



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF DENVER

2020-2021 Junior League of Denver Collaborative Impact Grants

The Collaborative Impact Grants Committee of the Junior League of Denver (JLD) is awarding up to \$25,000 to qualified local nonprofits that support improving the lives of women and children in the Denver metro area. Programs working with all ages of children or adults may apply.

As an addition to our Collaborative Impact Grants process, the Junior League of Denver is interested in building stronger partnerships with our community by offering a two-part approach to support a successful program. In addition to a monetary grant, we are committed to providing enthusiastic Junior League of Denver members to fulfill volunteer opportunities related to the program of interest.

Funds will be awarded in May of 2021, to be used by May of 2022.

To qualify for a grant:

- Your agency must support improving the lives of women and children in the Denver metro area;
- Your agency must support the JLD's Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. This objective will be accomplished through providing an opportunity for JLD women to volunteer on a regular basis;
- The grant funds must be used to benefit the Denver metro community;
- Applicants must have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS;
- Your agency must have a local board of directors;
- Your agency must have a non-discrimination policy.

Nonprofit organizations that meet the above guidelines are invited to submit a **Concept Letter** describing how the grant money would be used in conjunction with volunteer opportunities. The Grants Committee will review the concept letters and invite a number of semi-finalists to submit a full grant proposal. Site visits will be conducted with all semi-finalists.

Concept Letter and attachments are due via email to jldgrants@jld.org by 5 pm on Friday, September 11, 2020. Please do not include non-requested attachments, including annual reports, brochures, videos, etc. If your agency is selected to submit a full grant proposal, you will receive further instructions and be asked to complete the Colorado Common Grant Application.

Qualified applicants must submit the following:

1. A concept letter (no longer than **four typed pages**) including:
 - A. A detailed description of how the project or program fits within improving the lives of women and children in the Denver metro area;
 - B. A model of how your agency will utilize JLD volunteers to support the project through regular volunteering, inclusive of describing the environment of the volunteer opportunity, any special training or requirements, who the volunteers will be working with, and the days/times volunteers are needed (see Attachment A);
 - C. Project/program time frame. Please keep in mind that most of our volunteers work outside the home during traditional working hours so the most accessible volunteer opportunities occur during the weeknights or weekends. Volunteer placements take place between August 2021 and May 2022;
 - D. Whom the grant will benefit (target population);
 - E. The project or program's immediate goals and the larger impact the project or program will have on the community;
 - F. How the agency will measure whether its goals and impact were accomplished;
 - G. Project sustainability (if applicable);
 - H. Amount of request (not to exceed \$25,000);
 - I. Agency contact information (including name, address, phone number, and email address)

2. Attachments (**each item is not to exceed one page**)
 - A. Organization Summary;
 - B. Budget sheet for the project/program listing expenses and brief descriptions of how each expense supports the proposal and who else you are planning on receiving funding from for this request (please list funder, requested amount, and current status);
 - C. Proof of your tax-exempt status;
 - D. Board of Directors list (please include names and company affiliations)

Requests will not be considered for:

- fundraising drives
- building fund/capital campaigns
- mileage reimbursement
- travel expenses
- scholarships
- research projects
- administrative staff salaries
- sectarian religious projects
- general operating funds

If you are aware that any JLD member is involved with your organization, please contact the chairs of the Grants Committee at jldgrants@jld.org. A JLD member who has a potential conflict of interest will remove herself from discussion and voting related to the JLD Grant, and the member will complete a JLD Conflict of Interest form to be filed with the JLD.

Timeline:

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| August 27, 2020 | Virtual Open House to learn more about the Junior League, grant opportunities and ways to utilize JLD volunteers. |
| September 11, 2020 | Concept Letter Due for Grant Opportunities |
| September 18, 2020 | Semi-finalists notified and invited to submit Colorado Common Grant Application |
| October 9, 2020 | Colorado Common Grant Application Due |
| February 2021 | Final decisions made |
| May 2021 | Funds awarded |

More about the Junior League of Denver

OUR MISSION

The Junior League of Denver, Incorporated (founded in 1918), is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

WHO WE ARE

The Junior League of Denver (JLD) is a women's training organization that develops civic leaders committed to improving our community. We are currently working to improve literacy rates and provide access to books for children through the third grade. Founded in 1918, the League started, and aided in starting, many well-known Denver institutions including Children's Museum of Denver, Mile High Transplant Bank (now Donor Alliance), the Red Rocks concerts and many others.



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Attachment A – Creating an opportunity for Junior League of Denver volunteers

A core requirement of this grant is to create an opportunity for women in the Junior League of Denver (JLD) to actively participate in your organization through regular volunteering, which in the JLD world is known as a “community placement”. Examples of current community placements include reading to kids at low-income Denver area schools and providing meals to women and children experiencing homelessness. Creating a placement within agencies who receive the grant funds allows the League to support the mission of the agency more than simply financially. JLD women are passionate, enthusiastic volunteers who have made significant impacts on many area nonprofits through dedication of their time and efforts.

A typical community placement with the JLD consists of a regular (bi-monthly) event at the partner agency where JLD women spend a few hours helping the agency achieve its vision and mission. Depending on the size of your agency and need for volunteers, the number of women who would be part of a placement with your agency could vary from four to 12+. Your agency will be provided with at least one woman from the JLD who would be in charge of coordinating the placement logistics with your agency; this person is known as the placement’s chair. The chair will work with a contact at your organization to decide the days/times of the volunteer events, the different tasks the JLD women will assist with, and how the JLD can assist in the planning and execution of the regular events.

The Concept Letter is your organization’s opportunity to present an initial model of how a JLD member placement could work within your organization. Organizations selected to complete a Common Colorado Grant Application will receive training and technical assistance from a member of the JLD Collaborative Impact Grants committee to design exactly how a JLD placement will look within your organization. Women on the Collaborative Impact Grants Committee are Active members of the JLD who have participated in several different League placements and fully understand what the League requires when partnering with a community organization for a member placement. A fully-developed concept for a JLD placement will be a deciding factor in awarding funds.