



GRANT PROPOSAL EXAMPLES & IDEAS

We are excited to fund a \$10,000 project with our 2024 Grant!

Our members are high school girls who will be reading and evaluating the applications submitted. Grant finalists are determined through a detailed application review process. At our “Big Give” event on April 7, 2024, each member will get one vote. Our grant will be awarded to one youth-serving non-profit organization in Fairfield County.

We hope to make an impact by fully or mostly funding a youth-focused project or program (at least 75% of the budget). Grant applicants are invited and encouraged to be creative: new, proof-of-concept or pilot programs are welcome!

We encourage you to think ‘small.’ We know that \$10,000 cannot address certain operating expenses, but we’d love for it to do something to help make a difference for the youth you serve. If there was a project that you always wanted to accomplish or an idea that you haven’t been able to implement, please tell us about it!

We’re sharing a few examples of applications from our past grant winners for reference. Additional ideas are also included below. **Our members are participating to learn about the need in our community, the important work you’re doing, and how you’re helping kids in Fairfield County. They want to hear your story!**

Please reach out to us with any questions: generationimpactffc@gmail.com

EXAMPLES OF PAST GENERATION IMPACT GRANT WINNERS

Building One Community: B1C saw a need for more after-school enrichment programs for low-income immigrant children and a need to prepare more women for STEAM careers. Their STEAM Club met once a month, serving low-income immigrant children, primarily Hispanic, between ages 6-10. Generation Impact’s grant enabled them to increase the club meetings from once a month to once a week! The money helped them with the Bruce Museum in Greenwich to adapt high school engineering curriculum for elementary school students, and conduct 32 sessions over an eight-month period. Through projects and development of science notebooks, students will expand their

vocabulary and knowledge of scientific concepts, learn problem-solving skills, gain confidence, and develop an interest in STEAM. It also offered an opportunity for Generation Impact members to volunteer during the club every week during the school year.

Open Door Shelter: Open Door knows that homeless students do not have access to some of the (often costly) enrichment programs & benefits that are accessible to many of their peers throughout Fairfield County. The programs themselves can be expensive, but the transportation is a barrier, too, if you're living at the shelter and only have access to the school bus between school and Open Door. The shelter had renovated a fabulous new Children's Resource Center where kids can get a change of scenery, do homework, read, play games, make art, and more. Generation Impact's grant was used to hire a Program Leader to oversee and implement a curriculum of after-school education and enrichment activities on-site, four days every week throughout the school year and during summer months. The lesson plans were developed by retired teachers who volunteer at Open Door.

Mental Health Services of Bridgeport Hospital: In distressed communities like Bridgeport, there are many young people living in violent, distressed conditions. Whether it's in their own home or in the neighborhood where they live, there are often significant barriers for kids to get the medical care they need. During COVID, the incidences of youth attempting suicide increased dramatically, emergency room visits increased significantly, and the number of kids needing mental health services increased greatly. Generation Impact's grant was donated to the Helping Hands for the REACH Youth Program, providing financial assistance to patients and their families for household and other expenses to remove barriers to mental health treatment. Our grant helped provide internet/technology, transportation, and other costs that would help kids get the treatment they need.

STAR, Inc. - Lighting the Way: STAR provides individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities access to greater independence and increased participation through assistive and adaptive technologies. Assistive Technology (AT) Services can help with vocational, educational and home needs giving individuals voice while keeping them safe. Our grant funded assistive technology and an adaptive toy lending library for infants and children with developmental delays, including the purchase of iPads and related specialty application software. The equipment allows therapists to have ready access to the appropriate tools, teaching toys, and technology to provide some families with a child in STAR's early intervention program, who otherwise could not afford an iPad or other equipment, to use one during therapies or as a loaner.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE PROJECTS

Generation Impact's \$10,000 grant could fund a library for your organization. If your non-profit serves kids who need a safe space for learning, reading, creativity, and community, this grant could cover paint & supplies (brushes, rollers, trays, tarps, tape, etc.), labor, new books, new computer(s), printer, comfy bean bag chairs.

Generation Impact's grant could fund music lessons for approximately 35 students in the community, who might not otherwise have an opportunity to participate. The grant would enable your organization to cover expenses for instruction, instrument rental and sheet music.

Generation Impact's grant could fund a series of educational field trips and in-school lessons with local museum, farm, zoo, etc. designed to provide hands-on learning & exploration, and broaden horizons for students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to participate in this type of experience.

Generation Impact's grant could fund the purchase of new gym equipment (i.e. mats, balance beams, balls, nets, etc.) and supplies needed to support a school's physical education curriculum.