

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.



NEWSLETTER

GRANTS

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

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

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

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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

Sheriff's Office. Ronda is

and has four sons and 3

Dee Walker, Co-Chair

Dee is a retired Caterpillar

Accounting Manager and

Leadership and Soulside

Healing Arts. She enjoys

traveling and time with her

family & her two rescue dogs.

enjoys volunteering. In addition to ICI, she volunteers at Friends

of Friedrichshafen, Women in

Undersheriff of Peoria County

living with metastatic breast

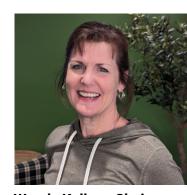
cancer, is married to Graylin,

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.



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.



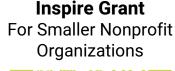




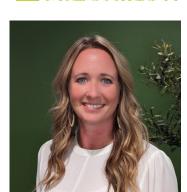
Kelly Juergens, Chair
Kelly Juergens has a passion
for giving back by serving on
various boards & committees.
She is also a returning GRC
chair. She's had a successful
20 year pharmaceutical career,
is married with 3 kids and
resides in Washington.



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.







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.



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, 2024Portal Closes @ 11:59 PM

February 9, 2024Portal Opens for Applications

February 29, 2024Application 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

