



The Queen's Court, Inc.

Dear Service Organizations and Non-Profits,

January 19, 2026

For sixty-seven years, The Queen's Court, Inc. has honored women's volunteerism in Pinellas County. The annual Queen of Hearts Ball is our only all-volunteer fundraising event and is held every February. Over \$2,750,000 has been raised to support a variety of charitable, cultural and educational organizations.

The Queen's Court is now accepting competitive grant applications from area non-profits for the 2027 Ball. The entity that is applying for consideration must have 501© 3 status and regularly file a 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. The organization's headquarters must be located and do business in Pinellas County or benefit individuals in Pinellas County. Two (2) non-profit organizations will be chosen at our annual meeting in April 2026 and will share the proceeds of the Ball held in February 2027.

Applicants must not have any fundraisers within a one-month period before or after the Queen of Hearts Ball. If you have any questions regarding this criterion, please contact me to discuss this before applying. The Queen's Court has the option of withdrawing funding or providing reduced funding if your organization is chosen and a fundraiser is scheduled during that time. This criterion is in place because we request your full participation in the Ball as follows:

- Board membership support with attendance
- Assistance in sponsorship efforts
- Promotion of the Ball to your membership via eblasts, mailings, social media, etc.
- Providing appropriate Live or Silent Auction items (minimum 1 item with a value of at least \$100)
- Providing volunteer support on the day of and evening of the Ball (minimum 6 volunteers)

Accompanying this letter is a two-page Grant Request Application. Please follow the sheet of instructions included. Your organization is not eligible for this grant if it has received proceeds from the Queen's Court in the past five (5) years. The application must be received by mail on or before March 31, 2026.

All applications and other information need to be mailed to:

Mary L. Shuh
The Queen's Court, Inc.
300 Beach Drive N.E. #2303
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

If you have any questions, please contact me at vicepresident@queenofheartsball.org or (727) 709-8161.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Shuh

Mary L. Shuh, Vice President
The Queen's Court, Inc.