

League of Women Voters of Amherst Civic Action Grant Application

See a connection between your public policy work and ours? The League of Women Voters of Amherst invites you to apply for a **Civic Action Grant**.

Purpose: The League of Women Voters of Amherst (LWVA) is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League studies issues, and if there is member consensus, it adopts positions. These positions are traditionally grouped into four program areas: Representative Government, Natural Resources, Social Policy and (at the national level) International Relations. They form the basis for the League's advocacy in matters of public policy.

Before you apply please familiarize yourself with the LWVA Program book. Grants will only be considered if they are directly related to a program we have studied and adopted. You can see our program book here: <https://www.lwvamherst.org/sites/default/files/2018ProgramBook.pdf>. No grants will be given to support a political party or candidates for office.

Grant applications will also be accepted that address the action priorities of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts which are outlined online at <https://lwvma.org/>

Applicants: Applications will be accepted from members of the League of Women Voters of Amherst, non-profit organizations, students, and other individuals.

Funding the program: \$5,000 has been allocated for the year 2020. Individual grants will not exceed \$1,000. Future funding is subject to annual budgeting for Community Services.

Application deadline: The LWVA reviews grant applications on a rolling basis. The grant review committee reserves the right to request more information to clarify your grant application. You will be notified within 60 days of your application, and you must accept or decline the grant within one week of notification.

Follow up: If you receive this funding you must be willing to provide a short report for LWVA to use in their publications and promotions, both before your launch and after the project is completed. Photos are appreciated and must be accompanied by a release for the LWVA to use the image in print or online publications. This report must be done within a month of your project completion. Please give credit to the League of Women Voters of Amherst on all published material. Suggested statement: *This event [or program] was funded [in part] by the League of Women Voters of Amherst.*

For more information about the application process, contact Ann Kieser at akieser1@yahoo.com.

APPLICATION FORM

- 1) Organization or Applicant Name
Are you a member of the League of Women Voters of Amherst?
- 2) Contact person's name
- 3) Address
- 4) Phone
- 5) Email
- 6) We give grants for \$100 to \$1000 dollars. Amount requested?
- 7) In 400 words or less please describe:
 - a. What your project is and how it relates to one or more of our programs.
 - b. What project outcome are you hoping for?
 - c. What audience are you hoping to reach?
- 8) Specifically how will you use the grant money requested in your application? Please include a detailed budget and a timeline for your project.
- 9) If the total project costs more than you are requesting, what will be your other sources of funding?
- 10) Is there anything else you think we should know about your project?

Please review your application and mail to LWV Amherst, att. Ann Kieser, P.O. Box 2372, Amherst, MA 01004. Send questions to akieser1@yahoo.com