**Soroptimist International of Kansas City Funding Criteria 2021-2022**

**Mission Statement**

We seek to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. We are committed to helping women have an equal voice in their communities worldwide.

**Funding Criteria**

Projects funded by SIKC should meet one of the following objectives:

* to improve the lives of women and girls in the Kansas City metropolitan area;
* to help children with special needs; or
* to help families in need with disaster relief and shelter.

**Grants must**

* demonstrate a meaningful human service improving the lives of women and girls
* focus on a specific need within your organization which will have a lasting effect on your clients
* not be used for administrative funds or operating budget.

**Required Documentation**

This documentation must be submitted with your grant application. If any of the following documentation is not submitted with your grant proposal, it will be disqualified.

* Membership list of your board of directors
* Copy of your most recent IRS tax exemption letter (501 (c) 3)
* One of the following: an annual report, a newsletter, or a brochure
* A copy of your most recent annual financial statement.
* If a grant was awarded to your organization in the previous year, a Grant Year Reporting Form is due back to SI Kansas City November 18, 2021. It is to include documentation as to how the award recipient participated in the annual SIKC fundraiser and proof of event publication. This form can be found on the SIKC website.

**Grant Recipient Expectations**Award recipients are expected to participate in the Soroptimist Kansas City annual fundraising event.
Participation can include:

* Volunteer the day of the event
* Publicize the event in newsletters and/or website

Additionally, each recipient organization is expected to.add the Soroptimist logo to website (furnished upon request))

**Application Procedure**

Send an email to serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org with your grant application and all required documentation.
*(See**page 2 for timeline)* **Timeline**

* November 22, 2021 - Applications and additional documentation must be received via email sent to serviceobjectives@kcsoroptimist.org.
* December 2021 - Committee will review applications
* January 2022 - Board will approve recommendations
* January 2022 - Club members will approve recommendations
* January 2022 – Soroptimist Kansas City Foundation will approve recommendations
* February 2022 - Grants will be awarded at our Celebration of Service (date to be determined)
* Grant reporting will be due back to SIKC November 18, 2022

Any questions, please call Kay Stewart @ 816-914-2060