



American Medical Women's Association
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**American Women's Hospitals Service
COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

The American Women's Hospitals Service (AHWS) is a pioneering organization whose mission is to fund care for the medically underserved with special interest in programs that meet the needs of women and children. Its secondary mission is the advancement of women in the medical profession as physicians and ancillary health workers. The AWHS mobilizes the skills and experience of its clinical and non-clinical members to work within the greater global community to provide service, education and solidarity across neighborhoods and international borders. We are devoted to fostering sustainable and innovative programs that will inspire individuals and make a difference for communities in need.

In support of our mission, the AWHS **Community-Based Project Grants** provide funding for expenses up to \$500 for medical students, residents, and physicians demonstrating commitment to a project aimed at helping a community in need. Projects must focus on one or more AHWS funding priorities: empowerment or advancement of women; improving health care access for underserved populations; and quality improvement of services in rural and/or urban underserved areas. Funds are distributed three times annually (application deadlines: January 5, May 5, September 5).

ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must be a full National Student, Resident, or Physician Member of AMWA
- The applicant must convincingly demonstrate the proposed project addresses a defined need for a specified community, with particular focus on women and children
- The applicant must demonstrate willingness to participate in the AWHS committee upon project completion to help mentor other AMWA members (highly encouraged but not required); applicants are also encouraged to attend the AMWA annual conference to present their work.

Applicants will also be asked to pay a one-time, nonrefundable \$10 processing fee.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated according to how well the proposed project addresses the following focus areas:

- Impact of the project on the advancement or empowerment of women (2 points)
- Impact of the project on the community (2 points)
- Assistance to rural or urban underserved populations (2 points)
- Community involvement (2 points)
- Educational outreach (2 points)
- Programmatic sustainability (2 points)

The committee also takes into consideration prior duration/degree of involvement with AMWA and commitment to ongoing involvement with AWHS.