



## **Announcement of the Women's University Club Foundation 2021 Music Counts! Gendler Grants Program**

The Women's University Club Foundation is honored to announce 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, 2020**.

### **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, 2021**. Awardees will be informed by April 30, 2021, and the awards will be formally announced in mid-May 2021.