

# Girl Scout Impact Fund

The Girl Scout Impact Fund, sponsored by Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons (GSDH), is a funding opportunity designed to support innovative community-based projects and initiatives by service units that create positive change in local communities. This fund aims to empower service units and their members by providing financial support to foster community development.

**This fund is aimed to support service unit events and must be requested by an elected service unit volunteer.**

## Eligibility

- Project or event must take place within GSDH council geography.
- Project or event must be Girl Scout-led.
  - Service units can partner with other organizations, but Girl Scouts must be the primary organizer.
  - Money should be used for event supplies only.
- Girl involvement must be a top priority.
- Service units can only receive one grant per Girl Scout year.
- Grant request must be submitted eight (8) weeks prior to event date.

## Grant Amount

Grants can range from \$50-\$200, depending on the scope of the proposed project.

## Focus Areas

- Environmental conservation and sustainability
- Youth development and education
- Health and wellness
- Community service and outreach
- Social justice and advocacy

## Examples

- Neighborhood clean up
- Plant trees in your local park
- Charity walk
- Organize a riverbed or stream clean up

## Responsibilities of GSDH and of Service Unit

### Service Unit (SU)

- [Submit an application](#) eight (8) weeks prior to event date
- Application must be submitted by SU elected volunteer
- If accepted, SU must be willing and available to participate in any needed media coverage of event
- After the event is concluded, SU must provide a written recap of the event with pictures and a quote from a Girl Scout who participated within one week.

### GSDH

- To review applications and respond to SUs in a timely manner.
- Provide approved scholarship funds to SUs prior to SUs event.
- Share story with local media outlets and promote on social media/GSDH website.

**By supporting projects that align with the Girl Scouts' mission of fostering leadership, community engagement, and social responsibility, the Girl Scout Impact Fund helps create a ripple effect of positive change, empowering service units and strengthening communities.**