Campaigns to elect public officials or for political or lobbying efforts
3. Programs that promote religious activities, proselytize or require adherence to a particular religion
4. Projects that take place before the completion of the grant making process
5. Projects inconsistent with federal, state, and local nondiscrimination ordinances regarding equal employment opportunity
6. Grants that ultimately will go wholly to another agency other than the applicant (pass through) unless the other agency is the applicant’s fiscal sponsor
7. Organizations that have the ability to levy taxes, e.g., government agencies, school districts, city offices or departments)

Application

- A complete application must be submitted through the CFT online grant portal including all properly labeled attachments.
- Application must be completed by **Thursday, April 17, 2025**
- Please do not submit any additional items not requested in the application including CDs, DVDs, newsletters, brochures, evaluation matrices, letters of support, etc.

2025 Grant Cycle Timeline

Online application available: **Monday, March 24**

Deadline to request a login account: **Monday, April 14**

Application deadline for 2025: **Thursday, April 17**

Notification of meeting/site visit or elimination from consideration: **Late May**

For first time applicants, a short zoom meeting is required

- Email with link to sign up for meeting will be sent: **Monday, June 2 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**
- Zoom meeting dates: **Friday, June 6 and Monday June 9 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Meeting/Site visiting period: **June 1-June 20**

(Site visits are not required and are scheduled at the discretion of the OGC Grant Committee)

Final Notification of grant status: **First week of August**

Grant payments sent: **End of August**

Grantee Celebration: **Friday, October 3, 4:00pm Grant Awardee Pictures**
5:30pm Program Begins

NOTE: *Amounts granted must be used within one year from date of receipt.*

Decision Making Criteria

Data Driven Impact – Clear understanding of the issue(s) followed by data to support short and/or long-term impact. Show a measure of success qualitatively and quantitatively.

Gender Equity – Leveling the playing field acknowledging and addressing systemic barriers for women and girls

Empowerment – Elevating Asians in order for them to in turn empower their own community

Inclusion – Active outreach and engagement including partnerships