Golden Isles ACT Grant Guidelines



OUR MISSION

To support the work of nonprofit organizations in the Golden Isles community through financial gifts, and to educate our members about local issues and the needs of the community.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Education
- Community Building

- Health & Safety
- At-Risk Families and Children

Women's Issues

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Qualifying tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply for grants consistent with Golden Isles ACT funding priorities.
- Applicants must have obtained a 501(c)(3) determination letter prior to making an application.
- If the applicant is not required to hold 501(c)(3) status, it must provide a copy of an IRS letter or a legal opinion certifying that the applicant is a public charity described in Section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3).
- Applicants must provide service primarily in Glynn County, Georgia.

WHAT DOES GOLDEN ISLES ACT FUND?

Golden Isles ACT will consider single-year grant applications that focus on the organization's funding priorities. Proposals should meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Address a critical need in our community,
- Provide a creative solution(s) to time-worn problems, or
- Represent strategic investments in capacity building for established nonprofits. Examples of previous grant projects funded by Golden Isles ACT are available on the website at <u>www.GoldenIslesACT.org</u>.

Funding projects must be completed within the funding year.

WHAT IS NOT FUNDED?

- Organizations without a local Board of Directors
- Individuals
- Endowments
- Capital Campaigns
- Political Campaigns

- Religious groups for religious purposes
- Event Sponsorship
- Historic Preservation
- Animals
- General Operating Support

GRANT SIZE:

Golden Isles ACT annually supports one grant for \$50,000 with this application. Organizations may submit one application per year. Current recipients of the grant are required to wait one year before reapplying.

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Completed applications are due by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 22 of each year. Grant applications are only accepted by email between December 1 and January 22. As part of this application process, site visits will be conducted by the Grant Committee prior to making a final decision.

Nonprofits wishing to apply should download and complete the grant application found on the website at <u>www.GoldenIslesACT.org</u>. The application and required attachments should be submitted as one (1) PDF file to <u>info@GoldenIslesACT.org</u>. Please list the subject of your email as "ACT GRANT – *your organization name.*"

GRANT NOTIFICATION

Grant award letters (and declination letters) and grant agreements will be sent in mid-April, specifying the award, reporting requirements, and restrictions. The grantee will be asked to make a brief presentation to the membership in April. Once the signed grant agreement is received from the grantee, the check will be awarded in the fiscal year based on your project start date.

QUESTIONS?

Questions regarding the grant application process can be submitted using the CONTACT US page on the website at www.GoldenIslesACTorg or by sending an email to info@GoldenIslesACT.org.