



20th Anniversary Special Grant Opportunity

2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the reorganization of the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation to focus on serving the poor in body, mind and spirit in Allen County, Indiana. 2018 also marks the 150th anniversary of when the Foundation's sponsoring religious community, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, first came to America and Allen County, Indiana to help assure care for the most vulnerable in the community. Over the years, the Poor Handmaids and their ministries like the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation have launched and supported many roles and programs that care for the most vulnerable in our community. These have included the supporting roles of nurses, doctors, dentist, teachers, social workers, interpreters, and other caregivers, as well as launching programs like Super Shot and Healthier Moms & Babies.

In honor of this special year, the Board of Directors is announcing a special \$100,000 grant opportunity, the Compassionate St. Joseph Award. The Compassionate St. Joseph Award will be given to plant the seeds for a new or expanded ministry, program or role that benefits the residents of Allen County, Indiana and advances the values of both the Foundation and the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ to compassionately serve the poor for many years into the future. Only grantees of the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation in 2016, 2017 and 2018 may apply for this anniversary award. The \$100,000 will be distributed over three years to help build and sustain the launch as follows: \$50,000 in year one; \$35,000 in year two; \$15,000 in year three. The focus of the work should be on empowerment of both the care provider(s), as well as a vulnerable population.

Deadline for application is September 1, 2018, and the recipient will be announced the first week in December. For more information, please see www.sjchf.org.

Inspiration

The award is inspired by the art of local artist Lee Bleifeld. The artwork was commissioned by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and the Joseph Muhler family in 1991, to create a replica of St. Joseph that reflected the Mission of St. Joseph Hospital and the Poor Handmaids. After much research, they chose to depict a stop on the road to Bethlehem. The art shows a compassionate Saint Joseph supporting and comforting his pregnant wife, Mary, before they continue their arduous journey to Bethlehem, where the child Jesus will be born. This bas relief art beautifully shows Saint Joseph's role in reaching out and supporting those who can find life's journey difficult.





Application Questions

Program Overview:

- One sentence description of proposed new or expanded ministry/program/role
- Advise if the Board has approved of the new or expanded ministry/program/role
- Total program budget and amount requested
- Projected number of individuals to be assisted annually for each of the next three years
- Projected number of services to be provided annually for each of the next three years
- Percent or number of low income/poor served and criteria used to define low income
- How do you measure outcomes related to hope? How do you measure outcomes related to your clients' sense of purpose and wellbeing? Would you be interested in working with a coach to develop measurements around improvement in your clients' hope and their sense of purpose and wellbeing as a result of your services?

Organization Information:

- Organization's mission statement
- Explain the proposed program's relevance to your organization's work and how this will advance the mission of your organization, as well as the mission of the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation.

Program Description:

- Description of the issue to be addressed, including underlying needs, conditions, and available community resources.
- Description of the target population, their vulnerability, their demonstrated financial need, and your organization's expertise and capacity to serve them.
- Explain how the target population will be engaged to help decide how to improve their life, and empowered as a result of your program to live a healthier, better life. Include if family, community, neighborhood, local church, or other supports are involved to help a client.
- List the specific desired outcomes of the program over three years and how this embraces the spirit of Compassionate St. Joseph of supporting those on a difficult life journey.
- Describe the implementation plan for this program, including staffing qualifications, timeline, and the use of "best practice" program models.
- What measures do you plan to use and how frequently will you measure the program to determine your effectiveness in achieving these outcomes?
- Provide a line-item program budget and budget narrative for years 1, 2 and 3.
- If the program is successful, how will you raise additional monies to sustain it in years 2, 3 and beyond?
- How will this program be publicly promoted and how will this award and the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation be recognized?

Attachments:

- List of Board Members and their professional affiliations
- Most recent audit or explanation of your Board's expertise and procedures to ensure financial stewardship
- Audit management letter
- Organization's current operating budget with revenues AND expenses
- Organization's previous year budget vs. actual with revenues AND expenses
- Job Description (If requesting funding for at least 75% of a specific position)
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) if this application represents a collaboration

Additional information may be requested as a part of the review.

[Click here](#) to apply by September 1, 2018 or go to www.sjchf.org for more information.

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