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Impact100 Louisville To Host 2025 Annual Awards Event

Eight Local Nonprofits to Receive $530,000 in Funding; Collective Giving Organization Surpasses $2.5 Million in Total Giving

Louisville, KY — On November 10, 2025, 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 a $10,000 Merit Grant for a 2025 total of $530,000 donated to nonprofits in Jefferson County, Kentucky. With this year's contributions, Impact100 Louisville's total giving will surpass $2.5 million in just six 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 2025 membership at 530 members, each contributing $1,000 – directly translating into the $530,000 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 10 at The Olmsted.

The 2025 grant cycle was highly competitive. The Impact100 Louisville Grants team reviewed 147 letters of intent, evaluated 36 full grant applications, and conducted 28 site visits. Impact Grants are awarded for capacity building, program support, and innovation, and the eight nonprofit finalists for 2025 are:

Louisville Academy of Music
Music for Everyone: Louisville Academy of Music emphasizes the role of music education in helping adolescents manage emotions, build confidence, and develop a sense of belonging. Impact100 funding will allow broadening and deepening work in the West End with community music programs. Other plans include afterschool music programs in the South End and continuing to develop dynamic, community-based teaching sites that bring high-quality music instruction into neighborhoods.

Louisville Lighting
Adapted Sports for All: The Louisville Lightning is a unique, free, and district-wide adapted sports program in Kentucky that serves K–12 students with physical disabilities from across the Commonwealth. With funding from Impact100, the adapted sports program can expand and improve its offerings and reduce financial barriers for families. The grant will support the launch of a power wheelchair soccer team, enable the first full season of wheelchair tennis, fund the purchase of adapted track and field equipment, archery equipment, and uniforms for a loan closet, thus ensuring all students have necessary attire.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Louisville
Empowering Our Youth to Break the Silence: NAMI Louisville is dedicated to ensuring that everyone affected by mental health conditions can build better lives. An Impact100 grant will help its Youth Advisory Council (YAC) — students who advocate for greater openness and acceptance of mental health challenges. Key expansion efforts include launching the *Behind the Mask* podcast, a youth-led platform for mental health

conversations; increasing the number of peer-led support groups by training more facilitators; and participating in youth-centered events like concerts and festivals to reach teens.

New American Initiative
Legal Assistance Workshops: New Americans Initiative (NAI) is a Louisville-based, immigrant-led organization that helps low-income refugee and immigrant families obtain permanent residence and U.S. citizenship at no cost. Impact100 funding will allow NAI to increase the number of educational sessions, as well as green card and citizenship workshops that include free, limited legal representation. Additionally, the funding will support investments in staff development, volunteer retention, and the implementation of streamlined systems to improve the consistency and efficiency of services offered.

Steam Exchange Community Arts Center
Afterschool Art/STEAM Classes: Steam Exchange is transforming lives in Smoketown by empowering low-income youth to explore their creativity, discover their potential, and develop as leaders.
Through passion-driven, arts-based learning, young people experience meaningful "firsts," from overnight trips to mastering new abilities. With funding from Impact100, Steam Exchange will be able to enroll an additional 30 young people, expand after school and summer programs, increase staff and intern hours, hire additional visiting artists and Steam Exchange alumni, and restore the summer internship program.

Sweet Evening Breeze, Inc.
Support Trager House: Sweet Evening Breeze addresses LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness in Louisville. The Impact100 grant will cover a year of operations for Trager House, the transitional living facility housing up to four young adults. Securing support for Trager House will allow the small Sweet Evening Breeze team to focus on raising money and increasing its donor base in order to fund a Residential Support Center that will offer 20 - 25 beds.

Wellspring
Adult Mental Health Crisis Stabilization: Wellspring provides housing and behavioral health services for adults with serious mental illness. Impact100 funding will allow improvement to two Crisis Stabilization Units providing 24/7 residential psychiatric care to around 350 adults annually. These are the only facilities in the area offering acute behavioral healthcare in a homelike setting. The upgrades to shared spaces — community rooms, dining areas, art therapy rooms — directly improves the recovery experience.

Whitney/Strong, Inc.
Save our Youth Suicide Prevention Program: Whitney/Strong's mission is to find common ground to end gun violence through data-driven, responsible gun ownership solutions. Funding from Impact100 would allow Whitney/Strong to adapt the Sources of Strength youth suicide prevention program from a school-based model to a community-based model. In response to alarming rises in firearm-related suicides, Whitney/Strong will bring the new Save our Youth Suicide Prevention Program to afterschool groups, faith groups, and other community organizations. They are working to develop a curriculum in an engaging and interactive format delivered in a two - four hour format.

The Annual Awards Event will be held on Monday, November 10 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*

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Through Collective Giving. Since its founding, Impact100 Louisville has been one of the fastest growing Impact100 chapters in the nation, having donated over $2.5 million to the local nonprofit community in just six 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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