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Impact Austin, the women's philanthropy group celebrating five years of writing big checks to local nonprofits, announced the 10 grant finalists for 2008, five of which will receive \$102,000.

That's a total impact of \$1.5 million to the community. Impact Austin members will vote on the five winners at its annual meeting on June 10. Remember, this is the group that asks each member to put in \$1000 each year of membership. That money is then pooled to create a fund from which they award the grants.

Here are the 10 finalists:

Culture:

[Paramount & State Theatres](#)
[Southwest Key Programs](#)

Education:

[Austin Academy](#)
[Breakthrough](#)

Environment:

[Ecology Action of Texas](#)
[Austin Parks Foundation](#)

Family:

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Health & wellness:

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Watch for the big check presentation ceremony on June 12.

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