

Impact100 Louisville Announces 2024 Annual Grant Awards



Local nonprofit organizations receive \$529,000; Collective giving organization has donated over \$2.0 million to local nonprofit community in just five years

Louisville, KY — On November 11, 2024, the Louisville chapter of Impact100 awarded five (5) local nonprofit organizations each with a \$100,000 Impact Grant and three (3) nonprofit finalists each with a \$9,667 Merit Grant for a 2024 total of \$529,000 donated to nonprofits in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Impact100 Louisville announced the grant winners at its Annual Awards Event, held this year at The Olmsted. The event also highlighted the \$2,058,000 that the Louisville chapter has donated to the local nonprofit community in just five 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 the Grants team reviewed 142 letters of intent, studied 28 grant applications, and conducted 24 site visits. An independent CPA firm collected and tallied the votes to decide the grant recipients. The 2024 Impact Grant recipients in alphabetical order are:

\$100,000 Impact Grant: CASA of the River Region (CASA)

Focus Area: Family

Advocacy Academy & Support Program: Impact100 funds will provide staffing to recruit, train and support volunteers to ensure CASA can raise awareness of its mission and ensure the community's most vulnerable children have access to the services they need to help them overcome trauma and improve their overall well-being.

\$100,000 Impact Grant: Granny's Birth Initiative

Focus Area: Family

Granny's Hub: An Impact100 grant will fund Granny's Hub where low-income families can participate in established programs as well as two new programs: the early childhood education initiative and the maternal mental health program. This new programming will follow the client from pregnancy, through birth and onto the end of the postpartum period as well as supporting the child from birth to kindergarten age.

\$100,000 Impact Grant: Imagination Library of Louisville

Focus Area: Education

Program Support: A grant from Impact100 will allow the Imagination Library to continue to serve children countywide and grow enrollment. The Impact100 grant will cover the cost of books and will be matched by state funds resulting in \$200,000 worth of books provided to Louisville kids. The project expects to serve 50% of Jefferson County children under five by the end of 2025.

\$100,000 Impact Grant: Lincoln Foundation

Focus Area: Education

College Transition Enrichment Program: Lincoln Foundation created the College Transition Enrichment Program (CTEP) in response to challenges caused by Covid - increased difficulty transitioning to college and failure to take advantage of student support services and resources on- and off-campus. An Impact100 grant will allow CTEP to hire an additional counselor and expand from serving 160 college students to more than 300 for the next three years.

\$100,000 Impact Grant: West End School

Focus Area: Arts and Culture

Music Program: West End School is a 100% free, scholarship-based private school for boys in Pre-K through 8th grade. An Impact100 grant will make it possible to hire a full-time teacher to provide individual lessons throughout the day; purchase more instruments and headphones; add textbooks; expand the program; and enroll more students, including girls starting in 2025.

\$9,667 Merit Grant: Central Adult Learn-to-Swim

Focus Area: Health and Wellness

Meeting the Demand: The program teaches Louisville-area adults to swim for free.

\$9,667 Merit Grant: Kentucky Harvest

Focus Area: Health and Wellness

Food Rescue Hero: The recently implemented and increasingly successful app, Food Rescue Hero improves coordination of volunteer efforts, ensuring a reliable supply chain for food rescue operations.

\$9,667 Merit Grant: Parks Alliance of Louisville

Focus Area: Environment, Recreation, or Preservation

Reimagining Ballard Park: Ballard Park in Smoketown will be the first park transformed as an outcome of Parks For All action plan.

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 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 2024, 529 Louisville women participated to provide \$529,000 in Impact and Merit Grants. This year represents an incredible milestone for Impact100 Louisville as it surpasses the two million dollar mark for total grants awarded to date. In the five years since it started, Impact100 Louisville has donated an incredible \$2,058,000 million to the local nonprofit community.

Membership for 2025 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 Global

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