

2026 Grant Information Packet

Lewis & Clark College
Center for Social Change &
Community Involvement



About the Grant

The Nielson Social Change Innovation Grant program is facilitated by the Center for Social Change and Community Involvement. Nielson Social Change Innovation Grants support Lewis & Clark College undergraduate student-initiated projects.

Made possible through the generosity of Patrick Nielson '71 and his wife Dorris Nielson, the Nielson Social Change Innovation Grant provides Lewis & Clark College undergraduate students with funds to cover costs such as equipment or technology, educational resources, travel expenses, or other items used to strengthen grassroots efforts for progressive, systemic social change. This fund prioritizes applications that address community outreach and education, leadership development, root cause and power analysis, and coalition building. Proposals that directly address racial equity and social justice will be prioritized.



Grant recipients may receive an award between the range of \$500 - \$5,000. Grants will be given annually to the individuals or groups (undergraduates only) who submits a winning proposal.

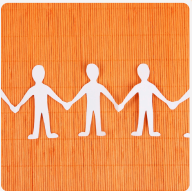
The Nielson Social Change Innovation Grant supports projects that:



Fund effective and transformative social change initiatives



Encourage innovation and creativity to explore what is possible



Equip communities that our students care about, both locally and globally, with the tools required to positively impact social change



Develop and test ideas, solve problems, and create opportunities

Project Timeline 2026



Meet the 2025 Recipients

Iman Agic '26

Iman Agic launched *Empowering Young Girls: Menstrual Product Accessibility in Sarajevo's Elementary Schools*, a project that scaled up menstruation product accessibility and reduced stigma for elementary school aged girls.

By partnering with the Sarajevo Canton Department of Education, menstrual product dispensers were successfully distributed in multiple schools. This contributed to improvements in student well-being and educational participation. These efforts can help to sustain girls school attendance and comfort through helping to normalize menstrual health in school systems.

Deenie Bulyalert '27

Deenie Bulyalert partnered with the nonprofit the Table Rock Foundation in leading *Enchanted Forest Summer Camps* in Grants Pass, Oregon. The two overnight summer camps deepened the connection of 25 middle school and high schoolers with nature.

The two overnight camps primarily served first-generation and low-income students. In addition to furthering ties with nature, the camps promoted intergenerational learning between camp counselors and campers, as well as skill building. This project furthered participants' leadership skills, self-acceptance, and resilience. Through deepening ties with nature, participants gain insight into how to connect with their surroundings to promote their own well-being.



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