



## **South Mountain YMCA Duck Race Ellie & Charlie Gianni Community Impact Grant**

The Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges was founded in 1885 for "civic and cultural improvements to the Oranges." From a single location, the Metro Y has grown to six branches serving socio-economically and racially diverse populations in Essex, Passaic, Bergen and Sussex counties. Each branch is a vital community center, offering a rich and dynamic blend of programs including childcare, health and wellness initiatives and much more.

The South Mountain YMCA is one of those branches and Duck Race funding requests must align with the mission of the South Mountain YMCA and Metro YMCA which is to: Strengthen community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

The Duck Race is an iconic community event held annually on Memorial Day and raises funds for the Y For All Scholarship Program to ensure no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. The Y awarded over \$520,000 in financial assistance in 2025.

Each year from the Duck Race proceeds, the Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges selects one local qualifying non-profit to be the recipient of the Ellie & Charlie Gianni Community Impact Grant. The Grant is 20% of net proceeds from the event, up to \$5,000.

Criteria for partnership and grant funding allocation will be based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

Alignment with the mission of the South Mountain YMCA

Demonstrated community impact in the areas of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility

Fiscal responsibility

Application review by the South Mountain YMCA Application Review Panel.

### Guidelines for Grantees

- Organization must be tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of Internal Revenue Code



- Organization must be based or have operations within 10 miles of the South Mountain YMCA.
- Organization must be in operation for 3 years or more
- Organization must be in good financial standing
- Organization is non-discriminatory for reason, including, but not limited to: race, religion, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, and/or national origin.

The South Mountain YMCA does not provide financial support to the following:

- Religious organizations unless the program is a secular outreach program benefiting the community at large (e.g. homeless shelter, food bank, foster care, etc.)
- Political organizations, campaigns, or candidates
- Fraternal organizations

Please provide the following information:

- IRS Determination letter
- Latest IRS Form 990
- Latest IRS Form W-9

Application Questions:

- 1 Detail your organization's mission statement.
- 2 Describe how your mission aligns with ours. Include a thought/idea on how our organizations could partner together to benefit our community.
- 3 Provide details of how your organization impacts our community.

Please return all information via mail by **May 1** to:

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