

## 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 at [www.lwvamherst.org/sites/default/files/2018ProgramBook.pdf](http://www.lwvamherst.org/sites/default/files/2018ProgramBook.pdf). The League's program consists of those issues that the League has chosen for study and action at the national, state or local level. Grants will be considered only if they are directly related to our program. No grants will be given to support a political party or candidates for office. Grant applications that address the action priorities of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, outlined at [lwvma.org](http://lwvma.org), will also be considered.

**Applicants:** During the 2020 pilot project year, preference will be given to applications from members of the League of Women Voters of Amherst.

**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.

**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, publication...] 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](mailto:akieser1@yahoo.com). You may also complete this application on line at [www.lwvamherst.org/CivicActionGrantApplication](http://www.lwvamherst.org/CivicActionGrantApplication).

**Mail to: LWV Amherst, att. Ann Kieser, P.O. Box 2372, Amherst, MA 01004**

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Organization or Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the League of Women Voters of Amherst? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

### Contact information

Contact person's name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred contact \_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_ phone

### Project and budget

Project description (400 words maximum)

- (a) your project and how it relates to our program
- (b) the project outcomes you are hoping for
- (c) the audience you are hoping to reach.

Amount requested (grants of \$100 to \$1000 are available) \_\_\_\_\_

How will you use the grant money? Please include a detailed budget and a timeline for your project. You may provide an attachment with this information.

Other sources of funding, if the total project costs more than you are requesting

Is there anything else you think we should know about your project?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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