



## Grant Review Cycle INSIGHTS

- We believe every woman brings valuable knowledge, insight, and life experience to our organization and we welcome every member to the grant review process, regardless of where she may be on her philanthropic journey.
- We believe every nonprofit in our community deserves our respect and recognize them as the experts in determining what type of programs or projects our community most needs.
- We believe in the value of transparency regarding how we use our Key Criteria to evaluate proposals and align each question asked to a corresponding Key Criteria.
- We believe in the value of meeting together as grant review committees. We facilitate constructive conversation within each committee prior to any decisions regarding invitations to nonprofits moving forward in the grant cycle.



# KEY CRITERIA

### Key Criteria for Evaluation of Proposals

Impact Central Illinois has the desire to support programs or projects being proposed by **highly capable** organizations addressing **measurable needs** within our community with **innovative solutions**.

### Highly Capable

- Has performed supportive background research for their proposal
- Demonstrates prior experience or capability to bring their proposal to fruition
- Defines an achievable plan of action
- Clarifies and understands any proposal partnerships
- Displays financial integrity through a clear description of their budget and an understanding of how they will proceed if their project is not fully funded

### Measurable Need

- Describes the problem or need in central Illinois with measurable statistics
- Demonstrates the risk if the proposal is not implemented now
- Defines the impact on beneficiaries and/or has involved beneficiaries in the development of the proposal
- Contains a plan to measure, monitor, & evaluate
- Envisions and articulates the benefits that go beyond the immediate proposal

### Innovative Solution

- Plays a unique role
- Takes a calculated risk tackling a large-scale problem or the root-cause of an issue facing our community
- Adapts a national/global idea for local needs
- Repurposes an older tool or methodology for a new purpose
- Introduces new capabilities to the organization
- Employs innovative or sustainable funding revenue streams to support the proposal



## Grant Cycle FUNDING

Impact Central Illinois' funding cycle runs from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year. In each funding year we solicit proposals, evaluate them January through May, and announce award decisions in June.

### IMPACT GRANTS - \$300,000\* \$100,000 IN EACH OF THESE 3 CATEGORIES

- Health & Community Wellbeing
- Education & Community Development
- Social Services & Basic Needs

### INSPIRE GRANT - \$25,000\*

- Only for smaller Nonprofits

\* These are our goal amounts, but these numbers may increase or decrease as membership changes.



# GRANTS NEWSLETTER

## 2024 Grants Leadership Team



Kristin Zika, Deanna Beale, Jami Truelove & Stacey Devechicco

### Kristin Zika, Grants Chair

Kristin first began reviewing women's collective giving grants in 2004, serving as a GRC Chair for Impact Austin, and is thankful for the way her personal philanthropic journey has been shaped by this initiative. She is honored to have served as the Grant Chair for Impact Central Illinois since 2021.

### Deanna Beale, FRC Chair

Deanna began helping with financial reviews because of her financial background and her interest in the Financial Review Committee process. After serving as a Grant Review Committee Chair in 2021, she is now stepping up to serve in the Chair role for the Financial Review Committee.

### Jami Truelove, Nonprofit Liaison Chair

Jami is in her second year serving as the Nonprofit Liaison for ICI. She works in the nonprofit world herself and enjoys helping our local nonprofits apply for funding and show their vision to the women of Impact.

### Stacey Delvecchio, GRC Advisor Chair

Stacey is in her 3rd year with ICI. She loves all things related to advocating for women and is an avid scrapbooker. She lives in Dunlap with her husband and kitty and is a retired Caterpillar engineer.

## GRC SignUp

November 7th through  
December 31st

## GRC Save the Date

### January 23, 2024 - #1 GRC Meeting

5:30 PM Social Time  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Meeting  
Introductions, Portal Training and  
LOI Reveal

### February 6, 2024 - #2 GRC Meeting

5:30 PM Social Time  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Meeting  
LOI Review  
Invite 5-6 LOIs to submit an Application

### April 9, 2024 - #3 GRC Meeting

5:30 PM Social Time  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Meeting  
Review FRC approved Applications  
Select 3 for Site Visits

### April 18, 19, 22 & 23, 2024

GRC subcommittee Site Visits

### April 30, 2024 - #4 GRC Meeting

5:30 PM Social Time  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Meeting  
Review Site Visit Summaries  
Select 2 finalists for Meeting Vote

GRC meetings are held at:

Peoria Next Innovation Center  
801 W. Main Street, Peoria, IL

## 2024 GRC Chairs & Co-Chairs

### Impact Grant Health and Community Wellbeing



### Ronda Guyton, Chair

Ronda Guyton is a retired Undersheriff of Peoria County Sheriff's Office. Ronda is living with metastatic breast cancer, is married to Graylin, and has four sons and 3 grandchildren. This is her 2nd year in Impact Central Illinois.

### Impact Grant Education and Community Development



### Wendy Kolbus, Chair

Wendy Kolbus was born & raised in Peoria and loves its philanthropic mindset, history & the people who made it all that it is today. She feels blessed to be a part of ICI's impact and giving back to her community.

### Impact Grant Social Services and Basic Needs



### Kelly Juergens, Chair

Kelly Juergens has a passion for giving back by serving on various boards & committees. She is also a returning GRC chair. She's had a successful 20 year pharmaceutical career, is married with 3 kids and resides in Washington.

### Inspire Grant For Smaller Nonprofit Organizations



### Brittany Parker, Chair

Brittany is in her 3rd year with ICI. She loves meeting women with a passion for their community! She enjoys living in Washington and loves to run and be outside. Her husband and 4 kids keep her life busy.



### Dee Walker, Co-Chair

Dee is a retired Caterpillar Accounting Manager and enjoys volunteering. In addition to ICI, she volunteers at Friends of Friedrichshafen, Women in Leadership and Soulside Healing Arts. She enjoys traveling and time with her family & her two rescue dogs.



### Denise Ghere, Co-Chair

Denise Ghere is a Senior VP at CEFCU, married, with one son in college and two goldendoodle "children" at home. She has served on the FRC and Health GRC and says she loves how Impact brings us all together to make a difference.



### Melody Malcom, Co-Chair

Melody Malcom lives in East Peoria. She is involved in her church and teaches Sunday School. She joined Impact Central Illinois in 2022 and served on the INSPIRE Financial Review Committee and Grant Review Committee.



### Kari Burg-Braggs, Co-Chair

Kari Burg-Braggs is the branch manager at Morgan Stanley. Her community involvement includes CASA and City of Peoria Arts Commission. She's lived in Peoria for 4 years and was married this year. She now has 4 kids ranging from 12-31.

### Abbreviations

GRC: Grant Review Committee  
FRC: Finance Review Committee  
LOI: Letter of Intent  
NP: Nonprofit

## Nonprofit Important Dates

### December 13, 2023

Nonprofit Info Session  
• Grant Amounts Announced  
• Portal Opens for LOI

### January 16, 2024

LOI Q&A Session

### January 21, 2024

Portal Closes @ 11:59 PM

### February 9, 2024

Portal Opens for Applications

### February 29, 2024

Application Q&A Session

### March 8, 2024

Portal Closes @ 11:59 PM

### April 18, 19, 22 & 23, 2024

GRC Site Visits

### May 1, 2024

Grant Finalists Notified

### June 4, 2024

Annual Meeting Vote & Awards

