



Southern District Buddhist Women's Association

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Dear Southern District Temple Ministers, Temple Presidents and BWA Presidents Subject:
2024 Southern District BWA Grant Program

In 2023, we were very pleased to give out \$2,500.00 in grant awards to the following:

Gardena Buddhist Church: Teamwork through Robotics Engineering Program

LA Homba Hongwanji Betsuin: Intergenerational Outreach & Networking Program / BCA 125th Anniversary

Orange County Buddhist Church: Everyday Buddhist Strategic Social Media Campaign

Vista Buddhist Temple: 5th Annual Buddhist Community Gathering

As we look forward to the new year, we would like to announce the 2024 SDBWA Grant Program. The goal of the grant program has not changed. It is to promote the dissemination of Jodo Shinshu teaching in our SD Temple communities, through a new program or event to serve your current Temple members or to reach out to non-Jodo Shinshu individuals. The total grant amount is \$2,500.00. We hope these funds will help you implement your great ideas for spreading the Dharma.

The schedule for the 2024 Grant Program is as follows:

- Announce the 2024 SDBWA Grant Program and distribute Grant Program information/ application to So. District Temple Ministers, Temple Presidents and BWA Presidents.
- Deadline for receipt of application - July 31, 2024
- Assessment of applications and determination of fund distributions by the SDBWA Grant Review Committee - October 1, 2024
- Announcement of Grant Awards at the SD Buddhist Conference in October 2024 (Or when the SDBWA General Meeting is scheduled to be held)

Please share the attached Grant information and application with your Temple organizations and members and encourage them to apply.

Please submit your Grant application to Gale Kaneshiro by July 31, 2024 or contact her at gale.kaneshiro@gmail.com for any questions. A Grant application form is attached.

In Gassho,

Gale Kaneshiro
2024 SDBWA Grant Chairperson