THE CHARITY BALL ASSOCIATION
CHILDREN BENEFIT ALWAYS

GRANT FUNDING POLICIES

MISSION: To support and enhance the quality of life for children of Bexar County
TARGET POPULATION: Children 0 – 18 years of age, living in Bexar County

A **mandatory** workshop will be held **Friday, October 23, 2026** to explain the Association's Grant Funding Policies and to answer questions. All interested agencies must submit a Letter of Interest by **Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm.** Selected organizations will be given the opportunity to submit a formal Application. Grant Applications must be received by **Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 6:00 pm**. No extensions will be granted. Applying organizations will be notified of funding in **April, 2027** and funds will be distributed in **May, 2027**. **The Association does not accept appeals or letters of support on behalf of an agency.**

FUNDING POLICIES:

- Grants are to assist 501(c)(3) organizations located in and serving children of Bexar County.
- Grants will be made only for well-defined, specific and measurable Projects/Programs and are contingent upon the success of the fundraising efforts of the Association.
- Grants will be considered for the following:
    1. Construction, enlargement or major repair of building(s), and improvements to real property
        - **At least two competitive bids are required for any project using a contractor**
        - In the case of construction, one-half of the funds will be available at the time construction begins and the other half upon completion of the project
    2. Providing or improving equipment, furniture and/or furnishings, materials, and technology
        - Cost estimates must be supported by price sheets, quotes or other documentation.
    3. High priority needs of the community as determined annually by the Charities Committee of the Association.
- Special consideration may be given for the following:
    1. Projects/programs which do not duplicate or overlap existing services
    2. Projects/programs which impact the largest number of children
    3. Projects/programs which are collaborative efforts with other agencies

4. Projects/programs which are unlikely to be funded by another source.

- Grants **<u>will not be considered</u>** for the following:
    1. Projects which take place outside of Bexar County regardless of the location of the agency
    2. Salaries, contributions, or scholarships
    3. Automobiles, vans, busses or any other means of transportation or transportation fees
    4. Undesignated donations to a Capital Campaign
    5. Debt service or deficit reduction
    6. Loans or loan guarantees
    7. Admission fees, trophies, prizes, medals, or field trips
  - Agency must have been in operation for at least two years.
  - Funds are not granted in consecutive years.
  - If the application has more than one component, a priority list of the components must be submitted.
  - All applications must include a well-defined evaluation plan.
  - Agencies should be prepared for a site visit or presentation in order to fully evaluate the application.
  - Funded agencies will be required to sign a Use of Funds Agreement and a Substantial Completion Form and/or a Purchase Verification and Documentation of Payment Form
  - Funded agencies will be subject to periodic reviews and reporting requirements by The Charity Ball Association.
  - Funds not used by the end of the second year following grant approval may be forfeited. Funds expire on **May 1, 2029**, two years after grant approval.