**Women Give San Diego Grant Program**

Women Give San Diego (WGSD) is a non-profit organization that funds programs that help women and girls of San Diego achieve economic self-sufficiency. We do this by providing grants that help women and girls, nonbinary, and transgender individuals:

* Develop skills to improve financial literacy and prevent poverty
* Prepare for first-time employment or jobs in higher paying fields
* Maintain independence, social welfare and economic security

**GRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

* Geographic Range: San Diego County
* Businesses eligible for funding must be led by women, including trans women and girls.
* Must demonstrate outcomes that contribute to women’s economic self-sufficiency and security.
* Gives voice to female constituents at all levels, and be willing to implement their ideas for change within the organization’s structure and programs.
* WGSD encourages collaborative efforts between non-profit organizations to leverage greater impact than would be accomplished individually.
* Formal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, as well as informal groups of women or emerging groups of women or organizations that can secure the cooperation of a 501 (c)(3) organization willing to serve as a fiscal sponsor, are eligible to apply for WGSD funding.

**GRANT EXCLUSIONS OR RESTRICTIONS:**

* Organizations or Activities, which use religion or religious teachings as integral part of programmatic materials or content, or as a means of determining eligibility for service
* Retro-active funding
* Reduction of an operating deficit or to liquidate existing debt
* Agencies of state of federal government
* Organizations or groups that oppose a woman’s right to self-determination
* Individuals
* Organizations outside of San Diego County
* Women Give San Diego does not consider overhead/indirect costs ineligible, but does prioritize proposals in which our funds go to supporting the economic empowerment and self-sufficiency of women and girls. So, for organizations that serve only or primarily women/girls, overhead would be considered in line with our mission. For organizations that serve a broader constituency, requests to expend funds on projects that focus on women and girls would be more competitive, and the indirect costs should be proportional to the project.
* A past grantee is ineligible to apply again until one year after the last year of WGSD funding. These organizations will be eligible to re-apply for grant support after the off year has elapsed.

**HOW TO APPLY**

***Our grant cycle for 2022 is now complete. Please check back in Fall, 2022 for our 2023 grant cycle.***

**For more information,** please contact Megan Thomas at megan@catalystsd.org or 858-247-2022.

*Thank you for your interest in building better lives for women and girls in San Diego County!*