

## **Teen Grantmaking Initiative 2023 Request for Proposals**

### **Funding Opportunity for Youth-Serving Nonprofits and School Clubs**

**Deadline: Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59pm**

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The Center for Arab American Philanthropy's Teen Grantmaking Initiative (TGI) announces the availability of grant funds to support youth-serving projects. TGI is a group of 15 youth in Dearborn, MI dedicated to bettering their community. The Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP) is a national institution of ACCESS.

#### **About TGI**

The Teen Grantmaking Initiative (TGI) is the only Arab American youth philanthropy program in the country. TGI was founded in 2011 to empower Arab American teens using philanthropy as a tool. Members across the county develop strong leadership skills that they use throughout their lives. TGI grants support youth-powered projects that tackle issues such as domestic violence and substance abuse prevention, environmental stewardship, and social justice. Through TGI, we are teaching high school students to change the world!

#### **Program Focus**

Based on the results of the TGI youth needs assessment conducted at the end of 2022, TGI grantmaking in 2023 will focus on projects related to Academic Stress & College Readiness, Mental Health and Wellness, and lastly, Substance and Alcohol Abuse. Project examples include, but are not limited to:

- **College Readiness and Academic Stress:** post-secondary education opportunity learning; stress management resources; resources for academic success
- **Mental Health and Wellness:** destigmatization campaigns; mental health resources
- **Substance, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse:** resources for victims of substance abuse; prevention and education programs, anti-smoking and/or anti-vaping campaigns;

#### **Selection Criteria**

TGI is offering student groups and non-profit organizations in the Detroit metro area (including schools, and community groups with a 501(c)(3) non-profit status) the opportunity to apply for grants. In evaluating each application, funding decisions will be made based on the following criteria. Priority consideration will be given to programs that:

- Are located in Wayne County, although grant applications from the entire metro area will be considered
- Serve youth, up to age 19, regardless of their race, ethnicity or religion
- Involve youth in the development, implementation and leadership of the project

#### **Amount of Funding**

TGI will consider grant requests of up to \$2,000.

#### **Limitations on Funding**

TGI will not support the following activities:

- Projects that include religious instruction
- Political parties or political action committees
- Non U.S.-based organizations
- Projects that directly benefit an individual
- Loans
- Capital campaigns and building projects
- Capital goods

### **How to Apply**

1. **Fill out the application** by following this link: <http://www.centeraap.org/grants/teen-grantmaking-initiative/tgi-chapters/dearborn/tgi-dearborn-rfp/>
2. Make sure to include the following documents in your application:
  - a. Narrative that is no more than 2 pages
  - b. Project Budget
  - c. Attachments
3. The application submission must be received by **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:59pm**

Applications will NOT be considered by TGI if these requirements are not met.

### **Review Process**

Each application will be reviewed by TGI members. CAAP staff and/or the TGI committee may ask to meet with representatives of the applicant organization if more information is needed. All applicants will be notified by email of the TGI decisions by mid-summer, 2023. Funding will be distributed in August for a project start date of September 1, 2023. The grant period is six months, ending February 28, 2024.

For additional information, or if you have further questions, please contact:

[Mcox@accesscommunity.org](mailto:Mcox@accesscommunity.org)

You can also find additional information about TGI and the Center for Arab American Philanthropy at <http://www.centeraap.org>.

### **Narrative**

Please provide the following information in this order. Use these headings, subheadings, and number provided in your own word processing format, thus leaving flexibility for length of response. **The narrative should be a maximum of 2 pages total.**

#### **A. Organization Information**

1. What is the purpose of the organization and what are the primary services?
2. What affiliation, if any, does the organization have with religious groups (if none, state "NONE")

#### **B. Project Information**

1. Describe the target population and the needs that will be addressed, and explain your method for reaching that population.
2. What program are you asking TGI to fund and what will be accomplished?
3. How will youth be involved in the development and implementation of the project?
4. What is the timetable for the implementation of the project? Will the project continue beyond 2024? If so, explain.
5. How do you plan to publicize/promote your project?
6. How will you evaluate the outcomes of your project?

#### **C. Project Budget (see attached budget sheet)**

1. If the total project budget is greater than the amount requested, from what sources will the other necessary funds be obtained, and what funds have been raised to date?
2. What financial resources will be available for the continuation of this project after the grant from TGI has ended?

#### **D. Attachments**

1. A copy of the organization's IRS nonprofit determination letter, if applicable (excluding student groups at schools)
2. A copy of the most recent annual report or promotional brochure (if available)

### **Additional Information**

TGI will also accept, **but does not require**, videos by organizations of no more than 5 minutes. If you would like to submit a video, it should be posted to YouTube and the link included in the narrative. Compelling videos would include footage of other programs and services offered by your organization, more information on why TGI should consider funding your organization and the impact your organization has in the community. Organizations submitting a video must also submit a written narrative as indicated above.

**Project Budget**

- A. Organizational Fiscal Year:
- B. Time period this budget covers:
- C. Expenses: Fill in only those line items that are relevant to the project

	Amount requested from this grant	Total project expenses
Salaries		
Supplies		
Printing and copying		
Rent & Utilities		
Evaluation		
Marketing		
Meeting costs		
Other (please specify)		
<b>Total</b>		

- D. Revenue: Please list all other sources of revenue/income for this project and whether the funds are already committed or pending.