Women's Giving Circle

Grant Proposal Submission Cover Sheet

College and Unit: J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences; Dept. of Sociology

Title of proposal: Omni UA Needs Assessment

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Total amount requested: $ 1200.00

SIGNED*

Director of Development Date

Dean/Vice Chancellor Date

****Must be signed by the director of development for your college/school/unit who will then route to the dean or vice chancellor for approval.***

Women's Giving Circle Grant Application

Instructions:

1. Complete all information in the grant proposal application.
2. Adhere to recommended text limits as indicated
3. Define any acronyms that are used in the proposal.
4. Upload the WGC Grant Application Budget Request Sheet as the final page of this application.
5. Please note that the WGC will not accept repeat applications beyond more than two consecutive years.
6. If you have questions, contact your unit's development officer for any clarifications or assistance in preparing your proposal.
7. Applications are due to the Women's Giving Circle by 5:00 p.m., May 15, Monday. Please deliver your application to your dean or development officer for review and approval prior to the submission deadline. We advise you to give these individuals sufficient time to make recommendations for changes and allow yourself time to execute them.
8. Remember to save a copy of your proposal before final submission.
9. We ask that you keep the following aspects of the Women's Giving Circle grant program in mind as you complete your application:

Women's Giving Circle Mission

To support innovative programs and research at the University of Arkansas

Women's Giving Circle Vision

To engage and empower women as philanthropic leaders at the University of Arkansas

Women's Giving Circle Funding Priorities

Support and promote scholarship, research, and service
Enrich the quality of life of women and children
Encourage outreach and engagement in Arkansas

Areas that meet the strategic priorities for the university and the WGC

- Focus on retention/graduation
- Increase undergraduate opportunities, i.e., building the endowment; involving students in research or service learning project with a collaborative bent
- Promote graduate student participation in research
- Focus on collaboration
- Follow the land grant mission to fund projects that support needs in the region and the state with emphasis on collaboration between colleges/departments/units
- Invest in faculty excellence
- Recruit first-generation students from Arkansas
- Advance the mission of the WGC

Identifying Information:

College or Unit Affiliation

Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences
Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design
J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences
Sam M. Walton College of Business
College of Education and Health Professions
College of Engineering
Honors College
Graduate School and International Education
School of Law
Student Affairs
University Libraries
Other

*Please specify **OTHER** unit affiliation:* _____

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Project Summary (200 word maximum)

The Omni Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology actively educates, empowers and connects people to build a nonviolent, sustainable and just world. The Omni Center has operated a University of Arkansas registered student organization since 2006. The faculty advisor for the Omni UA organization is Dr. Karen Madison. Omni UA has accomplished many important goals such as the PeaceFest that occurred for 3 years (2006-2008) at the University, drawing together many diverse groups of the UA student body. Additionally, many local groups reflecting the Omni Center's primary goals were represented at the PeaceFest. The Omni Center now perceives the need to better support issues of social and environmental justice for University of Arkansas students throughout their college experience. The Omni Center is uniquely qualified to support this need. This project is a study to determine what UA students and faculty consider to be the most important social and environmental justice issues to date. Findings of this project will be used to provide UA students educational support resources at the University of Arkansas, the Omni Center, and within the local community.

Is this:

- ○ an expansion of a current program
- ◉ a new program

Please list media sites (if any) utilized by your project or program to publicize the project/program, i.e., website, social media, etc?

1. Omni Center newsletter
2. Omni Center website
3. Omni Center social media
4. Omni Center sponsored radio station KPSQ (Fm 97; KPSQ.org)

If your project is funded, describe innovative ways how the WGC will be recognized in the success/completion of your project?

The University of Arkansas Women's Giving Circle will be acknowledged in future references to the developing program. Acknowledgment will be on the Omni Center website, social media and in the Omni Center's weekly newsletter. Additionally, the University of Arkansas Women's Giving Circle will be acknowledged on the KPSQ (FM 97.3).

Grant Proposal

What is the specific scholarly or community needs your grant request addresses? (100 word maximum)

Over several years Omni UA has observed that UA students concerned with social and environmental justice have needs not currently being met by other UA RSO's. This study will clarify areas of need that Omni UA can address. Of particular concern are low-income, minority and under-served University of Arkansas students. These University of Arkansas students could greatly benefit from a student organization that engages issues across cultures. In addition, the study will help identify University of Arkansas faculty willing to engage in support of progressive students by sharing their knowledge, expertise and connections.

How does your proposed project or program assess how these needs will be redressed? *(100 word maximum)*

The project will collect demographics (students and faculty) concerned with progressive issues and determine what they consider to be the most important social and environmental issues to date. Dr. Holyfield will conduct the on-line survey (Survey Monkey) and work directly with a funded graduate student to prepare a report to both the OMNI Center and the Women's Giving Circle. Once students and faculty are identified and issues of concern are ranked, focus groups will be conducted to inform educational projects and events for UA students. These will be developed and implemented by OMNI UA.

Describe any unique and/or innovative aspects of your project or program that improves what is already known about your area of inquiry. *(100 word maximum)*

To date there is no data reflecting the percentage of University of Arkansas students/faculty who are concerned with issues congruent with the OMNI mission for peace, justice and ecology. This study is unique and should inform both OMNI UA and the University community on potential educational opportunities and campus events for students.

Please list up to five (5) expected outputs and outcomes with corresponding measurements. (Please note: just listing outputs is not sufficient.)

This study will determine the percentage of self-identified progressive students and faculty on campus. In addition, the survey will ask respondents to rank a series of current social and environmental justice issues. Finally, the survey will identify those faculty interested in engaging with students on current justice issues. Findings will provide a ranking of the most important concerns among UA students and faculty. The results will inform OMNI UA implementation of out-reach programs, service-learning opportunities and events for the campus community. Future research will include a follow-up survey to assess the success of implementation of programs and sponsored events and will inform future programs for UA students.

Document if there are other programs/projects that attempt to address the same needs as your proposal. If so, describe whether and how you will collaborate with them.*(100-word maximum)*

The Omni UA group is a unique progressive program on campus. Identifying faculty and students should lead to campus-wide events and service-learning opportunities. Collaboration with diverse groups is a major strength of the Omni Center. Currently, the Omni Center actively collaborates with the following organizations: the Citizen's Climate Lobby, the Arkansas Public Policy Panel, Citizens First Congress, the Workers Justice Center, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Unitarian Universalist Church of Fayetteville, Unity of Fayetteville, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Tricycle Farm, Seeds that Feed, Transition NWA, EcoFeminist Study and Action, Civil Rights Roundtable, and the ACLU.

Demographic Considerations

First generation students engaged in the project: ◉ Yes ○ No

Number of current UA students engaged in the project:

Geographic region served:

- ◉ Northwest Arkansas
- ○ Southwest Arkansas
- ○ Northeast Arkansas
- ○ Southeast Arkansas
- ○ Central Arkansas
- ○ Campus

Budgetary Considerations

Have you received WGC Funding before?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

Please provide the year(s) and project name(s).

2008 “Experiencing War Series: Arkansas Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan” $15,235 requested University of Arkansas, Women’s Giving Circle, $7,500 Funded

Total proposed budget for project or program: (proposed budgets of more than $20K will not be considered; in typical years WGC proposals fall within in the $5-10K range):
$ 1,300.00

Should match Item 1 on Budget Request sheet.

Please list total funding commitments from external or campus sources to date:
$ 100

Should match Item 2 on Budget Request sheet.

How much, if any, of your request involves funding for the following?

Please estimate using percentages

Student Compensation: 100 %
Equipment: 0 %

Total funds requested from WGC Grant:
$ 1,200.00

Should match Item 3 on Budget Request sheet.

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If this survey is funded it will result in a much larger project of student support that will be funded by grants from several different sources.

In the rare case that grant resources cannot be expended, be prepared to return the remaining funds to WGC.

If selected as a recipient for a WGC grants, you will be required to submit two progress reports, including a budget summary, as well as a poster of your project for purposes of grant presentation.

Please be sure to save this document within the Grant Application Packet.