



Orchid Giving Circle
2024 Grant Information Session
Thursday, May 30, 2024, 10:00-11:30 AM
CFT

AGENDA

- 9:30 AM Doors Open, Arrival & Registration, Mingle
- 10:00 AM Welcome, *Monica Chen, OGC Grant Chair*
- 10:10 AM OGC Grant Information Presentation, *Monica Chen and Dulari Mehta, OGC Grant Chair Elect*
- 10:35 AM CFT Presentation of OGC's New Grant Portal, *Greg Oertel, Senior Community Philanthropy Officer*
- 10:50 AM Q & A
- 11:10 AM Session Concludes, Mix and Mingle

The portal is open and will remain through June 28th. You may set up your account here: [SET UP GRANT ACCOUNT](#) NOTE: You will need your EIN/tax number and it will take up to 1 business day to receive log in credentials after creating an account.

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 South East 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 Chair, Monica Chen at 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: **Candace Thompson, Community Philanthropy Officer, cthompson@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, South East 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 online grant portal including all properly labeled attachments.
- Application must be completed by **Friday, June 28, 2024**.
- Please do not submit any additional items not requested in the application including CDs, DVDs, newsletters, brochures, evaluation matrices, letters of support, etc.

Grant Request Timeline

Online application available: **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

Grantee Information Session: **Thursday, May 30, 2024, 10:00-11:30, In Person, Location TBD**

Deadline to request a login account: **Monday, June 24, 2024**

Application deadline for 2024: **Friday, June 28, 2024**

Notification of meeting/site visit or elimination from consideration: **Friday, August 9, 2024**

Meeting/Site visiting period: **Monday, August 12, 2024 – Friday, August 30, 2024** (*Site visits are not required and are scheduled at the discretion of the OGC Grant Committee*)

Final Notification of grant status: **Monday, September 16, 2024- Monday, September 30, 2024**

Grantee Celebration: **Friday, October 25, 2024**

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