

## *Soroptimist International of Kansas City Funding Criteria*

*2024-2025*

### **Mission Statement**

We seek to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. We are committed to helping women have an equal voice in their communities worldwide.

### **Funding Criteria**

Projects funded by SIKC should meet the following objective:

- to improve the lives of **women and girls** in the Kansas City metropolitan area;

### **Grants must**

- demonstrate a meaningful human service improving the lives of women and girls
- **focus on a specific need** within your organization which will have a lasting effect on your clients
- not be used for administrative funds or operating budget, including salaries or capital campaigns.

### **Required Documentation**

This documentation must be submitted with your grant application. If any of the following documentation is not submitted with your grant proposal, it will be disqualified.

- Membership list of your board of directors
- Copy of your most recent IRS tax exemption letter (501 (c) 3)
- One of the following: an annual report, a newsletter, or a brochure
- A copy of your most recent annual financial statement.
- If a grant was awarded to your organization in the previous year, a Grant Year Reporting Form is due back to SI Kansas City by November 18, 2024. It is to include documentation as to how the award recipient participated in the annual SIKC fundraiser and proof of event publication. Your organization's newsletter or proof should be sent to the SIKC website at [serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org](mailto:serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org) This form can be found on the SIKC website.

### **Grant Recipient Expectations**

Award recipients are expected to participate in any Soroptimist Kansas City annual fundraising event. Participation can include:

- Volunteer the day of the event
- Publicize the event in newsletters and/or website

Additionally, each recipient organization is expected to add the Soroptimist logo to its website (furnished upon request))

## **Application Procedure**

Send an email to [serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org](mailto:serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org) with your grant application and all required documentation.

## **Timeline**

- January 27, 2025 - Applications and additional documentation must be received via email sent to [serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org](mailto:serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org).
- February - Committee will review applications
- March – Grant recipients determined
- April – Grant applicants notified of results
- May 21, 2025 - Grants will be awarded at our Celebration of Service Dinner (we expect a representative of each organization receiving an award to attend at our cost)
- November 18, 2025 - Grant reporting due to SIKC

Any questions, please call Norma McKelvy (816)-918-2608