



## 2025 NextGen Grantmakers Funding Proposal Questions

***Instructions:*** Please note that these questions are intended to be submitted through the online grant portal found under the NextGen Grantmakers section on Deaconess website:

<https://deaconess.org/funding-opportunities/>

### **Funding Overview**

NextGen Grantmakers, a Youth Participatory Grantmaking initiative in partnership with Vision for Children at Risk ([www.visionforchildren.org](http://www.visionforchildren.org)) is a youth-led and youth-serving grant opportunity designed to empower young people (10-24) by supporting initiatives that promote leadership, safety, mental well-being, and professional growth. This RFP invites youth-led or youth-serving projects to apply for up to \$20,000 of funding to support ideas that make a positive impact in their communities.

Priority will be given to proposals that develop safety programs for youth; address mental health, well-being, and emotional intelligence; and foster youth leadership and personal growth. Successful projects will be youth-led or meaningfully involve youth, create positive community change, demonstrate creativity and originality, promote equity and inclusion, and present realistic, achievable plans.

- Prospective applicants should serve youth in one or more of the following areas: the Greater St. Louis area (St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles, Jefferson, and Franklin County) and Illinois (Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair County).
- Projects should serve youth ages 10-24
- Applications will be reviewed by the Youth Advisory Board, which is comprised of young people ages 12-24
- **Applications are due by Friday, September 26th, 2025 at 11:59 pm.**
- If the applicant does not have a 501(c)(3) tax status, the applicant is eligible to apply with a fiscal sponsor.

***Listed below are the specific questions that are in the online portal for NextGen Grantmakers Funding Application.***

## **Applicant Information**

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Organization/Initiative:\*

Contact First Name:\*

Contact Last Name:\*

Email Address:\*

Mailing Address:\*

City:\*            State:\*            Zip code:\*

Phone Number:\*

Website:

Employer Identification Number (EIN) as shown on IRS Letter of Determination Letter:\*

*If you do not currently have a 501c3 IRS determination, you can denote an identified fiscal sponsor.*

If you are applying with a fiscal sponsor, please complete the following fields:

Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name:

Fiscal Sponsor Tax ID:

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Name:

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Email Address:

## **Impact Demographics**

*Please indicate the ages, genders and ethnicities of those you serve (select all that apply).*

Age Group:\*

- 10-13
- 14-18
- 19-21
- 22-24
- All Above
- Other

Gender:\*

- Female
- Male

- Non-binary
- Transgender
- Not disclosed
- Other

Ethnicity:\*

- Alaskan Native
- Asian American
- Black
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Multi-racial
- Native American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other

Please select the service area(s) of the organization/initiative:\*

- St. Louis City (MO)
- St. Louis County (MO)
- St. Charles County (MO)
- Jefferson County (MO)
- Franklin County (MO)
- Madison County (IL)
- Monroe County (IL)
- St. Clair County (IL)

### **Proposal Information**

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**(1) Of the funding priorities listed below, select which of these areas the organization/initiative provides services: (check all that apply)\***

- Youth Mental Health, Well-being & Emotional Intelligence
- Safety programming for youth (focuses on increasing overall safety & the feeling of safety within neighborhoods)
- Youth leadership development & personal growth programming
- Other

**(2) In addition to the service(s) selected above, are there other youth-serving services your organization/initiative provides? (optional)**

**(3) Based on the funding priorities identified above, share how the funds would be utilized.\* (500 word limit)**

**(4) Share the desired impact you expect to achieve as a result of successful implementation.\* (250 word limit)**

**(5) Share a detailed budget narrative.\* (250 word limit)**

**(6) Optional: Upload a copy of the budget**

*(acceptable file types: avi, bmp, doc, docx, gif, jpeg, jpg, mp3, mp4, mpeg, mpg, pdf, png, ppt, pptx, txt, wav, xls, xlsx, zip)*

*For questions related to the NextGen Grantmaker Initiative, please contact Jawana Hammonds, VCR Project Director at [jhammonds@visionforchildren.org](mailto:jhammonds@visionforchildren.org)*

*For technical assistance with completing this application via FormSite, please contact Jaylon Cal, Deaconess Foundation Program Manager, at [jalyonc@deaconess.org](mailto:jalyonc@deaconess.org).*