



April 2024 Featured Grant

Educating Girls is Good for the Planet

About Featured Grants

Featured Grants fund:

- direct services
- new projects
- expansion of existing projects
- general operations
- capacity building



The Global Issue

Women are vulnerable to climate change *and* critical to solving the issues:

- often dependent on natural resources
- primary caretakers of water, land, and forests
- engaged in farming, collecting water and firewood

Life Challenges of Rwandan Women & Girls

- Systemic discrimination and marginalization
- Limited economic power and access to healthcare & education
- Gender-based violence
- Political underrepresentation



Our April Featured Grantee: Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund

- Founded by legendary female environmental scientist
- Dedicated to region's biodiversity: gorillas are iconic flagship species
- 55+ years of successful conservation work saving gorillas
- Holistic model includes training conservationists

Why We Love This Project

- Addresses education inequalities in Rwanda
- Gives girls opportunities outside the classroom
- Promotes careers in conservation
- Sustainable: creates perpetual group of women to mentor others



How Our Grant Will Be Used

\$50,000 Project Grant to fund:


- Training teachers in Girls in Conservation curriculum
- Lesson delivery
- Mentorship training & Shadow Day
- Poster presentation workshop
- Scholarships





Mentorship 101

You can't be what you can't see



- What is a mentor?
 - A word is someone who has experience and shared advice. Someone who has walked that path before you and can guide and encourage you.
- What is mentorship?
 - A relationship between two people where the more experienced person or group helps the less experienced person.



Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Scholarships, Supplies, and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computers, software and antivirus software for students• Refreshments/ lunch for participants at workshops• Accommodations at the Fossey Fund Student Housing for Conservation Workshop• Course materials, school supplies• Permits to enter the VNP to see golden monkeys (many of the students have never seen the animals in their natural habitat)• Stipend for educators and mentors• Travel for students to Ellen Campus• Scholarships awarded to girls for private schools• Cell plans for staff and educators to stay connected	\$35,000
Project Personnel Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Manager (30% of her time devoted to project)• Interns (2 Rwandan interns to assist on a temporary basis)• Program Manager (50% of her time devoted to project)	\$15,000
TOTAL		\$50,000

Anticipated Impact

Direct impact = 290+ people

- 20 teachers, principals and professional educators
- 20 female mentors
- 250 students – including 50 girls in the mentorship program and 15 to 20 scholarship recipients.

