

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT EMPOWHER INSTITUTE NEW EXPERIENCES GRANT

Proposals due February 14, 11:59p.m. PT

The mission of EmpowHer Institute is to empower girls and young women in marginalized communities by giving them the skills necessary through education, training, and mentorship, to become confident, college, and career-ready.

We envision a world where every girl is provided the opportunities and resources to: Embrace the power of her voice; make informed decisions about her body and her future; break cycles of generational poverty, and contribute to the creation of an equitable society.

The EmpowHer Youth Advisory Board was established to ensure EmpowHer Institute's continued success through youth leadership. Through a partnership with the Frieda C. Fox Foundation, our Youth Advisory Board is exploring the importance of philanthropy. We will be awarding mini-grants to nonprofit organizations serving youth in Los Angeles County.

Request for Proposals

The EmpowHer Youth Advisory Board (YAB) invites you to apply for its inaugural New Experiences Grant. Through a competitive application process, YAB will make eight (8) grant awards of \$5,000 each to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving youth of any age between 8 - 20 years old from marginalized communities.

The New Experiences Grant will support projects offering hands-on learning experiences and new opportunities for youth from marginalized communities. Examples might include, but are not limited to: college tours; swim lessons for non-swimmers; cultural field trips; volunteering at an animal shelter; a youth-engaging conference; STEAM activities; or creative arts activities. Experiences must be fun, unique, interactive, inspire, and teach a new skill or provide exposure to careers/opportunities.

While all applications will be considered, preference will be given to nonprofit organizations with a budget of \$1,000,000 or less. Matching funds are not required.

Grant requests are up to \$5,000 and applicants must be:

- A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing youth leadership programming in Los Angeles County (fiscally sponsored organizations may also apply)
- At least 75% of youth served must be from marginalized communities: (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, low income, foster youth, girls, etc.)
- Available for a virtual visit on Saturday, February 24 and/or Saturday, March 2

Successful projects will:

- Expose youth/young adults to a new, immersive, hands-on, creative/visual/artistic, or educational experience/activity
- Be completed no later than December 2024

We will generally not fund:

- Projects or programs that fall outside the scope underlined in the description above
- Projects or programs serving adults over the age of 20
- Organizations outside of Los Angeles County
- Political campaigns and lobbying efforts
- Grants or scholarships to individuals
- Fundraising events
- General operating funds

Important Dates:

- January 22, 2024: Grant Application opens
- February 14: Grant Application Deadline at 11:59pm
- February 24: Virtual interviews with first half of semi-finalists
- March 2: Virtual interviews with second half of semi-finalists
- March 15: Finalists receive notice of award via email
- April 12: Finalists receive awards at the EmpowHer Girls to Greatness Teen Summit

How To Apply

A maximum of a four pages total to include (in the order written below):

- a cover sheet on your company letterhead
- a two-page written proposal (12 pt font, single spaced)
- a detailed project budget (no longer than one page)

(ALL MUST BE IN ONE PDF ATTACHMENT. PROPOSALS WITH MULTIPLE ATTACHMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED)

Submit proposals to: YAB@empowher.org

Cover Sheet Must Include:

- Be on company letterhead and signed by the Executive Director
- Name of organization
- Organization's website
- Name of Project
- One-two sentence description/overview of project
- Your Organization's Mission/Vision

- Contact Person's name, email, and phone number
- Organization's FEIN

Proposal must clearly include the following:

- What project/activity you are proposing to do
- The demographics (age, race, gender, etc) of the youth your project/activity will serve
- The number of youth you plan to serve in our project/activity
- A brief description of your organization and its overall programs and services (no more than one short paragraph)
- What time period within the year you plan to launch your program/activity and when you expect it to be complete. All projects/activities must be completed by December 31, 2024.

Budget Guidelines - Indirect must not exceed 20%.

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