2024 Grant Information Packet

Lewis & Clark College Center for Social Change & Community Involvement



About the Grant

The Nielson Social Change Innovation Grant program is facilitated by the Center for Social Change and Community Involvement. Nielson Social Change Innovation Grants support Lewis & Clark College undergraduate student-initiated projects and are designed to:

Made possible through the generosity of Patrick Nielson '71 and his wife Dorris Nielson, the Nielson Social Change Innovation Grant provides Lewis & Clark College undergraduate students with funds to cover costs such as equipment or technology, educational resources, travel expenses, or other items used to strengthen grassroots efforts for progressive, systemic social change. This fund prioritizes applications that address community outreach and education, leadership development, root cause and power analysis, and coalition building. Proposals that directly address racial equity and social justice will be prioritized.



Grant recipients may receive an award between the range of \$500 - \$5,000. Grants will be given annually to the individuals or groups (undergraduates only) who submits a winning proposal.

The Nielson Social Change Innovation Grant supports projects that:



Fund effective and transformative social change initiatives



Encourage innovation and creativity to explore what is possible



Equip communities that our students care about, both locally and globally, with the tools required to positively impact social change



Develop and test ideas, solve problems, and create opportunities

Project Timeline 2024

MARCH 4 (TIME AND PLACE TBD)

DRAFT PROPOSALS REVIEW

APRIL 10

SELECTION NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified that week

APRIL 28 -MAY 15

MONEY DISTRIBUTION

Funds may take up to 3 weeks to be distributed

MID-JULY

MID-TERM CHECK-IN

Funds may be used for the project between June-August 2024

SEPTEMBER 1

GRANT REPORT DUE

Compilation of project achievements, challenges, budget details, and ideas for continued development

FEBRUARY 5

ACCEPTING PROPOSALS

Application is open!

MARCH 31

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSAL

Submit proposals via the form on our website

APRIL 15

GRANT AGREEMENT

Selected recipients meet with Center staff. Must sign and return a Grant Agreement before receiving funds

JUNE

GRANT TERM STARTS

Funded projects are to begin in June

AUGUST

GRANT TERM ENDS

Projects may be executed through the end of August

Meet 2023 Recipients



Mikayel Kamendatyan '24

Mikayel's project aimed to promote a safe and healthy community in order to prevent youth from low-income districts of the capital city Yerevan from engaging in online gambling, drug abuse, and other destructive activities such as crime, which are currently gaining huge momentum in Yerevan



Amani Rene Pacifique

Amani's project titled "Future Leader Program" aimed to provide young people with a platform for developing their leadership and entrepreneurship skills. The Future Leader Program offereda one-week boot camp to boys and girls between the ages of 17 and 20 who are from traumatic backgrounds



Read Project Reports Here

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