1. **What is the duration of the grant cycle?**
   The Black Girls Dream Fund is open from September 6 through October 31.

2. **What is the deadline to apply for a grant?**
   The deadline for submitting the application for the grant is October 31, 2022, at 11:59 PM CST.

3. **When will grants be awarded?**
   Grants will be awarded in January 2023.

4. **How will grants be disbursed when awarded?**
   Grants will be disbursed in one payment.

5. **What is the age requirement to apply for a grant?**
   The Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium accepts applications from 12-year-old girls.

6. **What is the targeted demographic eligible to receive a grant?**
   The Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium funds Black women-led or Black girl-led organizations or projects that serve mostly or all Black girls, and are located in one of 13 states within our region. We fund nonprofit organizations and/or fiscally sponsored projects serving girls in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, East Texas, West Virginia, and Virginia.

7. **Is this a single-year grant? Are there multi-year grants available?**
   The Black Girl Dream Fund is a single-year grant.

8. **How can new applicants apply for a grant?**
   Grantees can apply using our online application. We also accept mail-in applications that are submitted before October 31, 2022, at 11:59 PM CST deadline. Mailed applications should be sent to Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium at P.O. Box 2020 Selma AL 30672. The online application and the PDF application can be found on our website at southernblackgirls.org.

9. **If applicants are awarded a grant, what are their obligations to fulfillment?**
   Grantee Partners who are awarded will be required to complete a short grant report that shares your progress. Grantee Partners will be able to access the grant report through our online grants management system.
10. What is the grant range, or the average grant size?  
   The average grant size is $35,000

11. Is there a limit on the budget size for grantee partners?  
   We fund organizations with operating budgets under $1M.

12. Is this grant available to both for-profit and nonprofit organizations?  
   The Black Girls Dream Fund is only open to nonprofit and community-based projects. Community based projects need a fiscal sponsor. A fiscal sponsor is a nonprofit that functions on behalf of the sponsored organization or program. Fiscal sponsors can take on the responsibility of receiving and administering grants funding or other contributions on behalf of the sponsored organization.

13. Are applicants required to have a business or organization to apply for this grant?  
   Southern Black Girls and Women’s Consortium accepts applications from Black women-led or Black girl-led nonprofit organizations and/or fiscally sponsored projects serving girls. Nonprofit organizations must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN). Community based projects must have a fiscal sponsor. If you are a community-based organization without an EIN please share that information in your application. The Southern Black Girls and Women’s Consortium may be able to connect applicants with an organization willing to serve as a fiscal sponsor.

14. If you have an organization, do you have to be established for a certain amount of time to be eligible for a grant?  
   No. We are interested in both new and mature organizations.

15. Do you have a preference for an application to be submitted in a video format, or written application?  
   We accept written and video submissions, so the preference is yours. Please note that there is a 250-word maximum per question for written submissions, and a 20MB limit for video submissions.

16. Is there a matching grant requirement?  
   No. There is no matching grant requirement for this opportunity.

17. If an applicant requests a grant amount greater than the SBGWC is funding, will that disqualify their application for consideration?  
   No.

18. Are administrative costs an eligible expense, or is the operating solely for service delivery? If administrative expenses are eligible, is there a percentage cap?  
   The 2023 Black Girls Dream Fund offers general operating grants. Administrative
expenses are included in general operations. At this point in the application process, there is no requirement to submit a line-item budget.

19. If I serve a demographic besides Black girls and women, am I still eligible to apply for the grant?
If the program/organization serves a majority of Black girls and women, and is led by a Black girl or woman, you are eligible to apply.

20. Are there workshops available to aid in application submissions?
Yes. Workshops are available for new and returning applicants. You can register for the date and time that best aligns with your schedule here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcscu-uqj8rHdxUS0SJC_5Tgtlee4-2R6fr

21. If I have additional questions, who should I reach out to?
For additional questions and/or more information, contact us at heygirlhey@southernblackgirls.org, or call 678-310-8631.