Zonta District 12 has nineteen Zonta clubs in its western U.S. region: Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. With the support of district leadership, the Action for Environment and Gender Equality committee (AEGE) has developed resources addressing gender-equal climate action for the Zonta International community and specific resources for each state in District 12. These resources have been used by schools, NGOs, and Zontians. They can be found at: [Zonta District 12 Zonta Says NOW](https://zontadistrict12.org/zonta-says-now) webpage on the district website.

In an effort to encourage the clubs in the district to become proactive advocates for climate action in their communities the Action for Environment and Gender Equality Project Award has been formed.

**Action for Environment and Gender Equality Award**

**What is the award?**

The award consists of two $1000 awards each year for four years to support gender-equal climate action projects.

**How will Zontians learn about the award?**

The award information will be provided to all Advocacy Chairpersons and Club Presidents in the district, which includes an application, the amount of each award, the eligibility requirements, and the closing date for applications. The AEGE committee will review and assess the applications and choose two projects for the awards.

**What is the timeline from the application deadline and the awardees receiving the award?**

The application process runs from **June 1 through December 1**. Review of applications for the two projects that will be awarded will end on December 31st. Awards will be announced by the end of December. The cycle will be 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27.

**What are the requirements of the reward?**

Club committees, current Zonta club members, Golden Z clubs and Z clubs are encouraged to apply. Partnerships between community organizations and Zonta clubs are applicable with the Zonta Club applying for the award. The awardees must be associated with a nonprofit organization, public or private educational institution, established grassroots organization, community-led organization, or community effort to improve the local environment in relation to the climate change adaptation or mitigation (see types of projects below).

Each awardee is required to write a detailed description of the project plans including partnerships, budget, and timeline; fill out an application; and submit a follow up report within three months of completion (to be determined per awardee) to report how the award money was spent and the outcome of the project. The spending report and outcome report will be sent to the AEGE committee who will provide a full report to the District Governor each year. Photographs of the project are also recommended after completion. If the budget is less than $1000 the award winner will receive the amount of funds shown on the application. Example: Budget is $825 then the award will be $825. All monies should be accounted for in the budget. If the budget is more than $1000 the applicant and its affiliates are responsible for any costs exceeding the award of $1000.

Awards may be given to supporting organizations, community organizer, or grassroots group organizer as long as the club is an active part of the project. In this example any applicant must show in detail the participation of the affiliated Zonta Club including but not limited to photos, description of the project during and after completion, and other information sent to the AEGE committee to use on Facebook, Zonta District 12 Websites, and other Zonta sites. Project award winners are encouraged to post their project on the Zonta International website ‘Share Your Story’ section. See paragraph two for details on post-award expectations.

**What type of projects are eligible?**

Projects that are focused on any of the following climate actions in District 12;

* Advocacy programs supporting leadership and decision-making for women and girls in climate action
* Awareness campaigns to build awareness about gender-equal climate action and/or the connection between climate change and gender inequality
* Educational curriculum and programs in K-12 schools on the subject of gender-equal climate action
* Environmental science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) projects relating to climate action innovation and problem solving with a focus on improving the lives of women and girls
* Gender equal climate justice and societal change projects designed to sustainably educate and create awareness
* Improving technological availability to women and girls, rural families, and/or indigenous communities
* Recycling awareness and education
* Service projects to improve the livelihoods and safety of women and girls affected by climate change
  + Examples:
    - disaster risk management – helping the community establish safety measures in shelters for women and girls
    - disaster evacuation service projects to supply food/water/clothing/shelter/mental health support
    - disaster prevention programming
    - evacuation planning and preparedness
    - agriculture restructuring for sustainability and regeneration of soil and water
    - food sustainability
    - water conservation
    - clean drinking water availability
    - clean energy
    - reducing greenhouse gas emissions
    - improving commuter transportation with clean energy
    - improving access and availability of domestic violence shelters
    - Water and food sustainability projects focused on women, girls, and marginalized communities
    - Weather related disaster preparation and prevention management

**When will the awards begin?**

The first two awards of $1000 each will be open for application from June 1st through December 1st of each year, see applicable years below, and awarded by late December of that year.

Two additional awards of the same value are committed for 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27.

**Questions?**

Contact the award coordinator, Chair of the Action for Environment and Gender Equality committee: [d12aegeclimateproject@gmail.com](mailto:d12aegeclimateproject@gmail.com)

**Application**

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**Affiliation with Zonta:**

**Club Name/Address: \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Individual Zonta member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Your affiliated organization, community, educational institution, or grassroots group:**

**Name thereof:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact name, email address and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**References (2) for verification: *name, email address, and phone number***

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**Project description:**

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**Location of the project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Timeframe: What date will this project begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_**

**What is the date of completion? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Who will the project directly benefit? ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Explain how this project is being funded:**

**How will this project improve the lives of women and girls?**

**How will this project improve the environment in relation to climate action?**

**Describe the project in detail:** *Please use a separate page to provide a more detailed description*

**If awarded $1000, how will this award benefit the project?**