General Criteria for the Grants Program

Eligible organizations must:

- Submit proposals for funding in one of the four focus areas: Energy Assistance; Environmental Conservation, Protection & Restoration; Education & Social Investment; and Health
- Certify tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of IRS Code
- Not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, disability, handicap, age, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status or any other basis prohibited by applicable law
- Have program activities that benefit populations within the geographic areas where CITGO has operations and/or significant market presence
- Only apply for one project per year per organization

Funding Exclusions for Grant Programs:

- Individual needs, including scholarships, sponsorships and other forms of financial aid
- Fundraising activities such as galas, benefits, dinners and sporting events
- Fundraisers through third party organizations
- Goodwill advertising, souvenir journals or dinner programs
- Travel for individuals or groups
- Sectarian activities of religious organizations
- Political causes, candidates, organizations or campaigns
- Books, magazines or articles in professional journals
- Capital projects and/or endowments (exceptions made for professorships and scholarships related to endowments in selected universities)
- Sports sponsorships
- Door prizes or raffles
- Organizations currently funded that have not submitted all required reports
- Any other areas excluded by CITGO

Funding Priorities:

- Projects that impact traditionally underserved populations (impoverished families and minorities)