

GRANT PROCESS

2026



Women Transforming Communities
IMPACT100
HUNTERDON

Who We Are

Impact100 Hunterdon is a chapter of a worldwide initiative. Started in spring 2023, the Hunterdon chapter is founding its membership with fiscal sponsorship through community foundation, Binnacle House. The concept is simple – 100 women commit to membership by donating a minimum of \$1,000 each. Each member gets a vote at an annual event to choose from a short list of grant applicants to determine who will receive a \$100,000 grant for an impactful project or program in Hunterdon County. Beyond providing grant funding, Impact100 Hunterdon aims to bring together motivated women to transform lives in our community, provide networking opportunities, and shine a light on the power of philanthropy.

Grant Overview

Impact100 Hunterdon's goal is to provide transformational funds to organizations that benefit Hunterdon County, and to highlight unmet needs in the areas of: Arts & Culture, Children & Families, Education, Environment, Preservation & Recreation, and Health & Wellness. Funding must be used within a 3-year period from award date and grantees must comply with all reporting requirements. Successful grantees will have demonstrated a clear benefit to the Hunterdon community, sustainability beyond the life of the grant, and solid outcomes. *Only one application per organization will be accepted.*

Our Commitment

We are committed to a **thorough, objective, and confidential** review of each application.

- To promote **thoroughness**, we train grant reviewers on the eligibility criteria and the characteristics of strong applications. Subject matter experts in each of the priority areas are engaged in the review process.
- To ensure **objectivity**, we make sure that no grant reviewer receives an application where she or an immediate family member has any relationship with an applicant. Potential conflicts of interest are disclosed by all reviewers before the process begins.
- To entrust **confidentiality**, all grant reviewers affirm in writing that they will not share their discussions outside their committee.

Timeline

Event	Date	Notes
Grantee Information Session	7/22/26	Virtual overview of grant process, review deadlines, provide feedback from 2025, & answer questions.
LOI released	9/14/26	LOI will be e-mailed to all organizations who requested to be on our distribution list and also posted on the Impact100 Hunterdon website.
LOI due	10/15/26	LOI completed online or e-mailed to Impact100 Hunterdon no later than 5pm EST.
Applicants notified	10/22/26	Applicants will be notified about whether a full app is requested or not.
Full grant app released	10/27/26	Grant application e-mailed to organizations from whom a full application was requested.
Questions due	11/4/26	Any applicant questions are due, responses will be shared with all applicants promptly.
Full grant app due	12/10/26	Full grant application completed online or e-mailed to Impact100 Hunterdon no later than 5:00pm EST.
Grant app review completed	1/29/27	Review committee/s will have all site visits completed and applications scored.
Finalists notified	2/5/27	Finalists notified and requested to create a short video about their program/project with our help.
Finalists announced	2/5/27	Finalists announced to the Impact100 Hunterdon membership and public.
Finalist Videos Shot	2/10/27	Finalists will come to Impact100 office to shoot their videos.
Voting open to Impact100 Hunterdon members	2/26/27 - 3/3/27	Impact100 members will watch finalist videos and submit votes online.
Votes audited and tabulated	3/8/27	An independent agency will audit votes to ensure compliance and tabulate votes to determine winner.
Impact100 Hunterdon grants awarded	3/10/27	Impact100 Hunterdon 2025 grant winner announced at annual member event.

Eligibility

Applications may be denied for any of the following:

- Request for general operating expenses; not clearly articulating funding request for capital projects, significant expansion of existing programs, and/or new initiatives
- Geographic Area Outside of Hunterdon County (project must significantly benefit Hunterdon County community)
- Agency annual operating budget of less than \$200,000
- Program Service Expenses of less than 75% (based on the Statement of Functional Expenses on the 990 filing)
- Organization in operation for less than 3 years
- Less than 5 voting board members
- Faith-based groups (exceptions considered for those that can demonstrate inclusiveness, regardless of beliefs, and who commit to not proselytizing to project participants)
- Politically affiliated groups
- Known terrorists groups
- No proof of 501c3 status
- Three consecutive years of net ordinary losses
- Funding cannot be fully expended within three years
- Individual recipients (i.e. scholarships, loans, gifts, etc.)
- Required documents not included
- Grant guidelines not followed
- Unwillingness to allow a site visit, if requested
- Unwillingness to sign a Grant Agreement and adhere to grant reporting requirements

NOTE: If any of these apply to an applicant, they are welcome to write a short explanatory paragraph of explanation in their LOI submission. That explanation should identify that exception and clearly articulate how even with that exception you are a strong candidate for consideration of this grant.

Questions?

If you'd like to be kept informed about the grant process, receive the application when it's released, or have any questions please contact Lawrence Brooks at (973) 207-2880 or lbrooks@binnaclehouse.org. If you do not receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application, please follow up as it may mean that it was not received.