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## One group hopes to 'impact Austin'

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How does a check for \$126,000 sound? For one lucky nonprofit, it could make a big difference, especially at a time when many nonprofit groups are hurting.



"Impact Austin" meeting

Several representatives from area nonprofits attended a meeting to learn about a grant from [Impact Austin](#).

"What we're looking to fund is a specific program or project that is either a year or two years in length and has a significant impact on a significant part of the Austin population," Rebecca Powers, Impact Austin president, said.

Impact Austin is a group of 126 women. Each of them donated \$1,000 for one grant for one nonprofit.

"What a powerful force that can be for that organization. They can fulfill dreams they've never been able to fulfill before," Karen Frost, with Impact Austin, said.

Frost figures \$1,000 in a year isn't too much to ask from the group's members.

"So I don't get that widget or that gadget, or take that vacation. Well, you know what? If someone else is receiving so much more in return, that's enough for me," Frost said.

Members see Impact Austin as a way to do just that -- impact Austin.

"Yes, our money will go to the nonprofit, but our goal is to impact a part of the community that's in need," Powers said.

By year five, Impact Austin hopes to have enough members to give \$100,000 to five nonprofits.

To qualify for the grant, a nonprofit has to be a tax-exempt public charity in the Greater Austin area. Impact Austin board members will announce the recipient in June.



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