



Mission The St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, stewards resources to:

- Respond** to community needs with grants;
- Leverage** collaboration with community partners;
- Engage** in transformational initiatives.

We serve the poor in body, mind and spirit to achieve quality health and wellness, focusing on the community of Allen County, Indiana and may respond to needs among other underserved populations.

2023 Mini Grant Guidelines

Applications for grants of \$5,000 OR LESS are accepted at any time.

Eligibility

- Applicants should be 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, focus on residents of Allen County, Indiana, demonstrate that at least 51% of their clients are very low income, and have a demonstrated history of serving vulnerable populations. Proposals that make a greater impact on a high percentage of lower-income, lower-resourced individuals are prioritized.
- Applicants are encouraged to learn more about the values of the St. Joe Foundation at sjchf.org.

What We Fund

Prenatal & Infant Care Pregnant women, new fathers, and infants (especially Black individuals and those living in 46806) will have access to the resources that nourish and enable a healthy pregnancy, birth, and first year of life.

Nutrition & Food Insecurity Food-insecure individuals will have access to nutritious, culturally appropriate, and affordable food options, as well as opportunities to build knowledge about nutrition and healthy cooking techniques.

Access to Quality, Affordable Healthcare All lower-income residents (especially Black and Latino individuals and those living in 46802, 46803, and 46806) will have access to free or low-cost, quality healthcare, enabling them to improve their health and hope for their future.

Refugees & Immigrants Refugees and immigrants will be welcomed with dignity and assisted in accessing healthcare and other critical resources.

Partners with the Spirit Respond to God's Call to partner with the spirit, consistent with the charism of Saint Katharina Kasper and tradition of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Grant requests are by invitation only from the Foundation.

Restricted Funds

The Frederick J. Pfeiffer Fund is for capital improvements, or acquiring medical or surgical equipment.

The Dr. Louis and Mrs. Anne Schneider Fellowship Fund is for acquiring *new* healthcare and wellness skills and services. Grants are up to \$2,000 annually.

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The St. Joe Foundation will consider requests for:

- Program & operating support
- Program-related equipment
- Staff continuing education
- Technical assistance
- Matching funds

Grant applications will *not* be accepted for:

- Building projects
- Elimination of deficits
- Political activities
- Individuals
- Projects already completed

Apply for a Mini Grant

A link to the required online grant application is located on the Foundation's website at sjchf.org.

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Application Overview

- Amount requested
- One-sentence description of grant request
- Select the primary grant impact area
- Date funds needed
- Advise if your organization's Executive Director/CEO authorized this application
- Unduplicated number of individuals proposed to be served by this program, as a result of this funding
- Describe the individuals served by the program, including zip code of residence, race, and primary language spoken. Advise if you have a client database that tracks this.
- Percent or number of low income/poor served
- Criteria used to define low income
- Number of services/visits provided by program annually

Organization Information

- Organization mission statement
- Overview of organization's history, values, staffing, programs and recent distinctions
- Advise if you have a strategy of inclusion to assure active listening and representation of all whom you aim to serve. This includes representation of race, ethnicity, gender, age, culture, religion, and/or ability on your board, staff, volunteer network, or other areas. Please describe your efforts on this.

Program Description

- Explain the proposed program's relevance to your organization's work and how it advances one of the Foundation's Impact Areas. Visit sjchf.org for more information on the Impact Areas.

- Describe your organization's staffing expertise and capacity to serve the target population.
- Explain how the clients are engaged to assure the program meets their needs.
- List the top two desired outcomes of the program. Explain how you plan to measure the effectiveness of those outcomes.
- Explain how you impact or transform your clients' overall spirit and sense of hope, purpose, and wellbeing.
- Total program budget amount
- Program budget and budget narrative
- Your organization's fiscal year

Attachments

- List of board members with their professional affiliations. Please advise how frequently the board meets and if minutes are kept.
- Most recent 990 filed with the IRS
- Organization's current operating budget with revenues and expenses
- Organization's current year budget vs. actual with revenues and expenses (if you are at least six months into your fiscal year at the time of submission)
- Organization's previous year budget vs. actual with revenues and expenses
- Conference agenda or flier (Schneider Fellowship for continuing healthcare education requests only)

We may contact you during our review process to clarify information in your application or request additional information. You can expect to receive a funding decision within 90 days of submission.