



District 12 Action for Environment and Gender Equality Project Award

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](#) 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 awards each year for four years to support gender-equal climate action projects. The award requires submission of a budget up to \$1000.

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).

- To apply:
 - 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)
 - 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.

- Award winners requirements: *Due date will be determined after the award has been granted*



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- Provide photos, video (if possible)
- Write and submit a detailed report how the award money was spent, details of the project during execution, and a follow-up of the outcome of the project. Can be done as a presentation or video.
- Attend your local Zonta Club meeting to present the project and its outcome.

Special Note: Awards may be given to supporting organizations, community organizers, or grassroots group organizers as long as the club (or Golden Z or Z Club) is an active part of the project from start to finish. 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.

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
 - Topic Examples: (to create *education, advocacy, or service programs, projects, and/or events*)
 - Disaster risk preparedness
 - Evacuation service projects to supply food/water/clothing/shelter/mental health support
 - Evacuation planning and preparedness
 - Food and water security
 - Water conservation, water source clean up (streams, riverbeds, reservoirs)
 - Clean energy – Innovation, public transportation, lowering emissions, saving on heat/ac
 - Improving access and availability of domestic violence shelters
 - Plastic pollution



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- Air, water, or soil pollution
- Empowering women in community leadership and decision-making positions
- Social equity for women and girls in your community (economic equity/gender equality)

Application and award timeline:

Two awards will be given of up to \$1000 each, Application period is from June 1st through December 1st of each year through 2026 and awarded by late December of that year.

2025 Award timeline: January 2025

Questions?

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

Application

Full name (applicant): _____ **Date** _____

Affiliation with Zonta:

Are you a Zonta member? Yes No

If not, what is your affiliation? _____

Club Name/Address: _____

Zonta contact name, email address and phone number: _____

Non-Zonta Affiliate Name: _____

Non-Zonta Affiliate contact, email address, and phone number: _____

How did you hear about this award opportunity?



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Project description:

Title: _____

Location of the project: _____

Timeframe: What date will this project begin? _____

What is the expected date of completion? _____

Is this a Zonta Club, Golden Z, or Z Club project? Yes No If yes, what is the name of the Zonta Club member who will oversee this project? Name: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following questions as detailed as possible. Please use as much space as needed.

1. Who will the project directly benefit?

2. What is the expected timeline of the project from start to finish:

a. Start date:

b. Completion date:

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

4. What climate action will occur with this project? *Please add information about sustainability, who is affected, and why it is important.*



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5. Describe how the project will be planned and executed in detail:

Permission:

Acting on behalf of the project awardees and after discussion with each and every one involved with the project, I give our permission to publish photos and share or post on Zonta based social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, Linked In, etc.) any information provided beginning with the application through



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information provided during and after completion of the project with Zonta International at the club, area, district, national, and/or international levels. *See requirements on page two under 'Award Winner Requirements'.*

Signature: _____

Date: _____