

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How many members are in The Giving Circle?

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2. What is expected of me as a Giving Circle Member?

You can be involved as much or as little as you want to be. The main thing to do is cast your top 10 votes for who should receive grant funding. Voting happens every spring.

There are events throughout the grant year that you can participate in service projects with past grantees, Grantee Pitch Day, and Check Presentations.

We are also resurrecting the grants committee. This group of members will evaluate the grant applications and decide who will be invited to pitch their grant to all the members.

3. How does the voting work?

After the grantees pitch their grant, you can cast your votes for your top 10 grant picks. The organization that you put as your #1 vote will get 10 points; your #2 vote will get 9 points, etc. The scores are tabulated with all the members' votes. After the voting deadline, the points are calculated for each organization. The organization that has the most points will go to the #1 spot for funding, and so on.

4. If I joined The Giving Circle at \$100, can I keep this rate?

Yes, you may keep your membership at \$100 per granting cycle.

5. If you are connected to a group that presents, are you disqualified from voting?

No, you are not disqualified. You are more than welcome to cast whomever you want in your top 10. However, you can not vote for one organization more than once.

6. Why is that on some pitch days many organizations present and other pitch days a lot fewer do? Wouldn't it make more sense always to have the same number or close to the same amount?

This all depends on how many grant applications we receive. It can fluctuate based on our community's needs. We are implementing a grants committee that will evaluate all applications, to decide who will be invited to pitch their grant. This will help the number of pitches be more consistent.

7. Is there a certain number you accept from each grant category?

There isn't a cut off for each category. This depends on what the applicants' grants' needs are and which category they fall under.

8. Is the granting also connected to the categories, or can a bunch of presenters from one category get grants and then few or no one from another category?



Grants are determined by how The Giving Circle members vote. We take the top 10 from the membership as a whole and decide who will get funding based on the funds available.

9. Are partial grants given (if they ask for \$10,000 do you ever give \$5,000?), or if you cant grant the entire thing, do they get nothing?

Partial grants are given to an organization that is included in the funding pool but are not able to provide their full grant.

For example, we have \$80,000 to give out. The top 5 grants, from the members voting, are:

Organization 1	\$10,000	100 points
Organization 2	\$15,000	98 points
Organization 3	\$20,000	96 points
Organization 4	\$15,000	90 points
Organization 5	\$35,000	88 points
	\$95,000	

Organization 5 will get \$20,000 instead of \$35,000 because our amount to give out is \$80,000, and they have the fewest votes.

10. Is there a report or follow up required of the recipient to show that the grant was used as it was pitched?

A part of the grant agreement, that each grantee signs, stipulates that a grant impact report is due one year after the grant check was received. If an organization fails to do this, they are not eligible to apply for a future grant.