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Why join the Village to make my charitable donations? I can just give on my own.

Instead of making an individual gift to a charitable organization, the Village Giving Circle empowers its members to combine their resources and award large, high-impact grants to effective organizations. Through the grant making process, Village Members develop a better understanding of complex issues that exist in our communities and are able to make an impact in a strategic and fun way with other like-minded women.

How much of my donation will go to the organizations and initiatives the Village supports? And how much goes for administrative fees?

The Village budget is based on the total amount of funds raised during The Village grant cycle. Communities Foundation of Texas collects an annual administrative fee of 4% of funds raised for serving as the fiscal partner. The budget allows for operating expenses not to exceed 10%.

The annual budget is available to reimburse Officers and Members for official and pre-approved Village expenses. Examples of official expenses include launch costs, web maintenance, administrative and marketing support, postage or other costs for supplies and services enabling communication with donors or prospects regarding Village activities.

How many grants will the Village give annually? What will be the amount of each grant?

It varies from year to year based on the amount of money raised during the granting cycle. Our goal is to provide 10-12 community grants annually.

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How will The Village decide which organizations and initiatives to support?

As a Village Member, you have the opportunity to recommend up to two organizations annually for consideration as Village Grantees. Communities Foundation staff will assist with the financial review for non-profit applicants.

Village Members will review each application to determine and vote on the programs that best meet the needs of the community, and are aligned with our mission and giving initiatives. Site visits and grading score cards (e.g.adequate financial records available, leadership stability, etc.) are also part of the final granting decision.

What is the significance of being a Village Giving Circle Member?

Anyone joining at the member level (\$2,500) will have the distinction of being recognized as a Member in all publications and social media channels. Members will also have the following benefits:

- Ability to submit up to two organizations to be considered for Village Grants
- Participation and voting in the grant making process
- Invitation to the Annual Village Member retreat
- Opportunity to cultivate relationships with other Village Members

What is the significance of being a Friend of The Village?

Anyone joining at the friend level (\$1,250) will have the following benefits:

- Ability to participate in Village networking and volunteer activities
- Participation in our annual Grantee Celebration
- Opportunity to cultivate relationships with other Village Members