

Impact100 Louisville Announces 2023 Annual Grant Awards

Local nonprofit organizations receive \$558,000; Collective giving organization has donated over \$1.5 million to local nonprofit community in just four years

Louisville, KY — On November 2, 2023, the Louisville chapter of Impact100 awarded ten (10) local nonprofit organizations grants totaling \$558,000. Impact100 Louisville announced the grant winners at its Annual Awards Event, held this year at the Seelbach Hotel. The event also highlighted the \$1,529,000 that the Louisville chapter has donated to the local nonprofit community in just four years.

Impact100 Louisville members vote to award Impact Grants in five focus areas: Arts and Culture; Education; Environment, Recreation, or Preservation; Family; and Health and Wellness. This year members reviewed 154 letters of intent, studied 27 grant applications, and conducted 24 site visits. An independent CPA firm collected and tallied the votes to decide the grant recipients. The 2023 Impact Grant recipients were

\$100,000 - Backside Learning Center

Family

Early Childhood Development and Education Program. Hiring a coordinator for the new Early Childhood Development & Education Program will allow the Backside Learning Center to address an acute need within the community: educating parents of children ages 0-4 about the importance of early childhood development and education and encouraging them to enroll in the Program.

\$100,000 - DELTA Foundation Inc.

Education

Expansion of DELTA (Developing Educated Leaders Through Athletics) Foundation's after-school programming to the Newburg neighborhood. Currently, Newburg has only one after-school program for the entire zip code. In addition to the enrichment and academic programming, youth will benefit from optional, free, twice weekly individual and/or group therapy sessions on-site.

\$100,000 - Neighborhood House

Family

Reconnecting to Disconnected Youth Ages 16-24. To best meet the needs of adolescents ages 16-24, they propose hiring a Youth Advocate, trained in coaching skills, to be a frontline staff person focused on disconnected youth. This Advocate would meet youth where they are—from basketball courts to front porches. They would also organize events at Neighborhood House to build social connections with young adults, encouraging them to enroll in coaching and meet their individual goals.

\$100,000 - Uniting Partners for Women and Children (UP)

Health and Wellness

Expansion of Services for Women and Children Experiencing Houselessness. The grant will go towards increasing drop-in service hours by 30%, increasing operations space, and targeting services for seniors.

\$100,000 - YouthBuild Louisville

Environmental, Preservation, or Recreation

Smoketown Family Center. The grant will be used to support the construction of the Smoketown Community Center, an important neighborhood amenity that will serve youth and young adults in Smoketown and the surrounding area.

\$11,600 - Louisville Story Program

Arts and Culture

Louisville Black Photography Restoration Project. This project is an intensive effort to preserve the photographic histories of Black life in Louisville, in close collaboration with Black photographers and their descendants.

\$11,600 - The Library Foundation

Arts and Culture

Artistic Maker Spaces and Books for the Parkland and Portland Libraries. The grant will allow the Louisville Free Public Library to fill the currently empty Parkland Library shelves with new books while also fully furnishing two new artistic maker spaces at the Parkland and Portland branches.

\$11,600 - Portland Museum

Environmental, Preservation, or Recreation

Charting a Course for Growth: AHOY to New Horizons in Portland Museum's Expansion. This grant will allow the Museum to complete the construction of the mixed-use building next door so that they can provide the community with additional programming.

\$11,600 - Sweet Evening Breeze

Health and Wellness

Hotel Voucher and Housing Assistance Program and Services. The grant will fund a case manager, a part-time therapist, and hotel voucher/ housing assistance program to support 50-100 LGBTQ+ youth (ages 18-24) to stay off the streets and transition into stable living situations.

\$11,600 - Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS)

Education

Early Childhood Intervention Program. The Early Childhood Intervention Program provides early intervention services to visually impaired and blind children from birth to three years. It teaches children skills that help them reach their developmental milestones in cognition, language/communication, fine/gross motor, social-emotional, and self-help skills.

The Louisville chapter of Impact100, founded by mother and daughter Dani Kannapell and Carey Goldstein, came to fruition in 2020 with the mission of creating *A Community of Women Transforming Lives Through Collective Giving*. The Impact100 global 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 2023, a record 558 women participated to provide \$558,000 in Impact Grants. This year represents an incredible milestone for Impact100 Louisville as it surpasses the one million dollar mark for total grants awarded to date. In the four years since it started, Impact100 Louisville will have donated an incredible \$1.5+ million to the local nonprofit community.

Membership for 2024 is now 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

About Impact100

Impact100 Global is a collective force for good; uniting and empowering women to give together, creating transformational impact, locally and globally. With more than 60 chapters around the world, Impact100 celebrates 22 years of local impact, having given away more than \$123 million collectively.