

Request for Proposal (RFP) – Teen Impact Jersey Coast Grant

Overview

Teen Impact Jersey Coast, a group of high school girls dedicated to supporting youth in Monmouth and Ocean counties, is excited to announce our grant opportunity. While our membership drive will run until December 31, we anticipate awarding a grant in the range of \$5,000-\$10,000 to a nonprofit organization serving youth in our communities. This is a general operating grant and will be awarded at The Big Give event on Sunday June 7th.

Grant Eligibility Requirements

To apply, your organization must:

- Be a **501(c)(3) public charity** with tax-exempt status (501c3 private foundations are not eligible).
- Have been in operation as a 501(c)(3) public charity for at least 12 months
- Provide youth services in **Monmouth and/or Ocean counties**.
- Not have received a grant from Impact 100 Jersey Coast or Teen Impact Jersey Coast in the last 3 years.

What We Fund

We are interested in nonprofit organizations that:

- Provide services addressing youth-related issues in Monmouth and/or Ocean counties.
- Are working to improve the lives of young people (infant to 18 years old).

What We Do Not Fund

- Debt reduction, operating deficits, or interim funding
- Endowment funding
- Private foundations (501c3 PF) or individuals
- Religious or partisan activities, political lobbying
- Fundraising events or annual appeals
- Organizations that have received a grant from Impact 100 Jersey Coast or Teen Impact in the last 3 years

Grant Application Limit

To make sure we can review all applications carefully and fairly, we're limiting the number of grant applications to **40**. This gives us enough time to go through each one, choose finalists, and visit organizations. We appreciate your understanding as we set this limit to help us learn and do a great job in the process!

Application Process & Timeline

- **Application Deadline:** January 15, 2026, or when 40 applications are received.
- **Finalist Notification:** By mid-March.
- **Site Visits:** Finalists will be invited to host a site visit in late March/early April.

- **Voting & Award Announcement:** Finalists present at the “Big Give” event on **June 7, 2026**, where members will vote and the grant recipient will be announced.

How to Apply

- To access detailed instructions and the application, please visit our website: <https://impact100jerseycoast.org/teen-impact-grants/>
- Submit your application by **noon on January 15, 2026**, or before the maximum application limit (40) is reached. We will provide updates on social media about the number of remaining spots.

Thank you for your dedication to supporting youth in Monmouth and Ocean counties. We look forward to learning about your work!

Sincerely,

The young women of Teen Impact Jersey Coast

PS- Below please find some Tips and Tricks based on our experience during the grant review last year.

TIPS & TRICKS

for grant applicants



1. Please be sure to clearly explain throughout the application questions how you impact youth in your community.
2. Make sure to highlight the specific programs/goals in your organization that would be funded by the grant.
3. Proofreading is VERY important. Please consider having someone or multiple people from your team look over your application before submitting.
4. AI is not perfect. If using AI, please be thoughtful. We want to hear YOUR voice!
5. We noticed among applications in the past that more details = more conversation between girls at our Big Review. This will give you a better chance at becoming a finalist!

