

# Chicago Community Grant Salon

## GRANT APPLICATION

The Chicago Community Grant Program Salon is a regular dinner occurring in Chicago dedicated to uplifting community programs. Prospective grantees submit proposals to us 1 month prior to the Salon, and submissions are reviewed by the Selection Committee. Among all the applicants, 2-4 are selected to give a brief presentation at the Salon. A representative must be available to present at the Salon in order to be eligible for the grant, on the evening of 6 June 2024.

This program engages grassroots programs being run in Chicago, or by Chicagoans. Microgrants will help fund community projects that engage residents, produce direct action, create collaborations between different groups, and creatively tackle problems. We are looking to fund programs that have a clear civic and service-oriented goal and are direct in their ability to work with and create positive change for the greater Chicago community. Microgrants can be used for sustainable projects such as a neighborhood garden project, purchasing extra supplies for a children's art program, helping fund a community library, or your unique idea!

The Salon is open to the public, and a \$5-\$20 sliding scale donation is requested. After hearing the presentations, attendees will vote for the project they believe most deserves to be awarded a micro-grant of up to \$3,000. After the voting, everyone gathers together to eat dinner and connect with other amazing Chicagoans who care about their community. After dinner, the votes are tallied, and the grant recipient is announced.

The CCGS is committed to strengthening our region by funding grassroots activism across a spectrum of causes. In the past we've funded the creation of community gardens, arts outreach programs, and tool libraries, to name but a few. The funds for these grants are raised by the Burning Man community here in Chicago, but the CCGS is not affiliated with the Burning Man organization. This application is a living document that will help us to understand your organization and the specific project you are seeking to fund.

Please briefly answer all the following questions, and email the results back to us at [chicagograntsalon@gmail.com](mailto:chicagograntsalon@gmail.com).

What is your project's name?

If you are awarded a grant, how should the check be addressed?

What is/are your name/names?

What is your Phone Number?

What is your Email Address?

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Names of other key team members (optional)

What is your organizations website, if you have one?

What geographic locations will your project serve? Be specific

Is this project new or is it ongoing?

Project start and end dates (if applicable)

What is your tax-exempt status?

What is your FEIN, if you have one?

What is your entire organization's annual budget?

Has your organization received other private grants in the past? If so, please list them:

Now, we'd like for you to tell us about the specific project you're requesting funding for. What is your project, and what are you trying to accomplish? (3-4 sentences):

What is your plan to make the project happen? (Please be as detailed as possible and include any plans for project sustainability if ongoing):

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How many years do you expect to need funding?

We generally can only fund one year of a project. If your project is multi-year, how will you fund it in subsequent years?

If the CCGS can only partially grant your funding request, how will you raise the balance?

What is the requested total budget for this project (including ALL sources)?

What is the request amount of funds from the CCGS?

Please provide a line-item requested budget for CCGS funds (feel free to add or subtract lines as needed):

Budget Period:	(Date starting – Date Ending)	
Line Item		TOTAL
<b>Personnel (Name)</b>	<b>Title</b>	
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Equipment (Description)</b>	<b>Units @ Price</b>	
		0
<b>Total Equipment</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Supplies (Description)</b>	<b>Units @ Price</b>	
<b>Total Supplies</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Other (Description)</b>		
		0
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>		<b>0</b>

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Who will benefit from your project's success, and in what way?

How will you gauge the success of your project?

You or a person affiliated with your organization must be able to present a 5-10 minute audio/visual presentation at the 6 June salon which will be held from 6-9pm at 1325 S. Wabash Avenue. Who will be presenting?

Are there opportunities for CCGS community members to get involved or volunteer with your project?

How did you find out about the CCGS Program?

Is there anything else you would like us to know? Is there anything else you would like us to tell you?