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***Where Have All the Voters Gone?***  
**Local League Application for Pass-thru Grant Funds**

Thanks to a generous grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund, LWV Ohio is able to offer pass-through grants for local Leagues and At-Large Units to hold forums based on the *Where Have All the Voters Gone?* report on low voter participation from the National Issues Forum Institute.

**Project Description:** We are looking to hold issue forums around the state (at least one per media market) to engage in community conversations about how we can improve voter participation in our elections. These forums will utilize the “Where have all the voters gone?” discussion guide created by the National Issues Forum Institute (NIFI), which Bill Muse presented at our LWVO state convention in May. Bill is happy to work with Leagues who are thinking about hosting forums.

Our aim is for each forum to be a true community conversation that is inclusive of diverse voices within that region. Leagues are encouraged to hold forums at a place and time that will allow broad participation across local demographics. Attendance goals vary by region, aiming for 100 or more attendees in urban areas to a minimum of 30 attendees in less populous areas.

**Funding:** LWVOEF is offering a \$100 pass-thru grant for each forum. Local Leagues and At-Large Units are welcome to team up on holding a joint regional forum. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted, so Leagues are encouraged to apply early.

**Requirements:**

- Community forum must be held between September 2017 and April 2018.
- Regular communication with the LWVO office about planning the event, so that we can assist with materials and promotion.
- Track and report the number of attendees per forum, total number of volunteers who participated, how many volunteers for whom this was their first League action (new volunteers), number of press hits, and if you gain any new members or partners through these forums. These are required by LWVEF.
- Print materials should acknowledge financial support from the League of Women Voters Education Fund.
- Work with LWVO to do press outreach ahead of the event and urge local press to cover the community forum. Plan ahead for the local League to submit an op-ed after the forum to share the results of the community dialogue. Generate at least one local press hit and one op-ed written by an attendee per forum.
- Submit a post-event report to LWVO within 30 days of your event on the form that will be provided to you. It should include photos, copies of materials, links to press clips (including op-eds and LTEs), etc.

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### **Application Form**

Name of person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why your League wants to host a *Where Have All the Voters Gone?* forum in your community and what you hope to achieve.

Please describe any tentative plans you have for your local forum – e.g., date, location, potential partners, local leaders who might help lead the discussion, etc.

**Authorized Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please submit completed application form to the LWV Ohio office ([lwvinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvinfo@lwvohio.org)).***