



Dear Eligible Nonprofit Organizations (501(c)(3)) in Pinellas County,

For over 98 years, the St. Petersburg Women's Chamber of Commerce (WCC) has championed women's volunteerism, supported women-owned businesses, and contributed to the betterment of our community in Pinellas County.

The Women's Chamber is dedicated to supporting our community by raising funds and providing volunteer assistance to local 501(c)(3) organizations whose missions align with charitable, educational, and cultural enrichment. Each year, we select one or more deserving nonprofits through our grant program to be beneficiaries of our annual #inspiHER fundraiser, providing financial support as well as increased visibility within the community.

The St Petersburg Women's Chamber of Commerce is now accepting grant applications from area non-profits for our #inspiHER 2026 Fundraiser.

To be Eligible:

- The organization must have an active 501(c)(3) status and regularly file a Form 990 with the IRS.
- The organization's headquarters must be in Pinellas County and all business should be conducted within Pinellas.
- Must have been a registered 501C3 Nonprofit for 3 years and up to date.

If selected as a 2026 Grant Recipient, we expect the organization to support the WCC in the following ways:

- Attend at least three (3) monthly WCC luncheons to engage with our membership and provide updates. (Membership Luncheons occur on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 1:00 pm.)
- Encourage board member participation at meetings and events.
- Assist in securing sponsorships for the #inspiHER Fundraiser.
- Promote the #inspiHER fundraiser to your members via email, mailings, and social media.
- Provide at least one live or silent auction item with a minimum value of \$100.
- Provide two volunteers to assist at the event.
- Refrain from hosting any major fundraising events within 30 days before or after the WCC's #inspiHER 2026 Annual Fundraiser in May.



What You Can Expect from Us

The St. Petersburg Women's Chamber of Commerce is committed to being a true partner to the organization selected through our grant program. As a beneficiary, you can expect:

- **A monetary donation in June 2026**, following the success of our annual fundraiser.
- **Increased visibility and promotion** of your organization through our monthly meetings, newsletters, and social media platforms.
- **Dedicated newsletter features and social media spotlights**, including a "Grantee Spotlight" with your mission, logo, and key programs.
- **Promotion of your upcoming events and initiatives** to our membership and wider audience.
- **Opportunities to speak or be featured** during our Chamber luncheons and meetings.
- **Volunteer support** from Chamber members who may wish to engage with your mission directly.
- **Cross-promotion opportunities**, including shared social posts and a chance for limited guest posting or “takeovers” on our platforms.

We believe in building relationships that last beyond the fundraiser—and we look forward to working with a nonprofit that shares our passion for service and community impact.

Accompanying this letter is the Grant Request Application. The application must be received on or before August 1, 2025. If you need more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact: **Darden Rice** at wccstpete@gmail.com



Grant Application

- Applications are due August 1, 2025
- All applicants will be notified no later than September 12, 2025.
- **Include the following in your Application Package:**
 - A cover letter with any other pertinent information pertaining to your request
 - Organization's 501(c)3 Letter of Determination from the IRS
 - Most recent IRS Form 990
 - Organization or Project Brochure

Organization Information

- Organization mission statement.
- Brief history of the organization.
- Overview of current programs and activities.
- Key accomplishments in the last three years.
- IRS EIN number.
- Board of Directors members
- List key staff involved in the Proposed Project
- Current operating budget.
- List any current government or other pending grants with amounts as well as other sources of funding.

Grant Proposal Details

- Statement of Need (what problem are you solving?)
- Description of Target Population (including demographics)
- Project Purpose and Objectives
- Proposed Timeline
- Plan for Project Sustainability
- Total Project Budget
- Project Start Date and Duration
- Amount of Grant Requested

Evaluation and Impact

- Measurable Outcomes and Expected Timeline
- How will the impact of the project be evaluated and reported?



Applicant Contact Information

- Contact Name and Title with organization
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Website
- Operating Address
- Social Media Handles

Questions? Contact:

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Submit Applications by Email or Mail:

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Disclaimers

Affiliation with the St. Petersburg Women's Chamber of Commerce—whether through membership, board participation, or volunteer involvement—will not influence the grant selection process. All applications are reviewed and evaluated solely on merit, mission alignment, and the potential impact of the proposed project. We encourage all eligible nonprofits to apply, regardless of their existing connections to the Chamber.

The St. Petersburg Women's Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to terminate its partnership with a selected grantee due to mitigating circumstances. These may include, but are not limited to, failure to fulfill agreed-upon obligations, engagement in unlawful or unethical behavior, or any action that may damage the reputation or integrity of the Chamber. In such cases, the Chamber may rescind the grant or withhold funding as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.