



Announcement of the Women's University Club Foundation 2023-24 Music Counts! Gendler Grants Program

The Women's University Club Foundation is honored to offer the fifth year of the **Gendler Grants Program**, funded by a bequest from long-time Women's University Club member Natalie Gendler. This program focuses on funding **durable, significant improvements** to a school's music program.

The Gendler Grants Program focuses on low-resourced schools with high diversity in the student body, high percentages of Free/Reduced Lunch, high incidence of homelessness among students, or other indications of significant challenges. **Specific categories of fundable improvements** to a school's music program can include:

1. Startup package for a music program in a new or extensively renovated school
2. Maintenance/upgrade/expansion funding for an ongoing music program (including instrument purchase/repair, consumables like reeds and strings, educational materials like sheet music, etc.)
3. Provision of coaching/tutoring services or other learning support
4. Other student-centered need (describe and justify)

Teachers can apply for a grant at one of four levels: \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$20,000. The funding level requested must be justified in the description of the project goals. Each funding level can be received in one year or spread across up to three years.

Step One: Letter of Intent to Apply

Those interested in applying for a Gendler Grant should submit a *Letter of Intent to Apply*, (**three pages or less**; see the **Application Form**), due on **September 30, 2023**.

Step Two: Full Proposal

Those whose *Letters of Intent* are accepted will be informed by **October 31** and invited to submit a **full proposal** on or before **February 15, 2024**. Awardees will be informed by April 30, 2024, and the awards will be formally announced in mid-May 2024.