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Impact100 Louisville to Host 2026 Annual Awards Event

Eight Local Nonprofits to Receive $527,000 in Funding; Collective Giving Organization Surpasses $3 Million in Total Giving

Louisville, KY — On November 9, 2026, the Louisville chapter of Impact100 will award five nonprofit organizations each with a $100,000 Impact Grant when it hosts its Annual Awards Event at The Olmsted in Louisville. Additionally, three other nonprofit finalists will receive residual $9,000 Merit Grants for a 2026 total of $527,000 donated to nonprofits in Jefferson County, Kentucky. With this year's contributions, Impact100 Louisville's total giving will surpass $3 million in just seven years, continuing its mission of transforming the local community through collective giving.

The Impact100 model of collective giving is simple and effective - 100 women (or more) each donate $1,000 to create a $100,000 Impact Grant for a nonprofit organization in their community. In June, the organization revealed its final 2026 membership at 527 members, each contributing $1,000 – directly translating into the $527,000 total grant pool for the year. Following a detailed screening process, the full membership of Impact100 Louisville votes for the final grant recipients. An independent CPA firm collects and tallies the votes, and the grant winners are announced at the organization's Annual Awards Event, this year scheduled for November 9th at The Olmsted.

The 2026 grant cycle was highly competitive. The Impact100 Louisville Grants team reviewed 167 letters of intent, evaluated 37 full grant applications, and conducted 31 site visits. The eight nonprofit finalists for the 2026 Impact Grants are:

Americana Community Center
Third Floor Collaborative Hub: Funding from Impact100 will support improvements (flexible classroom, training spaces, technology upgrades) to the third floor of Americana Community Center to co-locate essential services for its population. This space will be activated in partnership with organizations such as Made180, Book Works, ChooseWell Communities, Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), and more, to create a centralized, coordinated environment where participants can access multiple services in one place and reduce barriers to access.

Dress for Success
Expansion of Workforce Development Program:
Dress for Success Louisville seeks funding from Impact100 Louisville to expand its Workforce Development Program, an innovative, barrier-reducing initiative designed to prepare women for sustainable employment and long-term career growth. Impact100 funding will also enable the hiring

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of a dedicated Program Manager to oversee program delivery, strengthen curriculum implementation, and build a robust system for tracking participant outcomes.

Family Community Clinic (FCC)
Transformative Healthcare for Louisville's Uninsured: This funding will support a strategic expansion of services, staffing, and equipment to meet the increasing and complex healthcare needs of our community. Patients will benefit from greater access to specialties as well as enhanced primary care, chronic disease management, and health education. FCC will hire a new full-time Clinic Coordinator/Outreach Manager and make critical equipment purchases to further enhance its ability to serve Louisville's uninsured patients.

Food Literacy Project (FLP)
Youth Cultivating Change: Impact100's support will create expanded pathways to engage 600 children and families over the next year, mostly in central, west, south, and southwest Louisville. FLP engages young people who are vulnerable to systemic marginalization and works alongside them as they develop their critical consciousness, raise awareness about root causes to systemic and socioeconomic inequities, advocate for change, and develop important life skills.

Louisville Visual Art (LVA)
Adult Outreach Programming: Support from Impact 100 would allow us to expand our work to reach more youth AND adults via recurring, community-based art programs. Using Children's Fine Art Classes (CFAC) as a model for this work, we would establish new programs both at LVA and at partner organizations.
Establishing recurring adult art programs would clearly benefit our community. A grant of $100,000 would provide foundational support to launch new adult programs–covering our costs for two years. With secure funding, we can focus on program development and begin to develop other funder relationships to continue support after the close of the Impact 100 grant.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Louisville
The Lifeline Project: The Lifeline Project expands NAMI Louisville's youth and young adult mental health outreach by building on an existing, proven model that combines mobile engagement, peer leadership, and suicide prevention training. This project is designed to reach young people before they enter crisis by meeting them where they are, creating earlier points of connection while strengthening the network of adults prepared to respond.

Sowing Seeds with Faith
Expansion of Programs: Funding from Impact100 will allow Sowing Seeds With Faith to expand its Summer Enrichment Program and enhance college and career-exposure opportunities through an expanded HBCU tour initiative. This would significantly increase reach and impact by serving up to 300 students in summer camp while simultaneously operating two concurrent college tours, providing approximately 200 youth with the opportunity to visit HBCUs.

Sweet Evening Breeze, Inc.
Operations: An Impact100 grant would support current capital expenses, allowing SEB to use other available funds to hire a team member focused on development. A development director will help the organization run a capital campaign to fund a larger facility where it can provide housing and support

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for more LGBTQ+ young adults. By expanding operations, SEB hopes to create a future for Louisville's LGBTQ+ population where housing insecurity as a young adult does not mean long-term homelessness.

WHERE & WHEN: The Annual Awards Event will be held on Monday, November 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET at The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206 for members to celebrate with the recipients.

Membership for 2026 is open and membership fees are tax deductible. For more information or to speak with a member of the Impact100 Louisville board, please contact info@impact100louisville.org or visit www.impact100louisville.org

Co-founded in 2020 by mother-daughter duo Dani Kannapell and Carey Goldstein, the Louisville chapter of Impact100 was launched in 2020 with the mission of creating *A Community of Women Transforming Lives Through Collective Giving*. Since its founding, Impact100 Louisville has been one of the fastest growing Impact100 chapters in the nation; it will have donated over $3 million to the local nonprofit community in just seven years.

About Impact100 Global
Impact100 Global is a collective force for good; uniting and empowering women to give together, creating transformational impact, locally and globally. With more than 75 chapters around the world, Impact100 celebrates 24 years of local impact, having given away more than $160 million collectively.

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