



HOW TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

Impact100 Greater Milwaukee hosts its Annual Awards Celebration #TheBigGive each June. Following a rigorous evaluation process by our members, the finalists present their projects to the full membership at this event. Immediately following, our members vote and the grant recipients are announced. Votes will be cast using a link to OPAVOTE on their phones. For every 100 members, we award one \$100,000 grant and divide the balance of funds among the remaining finalists. The more members we have, the more we can award!

ACTION REQUIRED! UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ASAP! Each 2025-2026 member will receive her customized voting link via email. The email will come directly from OPAVOTE, our online voting platform. This email will go directly to the email address associated with you in the Impact100 Member Profile. Please make sure that the email address you have in your Member Profile is one that can receive this external email and does not have any security restrictions that would not allow you to open the OPAVOTE link on your phone. **What do we mean by this?** There are members that utilize a professional email address that is affiliated with their employer. In some instances, there is a firewall block on certain external emails and links that prohibit the member from accessing the voting site. This is not something we will be able to resolve at The Big Give event, which means the opportunity to vote will be forfeited.

LEARN ABOUT OUR FINALISTS We fund capital projects, new programs, expansions of existing programs, or new/expanded collaborative effort between several nonprofit organizations. All grants target a specific population for a specific duration with specific measurable goals in one of these areas of focus:



Arts & Culture



Education



Environment &
Revitalization



Family



Health and Wellness

The Grant Committees are made up of all volunteer members of Impact100 who conduct a rigorous review process of numerous grant applications and ultimately recommend five finalists. We will announce these finalists on May 7, 2026 and then provide project summaries to our membership on May 15, 2026. These finalists will present their projects at #TheBigGive.



HOW TO VOTE? You **MUST** be a 2025-2026 Impact100 Member in order to Vote! Please check your Member Portal to confirm your status. All members will receive a reminder email from OpaVote on June 2 to ensure the voting link is at the top of your inbox! (If you don't see the OpaVote email that afternoon, check your spam folder!) Bring your phone and have the voting link handy.

UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BIG GIVE? If you're voting absentee, you may use the voting link any time before June 2 at 4pm. If you're attending the Annual Awards Ceremony in person, wait to vote until you hear the presentations!

Voting questions? Email us at grants@impact100mke.org.