2019-2020 Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls

Summary

This year, 23 projects were selected for Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls from a total of 53 proposals requesting $173,000 in funding. A task force of Region Program Chairs reviewed the proposals and recommended funding levels for those selected. The following projects were selected and awarded a total of $50,500.

The deadline to apply for the 2020-2021 Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls will be March 1, 2020. The application and guidelines are now available.

2019-2020 Club Recipients

SI/Central Jersey Coast, NJ (North Atlantic Region): $2,500, Dignity Part II
SI/Central Jersey Coast will address period poverty by providing feminine hygiene products to women and girls in need.

SI/Clovis, CA (Sierra Pacific Region): $2,000, Dream It, Be It
SI/Clovis will offer Dream It, Be It to girls participating in a special transition program offering additional support to at-risk students.

SI/Cubatao (Brazil Region): $2,500, Dream It, Be It
SI/Cubatao’s past Dream It, Be It projects have highlighted the need for girls to have access to computer courses to ensure their financial future.

SI/Goiania Cora Coralina (Brazil Region): $4,500, Fashion and Sewing School
SI/Goiania Cora Coralina will modernize their school for women by upgrading equipment to improve the quality of the program and increase opportunities for students to find jobs.

SI/Greater Victoria, BC (Western Canada Region): $1,000, Dream It, Be It
SI/Greater Victoria will provide Dream It, Be It to at-risk girls. They will use feedback from prior projects to improve the project.

SI/Gumaca (Philippines Region): $3,000, Gumaca Teen Center
SI/Gumaca will provide teenage girls a safe, comfortable and supportive place to improve their school performance, increase involvement with healthy activities and avoid risky behaviors.
SI/Ishinomaki-Sant-Juan (Japan Kita Region): $500, Housing Repair
SI/Ishinomaki-Sant-Juan will provide independent living for women graduating from a special needs high school. One woman's housing was damaged by the Great East Japan earthquake and is in need of repair.

SI/Kagoshima (Japan Minami Region): $2,500, Support for Victims of Sex Crimes
SI/Kagoshima will work with 11 other clubs to increase awareness of the support available to women who have been victims of sex crimes.

SI/Martinez, CA (Founder Region): $2,500, La Casa Ujima Project
SI/Martinez will partner with a local recovery program to provide support to women transitioning to sober living.

SI/Medford, OR (Northwestern Region): $1,500, Dream It, Be It
SI/Medford will focus on girls in a high school designed for students having difficulty staying in school.

SI/Miranda (America del Sur Region): $3,000, Training for Geriatric Caregivers
SI/Miranda will continue and improve their project to help women secure jobs by providing care for elderly people.

SI/Okanogan Valley, WA (Northwestern Region): $2,000, Dream It, Be It
SI/Okanogan Valley will work with a Girls Advisory Group to offer its first Dream It, Be It project to girls who are at risk of not completing high school.

SI/Porto Alegre (Brazil Region): $3,000, Transforming Lives
SI/Porto Alegre will provide training to help vulnerable women to understand their rights and enter the labor market.

SI/Rio Negro (Brazil Region): $2,000, Conceiving New Dreams
SI/Rio Negro will support pregnant teenagers and young mothers to continue their education and gain professional skills to achieve financial independence.

SI/Rio Vista, CA (Founder Region): $500, Dream It, Be It
SI/Rio Vista will continue their Dream It, Be It project with girls from an under-resourced high school.

SI/Sao Bento do Sul (Brazil Region): $2,500, Dream It, Be It
SI/Sao Bento do Sul will offer girls the Dream It, Be It curriculum plus sessions on self-defense, staying safe from violence and financial management.

SI/Snyder, Union and Northumberland Counties, Inc. (North Atlantic Region): $1,500, Dream It, Be It Conference
SI/Snyder, Union and Northumberland Counties, Inc. will expand their Dream It, Be It project by offering scholarships to girls completing the project and entering an essay contest.

SI/Tokyo-Sakura (Japan Higashi Region): $2,000, Dream It, Be It
SI/Tokyo-Sakura will partner with SI/Tokyo-Yayoi, SI/Tokyo-Komae and SI/Kwasai-Yuri to provide a Dream It, Be It project to girls living in an orphanage.
SI/Toms River Area, NJ (North Atlantic Region): $1,500, Dream It, Be It
SI/Toms River Area will build on past Dream It, Be It projects to offer the curriculum and additional sessions on topics such as academic growth and teen dating violence.

SI/Trenton Area, MI (Midwestern Region): $2,000, Dream It, Be It
SI/Trenton Area will provide its first Dream It, Be It project to girls in an underserved high school which recently cut its career awareness program.

SI/Tri Cities (The), BC (Western Canada Region): $4,000, Bea’s Kloset
SI/Tri Cities (The) will collect household items in their community for Bea’s Kloset, which is a free store for women and girls transitioning to life on their own. The participants shop for items they need.

SI/Vandalia, IL (South Central Region): $2,000, Soroptimist Skill Center for Trafficking Survivors
SI/Vandalia will restore a garage into a vocational skills training center to be used to educate, train, and empower human trafficking survivors.

SI/Yamanashi (Japan Higashi Region): $2,000, Project to Support Girls Leaving Orphanages
SI/Yamanashi will provide resources and training to ensure girls leaving orphanages have the support they need to be successful living on their own.