

Community Grant Workshop June 30, 2022

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# Mission Statement

The Junior League of Montgomery, Inc., is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



### Special Focus on Projects

The promotion of the arts in our community The health and well being of children The health and well being of women The health and well being of the elderly Literacy and quality education for all The promotion of volunteerism

## What Makes a Successful Project?

- Consistent with JLM's mission statement
- Meaningful to the target population
- Straightforward
- Concrete
- Achievable
- Inspiring
- Fulfilling



Guidelines for "A Successful Project" are available on the JLM website.

## Grant Application

#### Organization Must be a designated a 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS or under the umbrella of a 501(c)(3).

#### **Budget**

Both for the organization (general) and the project (line-item). If the project will be partially funded by JLM, indicate which items will be paid for with JLM grant funds.

#### Timeframe

Estimated duration and suggested project work schedule are essential to evaluation.

#### Volunteers

Minimum of 8 – Ideally 12-15, maximum of 25. Roles must be specified and include meaningful responsibilities.

#### Volunteer Hours

Minimum of 15-20 total hours per volunteer over the course of the project.

### How Projects Are Selected









EACH COMMUNITY RESEARCH COUNCIL (CRC) MEMBER IS ASSIGNED A SET OF APPLICATIONS TO REVIEW. THIS INCLUDES SITE VISITS AND FOLLOW-UP ON APPLICATION RESPONSES. CRC MEETS TO REVIEW APPLICANTS, DISCUSS PROPOSALS AND SITE VISITS, AND IDENTIFY PROJECTS THAT EXEMPLIFY OUR MISSION. CRC MEETS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMB ER TO MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JLM BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PROPOSED PROJECTS ARE SUBMITTED BY THE JLM BOARD TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FOR A VOTE IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY.

### **How Projects Are Selected**





THE JLM PLACEMENT CHAIR COORDINATES WITH AGENCY STAFF TO ARTICULATE PROJECT NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS TO MEMBERS. (PLACEMENT FAIR TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2023.)

GRANT OFFERS ARE TENTATIVE UNTIL A MINIMUM NUMBER OF JUNIOR LEAGUE MEMBERS SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE PLACEMENT IF A VOLUNTEER COMPONENT IS NEEDED. AN OTHERWISE APPROVED PROJECT GRANT CAN BE WITHDRAWN IF MEMBERS DO NOT VOLUNTEER FOR THE PROJECT.



UPON PROJECT COMPLETION (MAY 2024), AGENCY STAFF SUBMITS A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE RESPECTIVE JLM PLACEMENT CHAIR SUMMARIZING THE PLACEMENT AND RESULTS.

## **Community Research Timeline**

August 19, 2022	Applications due by 11:59 PM, e-mail Only
August–October 2022	CRC reviews applications& contacts applicants, & performs site visits
November 2022	CRC recommends grant recipients for 2022-2023
December 2022 – February 2023	Presentation to the Board of Directors & general membership vote on proposed recipients
March–April 2023	Agencies are contacted with results
April–May 2023	JLM members sign up for volunteer placements and contracts are sent to agencies
May 2023	Agencies are recognized at GM meeting
June 2023	Contract deadline, checks issued
June 2023 – May 2024	Project year commences

### **Community Assistance Fund**

Unavoidable and unfortunate circumstances can arise and prevent you from conducting your regular charitable activities.

CAF funds allow JLM to address emergency situations your 501(c)3 agency may encounter.

To Make a CAF Request, Contact:

- Community Council VP: Amerika Blair
- Contact number: 334-233-1038
- Email: amerikablair1@gmail.com



### Questions?



Where to find proof of 501(c)(3) status?

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What if...

Why wasn't my agency funded before?

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