





RALPH M. PARSONS **FOUNDATION**



2025

PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP

PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP helps to strengthen small to medium-sized community-based organizations in Los Angeles County by training their leaders to: 1) plan more effective programs, 2) produce logical and compelling grant proposals, and 3) collaborate more effectively with colleague organizations. Begun in 2008 as a partnership of the Annenberg Foundation, California Community Foundation, and The Grantsmanship Center, PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP rapidly expanded to include Dwight Stuart Youth Fund, The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation and S. Mark Taper Foundation as supporters.

HOW DOES PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP WORK?

The project partners underwrite up to 90 percent of the tuition for eligible nonprofit staff or Board members to attend The Grantsmanship Center's 5-day Grantsmanship Training Program. This very interactive training uses the Center's Listen & Discuss, Do & Review curriculum where participants gain skills and increase knowledge in program planning, proposal writing, finding appropriate funders, working with funders as partners, and reviewing proposals as funders do. The last day of PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP includes a Meet-the-Grantmakers Q&A with foundation representatives.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Board members or paid staff of organizations based in and serving Los Angeles County with IRS 501(c)(3) public charity status and annual budgets at or below \$14.5 million are eligible. Each unique nonprofit organization may send up to two participants over the lifetime of PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP. Sorry, volunteers and independent consultants are not eligible.

WHAT'S THE COST?

PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP charges only \$200 or \$300 per person, depending on their organization's budget. Paid registration includes tuition, the textbook, Grantsmanship: Program Planning and Proposal Writing, and six months of Alumni Membership benefits. The standard fee for this package is \$1,240 per person (\$1,195 tuition and \$45 textbook + S&H).

Participants who fully engage in the training are eligible to receive a 50% rebate of their fee after they complete follow-up requirements which include submitting a draft proposal for review and completing an online survey six months after class.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Because of the comprehensive nature of this training with many segments building upon one another, as well as the team approach used for a major project, each participant must commit to attend all scheduled online sessions and fully participate in all class assignments. Sorry, participants cannot designate a substitute person for any part of the training.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete and submit this application form along with required documentation. (See page 4 for details.) Only complete applications can be accepted. As soon as your application is approved, you can then submit payment of \$200 or \$300 to reserve your seat. For questions, please contact Ashley Wright, PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP Coordinator, at applications@tgci.com.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

• March 3-7, 2025

Training is delivered virtually.

| | Morning online event | Between online events | Afternoon online event | Between online events |
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| Mon | 9-11am | Exercises, reading & break | 1-3pm | Exercises, reading & break |
| Tue | 9-11am | Exercises, reading & break | 1-3pm | Exercises, reading & break |
| Wed | 9-11am | Exercises, reading & break | 1-3pm | Exercises, reading & break |
| Thu | 9-11am | Group Work | Group Work | Group Work |
| Fri | 9-11am | Group Work | 1-4pm Class & Funder Panel | |

IMPORTANT: Please plan to dedicate a full week for this class. In addition to the scheduled online events, participants will also work on projects and exercises during the breaks between the online sessions. Approximate total class time is 37 hours.











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PLEASE NOTE: You're officially enrolled in this training only after you have: 1) submitted all required information, 2) submitted payment, and 3) received a confirmation email from The Grantsmanship Center.

APPLICATION FORM

| lame: | | | Job Title: | |
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| Office Phone: | | | Cell Phone: | |
| mail Address: | | | | |
| How long have you work | ked in the nonprofi | t field? | | |
| ☐ Less than a year | ☐ 1-5 years | ☐ 6-10 years | \square 11 or more years | |
| How long have you work | ked for your organi | zation? | | |
| \square Less than a year | ☐ 1-5 years | ☐ 6-10 years | \square 11 or more years | |
| How long have you beer | n involved in gettin | g grants? | | |
| ☐ Less than a year | ☐ 1-5 years | ☐ 6-10 years | \square 11 or more years | |
| Have you ever been the ☐ No ☐ Yes If 'ye: | • | | al? ave you've written? | |
| Have you ever been the | only or lead writer | for an LOI (Letter o | of Intent or Interest)? | |
| □ No □ Yes If 'yes | ,' about how many | LOIs have you've w | vritten? | |
| low did you hear about Projec | t Grantsmanship? | | | |
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| ELL US ABOUT YOUR ORGAN | | | | |
| Organization Legal Name: | | | | |
| ear Organization Founded: | EIN: | | Current annual budget: \$ | |
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| Organization Mailing Address: | | | | |

| Location of the people you serve: | | |
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| Number of paid employees in your organization | , including yourself: Num | nber of people served annually: |
| Select <i>one category</i> below which <i>best</i> describes ☐ Arts, Culture, Humanities ☐ Environmen ☐ Social Services (such as criminal justice, yout | t, Conservation Health Care | ☐ Education ng, domestic violence) |
| DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION (DEI) Many members of our communities have been on ational origin, culture, gender, gender identity, GRANTSMANSHIP is committed to creating opportunity. | sexual identity, socioeconomic sta | tus, language, age, and/or disability. PROJECT |
| About your organization We're interested in knowing more about PROJEC If your organization offers programs and service checking all categories that apply from the list b | s intended for specific groups of inc | |
| About you If you identify as a member of one or more of the the second column of boxes to indicate the growthe people served by PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP a PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP. | ups with which you identify. This in nd will not be used to make decisio | formation will be used to better understand ns about your eligibility to participate in |
| | Individuals or Groups Served by Your Organization | Categories with which You Identify yourself (optional) |
| Economically disadvantaged | | |
| Youth in foster care system | | |
| Older adults | | |
| Women | | |
| LGBTQ+ | | |
| Unhoused | | |
| Migrants | | |
| Immigrants/Asylum seekers/Refugees | | |
| English language learners | | |
| Individuals with disabilities | | |
| African descent/Black/African-American | | |
| Asian/Asian-American | | |
| European descent/White/Caucasian | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | | |
| Indigenous/Native American or Alaska Native | | |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | | |
| Middle Eastern | | |
| Other (please describe) | | |
| Please estimate the percentage of individuals so equitable treatment:% | erved by your organization who are | members of group(s) who have been denied |

MORE ABOUT PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP

TUITION

| Select one: | \square \$200 per person - fee for organizations with current, annual budgets less than \$750,000 |
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| | \square \$300 per person - fee for organizations with current, annual budgets between \$750,000 and \$14.5 million |

TRAINING DATES

Please double-check your calendar for schedule conflicts to ensure full commitment for the entire week.

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YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- This completed PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP Application Form
- Most recent Form 990, Form 990-N (submission confirmation), or copy of your organization's current annual operating budget as approved by the board
- Confirmation that your organization is listed on GuideStar's database (GuideStar)

Once approved, we'll email you instructions to complete your registration and make payment online with a credit card, PayPal, or via check. If you mail a check, please remember that enrollment is only confirmed after payment is received.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

By Email: applications@tgci.com

By USPS: PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP c/o The Grantsmanship Center 305 South Bixel St., Suite 110 Los Angeles, CA 90017

QUESTIONS? Please email Ashley Wright at ashley@tgci.com or applications@tgci.com.

Class size is limited to 24 participants per training program. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. To withdraw and receive a refund, you must notify PROJECT GRANTSMANSHIP at least three weeks prior to the start of the training program. In an emergency, you may designate another eligible person to attend in your place prior to the start of training program. Please contact us if you have questions.