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Impact100 Louisville Hosts Event to Meet 2026 Impact Grant Finalists

Eight Local Nonprofits Selected as Finalists for $527,000 in Grants;
Impact100 Louisville to Surpass $3 Million in Total Giving

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Impact100 Louisville will host its annual "Meet the Finalists" event on Tuesday, October 20, giving members an opportunity to meet representatives of the eight nonprofit organizations competing for the organization's 2026 Impact Grants. Prospective members and the media are also welcome to attend.

This event will be informal, with no scheduled presentations. Each finalist's organization will have a table with information about their organization and project, as well as a summary page taken from their grant application.

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
Dress for Success
Family Community Clinic
Food Literacy Project
Louisville Visual Art
NAMI Louisville
Sowing Seeds with Faith
Sweet Evening Breeze

This year during the 2026 Annual Meeting and Awards Event, the organization will award five $100,000 Impact Grants and residual Merit Grants for a total of $527,000 to nonprofits in Jefferson County, Kentucky. With this year's contributions, Impact100 Louisville's total giving will surpass $3 million in just seven years.

Meet The Finalists - Event Details
Tuesday, October 20th, 5:30 - 7pm
Keneseth Israel Congregation
2531 Taylorsville Road

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 total grant pool for the year.

After a detailed screening process, the full membership of Impact100 Louisville votes for the final grant recipients, and the recipients will be announced at the organization's Annual Meeting and Awards Event in November, this year scheduled for November 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at The Olmsted at 3701 Frankfort Avenue. Impact Grants are awarded for capacity building, program support, and innovation.

Impact100 Louisville is an independent organization and one of more than 80 Impact100 chapters across four countries. While operating independently, each chapter follows the collective giving model and guiding principles established by Impact100 Global. Celebrating 25 years of empowering women to transform their communities, Impact100 chapters have collectively awarded more than $178 million in grants worldwide.

For more information, please contact info@impact100louisville.org or visit www.impact100louisville.org

PHOTOS FROM 2025 MEET THE FINALISTS EVENT

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