



# **POWER UP Grant Program Program Guidelines**

The mission of the GVEC POWER UP Grant Program is to accumulate funds from members participating in the POWER UP Program and reinvest that money in our communities by providing funding assistance to local non-profit groups and civic organizations for community development and improvement projects. These funds will be used primarily for projects involving:

- Education
- Youth Programs
- Health Care
- Community Development
- Civic and Community Outreach
- Public Safety/Service Organizations

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Projects must lie within the geographical service territory of GVEC.
2. Project must be completed within 12 months of the date the grant money is awarded.
3. Property owner must be the applicant.
4. The organization must contribute to the community's health and/or welfare.
5. The organization's services must be non-discriminatory in nature.
6. Upon completion of the project, the grant recipient must furnish a final completion report on the project, including receipts for materials, supplies, etc., related to the use of Power Up grant funds.

### **Not Eligible for Grants**

1. Completed projects, debt-reduction campaigns, capital projects, religious or church-sponsored facilities limited to church membership, general operating costs, office or administrative projects and equipment, land acquisition projects, computer equipment and software.
2. Ineligible organizations include for-profit entities and individuals.

### **Evaluation Factors**

1. The following factors will be considered in the evaluation of all funding requests:
  - Potential benefit to residents of the GVEC service area
  - Prior history of POWER UP grant awards
  - Results that can be evaluated

### **Application Deadlines**

There will be two funding periods per year. Grants are due February 15 (for grant decisions announced in April) and August 15 (for grant decisions announced in October) each year. Applications must be received (not postmarked) by 5 p.m. on the day of the deadline. If the deadline falls on a holiday or weekend, the deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

---



# POWER UP Grant Program APPLICATION

Mail or deliver completed application to:

GVEC POWER UP Grant Program  
P. O. Box 118 825 E. Sarah DeWitt Dr.  
Gonzales, Texas 78629

**Typical grants are up to \$20,000.  
Higher amounts may be awarded on  
occasion, due to wide scope of impact.**

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title/Address of Project Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of grant request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total project cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Population of area served/Number of people affected by project \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any matching donations?    Yes    No                      In-kind contributions?    Yes    No

This application must be signed by the chief executive officer of the entity requesting the grant.

Name of person authorizing the application (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of person authorizing the application: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**This application must be accompanied by:**

- Project description (1 page maximum)
- Project budget (1 page maximum)
- Project timeline (1 page maximum)
- IRS tax-exemption determination letter
- List of board of directors and their addresses
- Letters of support
- List of matching donations and in-kind contributions, along with supporting documentation for such