

Grant Application Information September 2011

The Westport Young Woman's League is a philanthropic organization of women committed to promoting a sense of community through volunteerism, social activities, and fundraising for local charities.

During the 2010-2011 League year, we disbursed approximately \$65,000 to 30 agencies. Our average grant award was \$1,500, and the median amount was \$1,200.

This year we will continue to focus our giving to charities in lower Fairfield County that have programs that support the basic daily needs of women and children as well as worthy organizations in Westport.

In the interests of efficiency and "going green," we encourage all applicants to submit their applications and accompanying attachments via email to wylwam@gmail.com.

For those unable to email their applications, we will of course continue to accept hard copies via mail. If you choose to send hard copies, please provide two (2) copies of the application, attachments and all other information submitted on behalf of your agency.

The application deadline is **Friday, November 18, 2011**. All applications must be received via email or postmarked by **November 18, 2011** or they will not be considered.

Completing this application promptly allows us ample time to fully research and process each application. In most cases, a League member will contact your organization in order to review your application. This process takes place from January through May. We will contact you regarding the status of your grant request in May 2012, and funds will be disbursed by June 30, 2012.

It is our policy that the funds we grant be used within one year of the time of disbursement (*i.e.*, grants made pursuant to the 2011 application should be expended by June 30, 2013).

As we are a fundraising organization, any public acknowledgement from you would be appreciated and will help us to maintain and increase our visibility within the community. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact Brandi Briggs or Peggy Sawala, Ways & Means Chairs, at wylwam@gmail.com. You can also reach Brandi at (303) 475-0734 or Peggy at (203) 887-7950.

We look forward to receiving your application.