



## *Women's Giving Circle*

### **Invitation to Submit Grant Application**

The Women's Giving Circle (WGC) is an initiative of the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Cleveland. The WGC brings together philanthropically minded women who seek to learn about the needs in our diocese and community, combine their resources and choose which organizations to support.

**After screening a number of organizations, we are inviting your organization to submit an application for consideration in this year's grant cycle.** This is an "invitation only" process in which only one application per invited organization is permitted. All submitting organizations will be awarded a grant of at least \$1,000, with a chance for a larger grant.

#### **This is how it works:**

- You submit the attached grant proposal by February 17, 2025
- Women's Giving Circle Members will gather in early March to review grant proposals and vote on organizations to make a "pitch" for grant funding
- If selected to "pitch" your proposal, you will be invited to present a 5 minute proposal at a "Pitch Party" the end of April at a WGC gathering
- WGC members will vote after the April gathering on how much to award your organization (awards range from \$5,000 - \$15,000).
- You will be required to provide a grant report following successful project completion.

#### **Grant Restrictions**

Note that grant awards cannot be used for deficit funding, endowments, travel grants or event tickets/sponsorships. Specific projects are encouraged. Applicants must serve a community located within the geographic boundaries of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland (Cuyahoga, Lake, Summit, Lorain, Ashland, Wayne, Medina, Geauga counties). Applicant project must be in line with Catholic Social Teaching.

#### **Grant Awards**

One-year grants are awarded in May of each year. Awards are made for a grant cycle beginning on June 1 of the award year and ending on May 31 of the following year. All grant funds must be expended during this time period, and the grant may be used only for the purposes stated in the application. If a funded project is not implemented or the project is discontinued during the grant period, awarded funds must be returned to the WGC. A final report will be required of the recipient organization.

#### **Questions?**

Contact Jessica DiSalvatore at 216.696.6525 x4080 or [jdisalvatore@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:jdisalvatore@catholiccommunity.org).



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### **Submitting Grant Application:**

Applicants must submit via email the application and supporting documents as one PDF file, to [jdisalvatore@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:jdisalvatore@catholiccommunity.org).

- Grant application – must use the application below.
- Supporting Documents:
  1. Letter of Determination as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.
  2. Proposed program budget including revenue and expenses.
  3. List of current Board of Directors or equivalent governing body members.
  4. Letters of support are required if another organization or individual is integral to the completion of the project and/or is a fiscal sponsor.

### **Post Grant Reporting:**

Awardees are required to submit a Grant Report to document their program with photographs, which should be submitted along with copies of any press releases, media coverage, or articles in your newsletter. The Grant Report is due within 30 days of project completion or one year, whichever comes first. The Grant Report template is emailed to grantees.

Additionally, awardees may be asked to participate in a fall event to share the impact of the project with WGC members and/or provide a short video or brief testimonial of project impact.



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### Grant Application

#### I. Contact Information

Name of organization:	Catholic Diocese of Cleveland; Marriage and Family Office You are Made New (Cleveland Local--Hope's Garden)
Name, title of individual who can answer questions about this application.	Teresa S Yohman, Director of Marriage and Family Office
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## II. Organization Information

<p><b>Tax ID Number:</b> <i>Attach an IRS status determination letter and most current IRS Form 990</i></p>	<p>Catholic Diocese of Cleveland TAX ID 34-0714558</p> <p>YAMN/ Hope's Garden: EIN # is 83-1041976 PDF link is below to 990 form</p>
<p><b>History of organization:</b> <i>Please include the following: how many years you have been a non-profit, if you are partnering with other organizations, provide information about them.</i></p>	<p>In the year 2000, The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's Office for Women in Church and Society office alongside the Marriage and Family Office supported the USCCB mission of the pastoral response to Domestic Violence ("<b>When I call for Help</b>"). These resources have not been freshened "locally" for about 20 years, we are in dire need of an answer to the Call for Help. I have been in the role of Director for 5 years and there is an increased number of calls during stressful times like the holidays for emotional support and pastoral listening. Awareness and education are key for our young women and married women to continue to thrive.</p> <p>Denise Yarrison and Laura Ercolino are sisters that discovered within their faith tradition that there is a lack of trauma-informed, gender - specific support for deep wounds. (Laura is a survivor of Domestic Violence and Denise has extensive experience in coaching and mental health). They have developed support for healing to women seeking freedom from anxiety, depression, and other emotional difficulties. They have helped support families that are caught in adverse relationship patterns and generational trauma. They have worked to found two organizations (est 2017). You are Made New runs in person healing ministry, counseling and coaching services in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia also virtually; here in Cleveland Laura through Hope's Garden while working with Father Stalla developed online support groups and prayer interventions for women dealing with trauma or abuse. They have an online platform and link women (1000+ women currently) to multiple communities for support to ensure that women know that they are not alone. They have now branched into running a Christ the Bride-Groom program. They have an app that has a monthly stipend, Denise offers private counseling (cost can be prohibitive) They have recently started two men's groups to support men that struggle with pornography.</p> <p>They are nationally known and linked to solid Catholic teaching as well as larger Catholic networks.</p>
<p><b>Mission of the organization:</b></p>	<p>The MFM office in the Diocese is called to serve the pastoral care of individuals, families and households; we accompany them especially in crisis. We work with clergy, parish staff, lay leaders and individual parishioners to reach these goals.</p> <p>The YAMN and Hope's Garden work to bring a unique model of therapeutic care, hope and healing to primarily women that are seeking</p>

	healing from trauma, abuse and or emotional wounding.
<b>Leadership of organization:</b> <i>Please attach composition of organization's staff and Board of Directors, including names and titles</i>	<p>Locally, Teresa Yohman, Director of MFM office in Cleveland</p> <p>Board of Directors for You Are Made New (YAMN):</p> <p>Denise Yarrison, Foundress of You are made new (2017)</p> <p>Laura Ercolino Foundress of Hope's Garden (HG)</p> <p>Joseph Pollack, President retired attorney</p> <p>Christopher Parker, Treasurere, SVP Chief Credit Officer, Surrety, Chubb Insurance</p> <p>Ashley Parker, Secretary &amp; Chair of Fundraising Committee</p> <p>Reverand Stephen DeLacy, Vicar of Faith formation for Youth and Young Adults Archdioceseof Philadelphia</p> <p>Reverand Michael J Stalla Spiritual Director, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland</p>
<b>Sources of organizational funding:</b>	<p>Catholic Diocese of Cleveland—Catholic Charities supports salary of Director and staff.</p> <p>YAMN and HG:</p> <p>Private Donations</p> <p>Fee for Services</p> <p>Fundraising events</p>

### III. Project/Program Description

<p><b>Project Overview –</b>  <i>Describe the specific purpose of the project and how funds will be spent.</i></p>	<p>The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and it's 185 parishes for the most part are not familiar with the Intimate Partner Violence resources to support women in crisis. Many don't have knowledge of YAMN or Hope's Garden as well as other Catholic Supports (Like Catholic's for Family Peace).</p> <p>The purpose of this project would be to specifically spread awareness to clergy and parishes through in-print materials for their parish staff or gathering areas; and then if there are residual funds we would want to assist funding of women in our 8 counties that are in need of support with financial access to the Hope's Garden App.</p>
<p><b>Project Details –</b> <i>What do you hope to achieve? Why is the project needed? Who will participate in your project? What specific activities will you do to achieve your goals?</i></p>	<p><b>HOPE to Achieve:</b></p> <p>As the Director of Marriage and Family I hope to achieve an increase in awareness about Coercive Control or intimate partner violence in the Diocese. I want parishes to know that there are local; as well as, National resources available to help women realize that the church has not turned their back on them. I hope to assist with printing/purchasing supplies to support their ministries; as well as assist with coordinating the outreach and delivery of the supplies.</p> <p><b>Project Need:</b></p> <p>Family and domestic violence is a common problem in the United States, as many as <b>one in four women</b> are victims of domestic violence. Domestic and family violence includes economic, physical, sexual, emotional, and psychological abuse of children, adults, or elders. Domestic violence causes worsened psychological and physical health, decreased quality of life, decreased productivity, and in some cases, mortality. Domestic and family violence can be difficult to identify. Many cases are not reported to authorities. We hope to fill in a gap. We want to work with clergy and staff to help them become gatekeepers and helpers that understand the unique nuances of coercive control and abuser's characteristics. Parish Staff call our office and are asking for resources which is lovely, but imagine the young mom that shows up at Mass that has to wait for an answer. We want to bring HOPE and having something that can be picked up or handed to them quickly shows that we are there to help and support. I believe that this is step one of spreading the awareness by simply trying to provide the in print resources to parishes so they can spread awareness to the women in the pew.</p> <p>We will highlight this in our Newsletter as well as our website. We will design and print a resource trifold for distribution to the parishes that will have print resources as well as direct people to our "unhealthy relationships" page that is still being perfected.</p> <p>We will highlight YAMN and Hope's Garden's efforts through the Diocesan channels for communication; as well as outside networks that we coordinate with, for example Marriages of Grace or TOBCLE. The MFM team will assist with conversations with parish staff, lay leaders and clergy.</p>

<p><b>Organizational Capacity</b> – <i>Who will staff your project? What are the qualifications of your staff? What experience does your organization have that will support the project’s success? How does the project help your organization meet its mission?</i></p>	<p>Teresa Yohman, with the support of the MFM office.</p> <p>Previous employment in parish life was 18 years with previous experience in Mental Health career, part of the organization for Catholic Mental Health Ministry. I also completed a 40-hour course last spring on Domestic Violence awareness to become a trainer. This provides me with the skills to do any parish talks if requested after parishes have received the in-print information. I have 30+ years of experience in mental health/pastoral care. Developing this push will help support women in our Diocese and their families. We have the mission of supporting marriages, families, pastoral care and human sexuality.</p> <p>Laura Ercolino is a survivor with the support of her volunteers that coordinate the online virtual support under the guidance of Denise, a Certified Professional Coach with 15+ years of experience, and Father Stalla is the Spiritual Director.</p> <p>We bring a very strong leadership capable of spreading awareness. The goal would be creation of all the in-print resources and having them linked to another Diocesan event so that we aren’t incurring postage or mileage; for example, the Bishop’s Convocation or SVDP pick up.</p>
<p><b>Project Evaluation</b> – <i>What are your specific measurable outcomes for this project? What criteria will you use to measure your success?</i></p>	<p>We expect that it will take time to get the materials and information to the parishes. We are hopeful that we will have information out in October as many of our parishes are pretty quiet over the summer.</p> <p>Outcomes will be evident through increased:  “web traffic” on our unhealthy relationship page.  Outreach through phone calls  Outreach from clergy  Outreach from individuals.  YAMN and Hope’s Garden host in person and virtual support and track numbers. They can “substantiate” by parish outreach to their organizations as well as Individual support requests.</p> <p>With the goal of spreading awareness we are hopeful that 60% of our parishes will agree to have brochures or posters in their gathering area.</p> <p>The Office of MFM is required to keep track of calls/visits for our other funding that comes from Catholic Charities. We will therefore be able to measure an increase in that “traffic” as well.</p>

<p><b>Project Sustainability</b> – <i>What are your plans for continuing this project after your grant cycle ends?</i></p>	<p>The initial material push in print brochures or table stands for brochures is the most expensive physical resource that we would like to provide to parishes. After the initial “stocking” it will be easier to provide the resources to those that are in need in the future.</p> <p>YAMN and Hope’s Garden have continued to flourish in the past 5 years. We believe that as more people are made aware and travel through the Hope’s Garden programming that there may be an increase in need until Cleveland services are more established. Laura has some volunteers that have now been through multiple support programs that are moving into positions where they will also be able to support the mission in Cleveland.</p> <p>The mission will continue from a Diocesan perspective that we care for our Marriages, families and women through the MFM office. Potentially we would expand next year into counseling resources here with Catholic Charities or Catholic Counselors.</p>
<p><b>Partnerships</b> – <i>Do you plan to partner with another organization(s)? If yes, please describe the partnership arrangement(s).</i></p>	<p>We will collaborate with any Diocesan offices that apply specifically collaborating with Catechetical offices and outside parish ministries to share the information availability.</p> <p>We would highlight the information and services to Marriages of Grace and TOB-CLE</p> <p>The MFM office will sponsor app services where there is financial need for those that reach out within the Diocese. (This will ensure that our funds will support women from our 8 Counties.</p>



#### IV. Project/Program Funding

<b>Requested Funding:</b>	10,000.00 goal of 60% of parishes
<b>Brief Narrative of Project Budget</b> <i>indicate how WGC funds will be used.</i>  <i>Attach project budget. Include all committed and anticipated funding for the project and the project's expenses, itemized by category e.g. salaries with F.T.E.</i>	Acrylic Table Top brochure holders @ \$35 each (60 parishes) \$2100  Presentation folders for parish staff and clergy #500 \$3630 Folders and step inserts  Trifolds \$1 for HG #50 at each parish \$3000  Prayer cards/book marks \$600  Total Request 10,000.00

<b>Additional Support Content</b>	<p>Here are some video witnesses that have been provided:</p> <p><a href="https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat/">https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat/</a>  <a href="https://youaremadenew.com/catholic-coaching-inner-healing/">https://youaremadenew.com/catholic-coaching-inner-healing/</a>  <a href="https://hopesgarden.com/">https://hopesgarden.com/</a></p> <p>Video with women's voices sharing their testimonials: <a href="https://vimeo.com/1031971999">https://vimeo.com/1031971999</a></p>
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