



## Critical Impact Awards

### Overview

The West Virginia Grantmakers Association believes that extraordinary efforts deserve widespread recognition. Therefore, the Association is proud to announce the Critical Impact Award. Modeled after the Council on Foundation's Impact Awards, this recognition program will celebrate local grantmaking that has changed lives and communities for the better. Recipients will include one grant project under \$5,000 and one grant project over \$5,000. The projects will serve as a model for others in philanthropy and will demonstrate creativity, innovation and sustainability.

### Nomination Process/Guidelines

Nominations will be accepted for programs that are funded by family, independent, public or community foundations, or by corporate or government grantmaking organizations. They must have evidence of enduring positive impact. And they must demonstrate philanthropic leadership. Special attention will be given to programs that show an unusual level of creativity, innovation and sustainability.

Attach to the Nomination Form one to two pages of narrative that addresses the following:

- Describe the project, including to whom the grant was made.
- What is the purpose and history of the grant?
- How has the grant made (or continues to make) a significant impact?
- Are there future plans or next steps related to the project?

Also, please submit the attached Nomination Form.

**Nominations must be received no later than August 15, 2010.**

### Selection and Recognition

A volunteer peer review panel will review all nominations and select the award recipients. The nominators will be notified of the status of their nomination by September 15, 2010. The 2010 recipient foundations will be honored during the West Virginia Grantmakers Annual Conference.

### About the Sponsor

West Virginia Grantmakers is a membership association, including independent, family and community foundations; corporate foundations and giving programs; and government grantmakers. The Association's mission is to strengthen, promote, and increase philanthropy in the Mountain State. For more information visit our website at [www.WVGrantmakers.org](http://www.WVGrantmakers.org)



## 2010 NOMINATION FORM

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#### Nominee Information

Funder Being Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Nominator Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### About the Project

What is the amount of the grant: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the period of the grant \_\_\_\_\_

What geographic area benefited from the grant: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were writing a newspaper headline describing the impact of the grant, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this award opportunity?

WV Grantmakers member

Website

Media Outlet

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Deadline:

**Submissions must be received by August 15, 2010. Submissions may be faxed, mailed or e-mailed to:**

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