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2023-2024 Junior League of Denver Community Granting

The Junior League of Denver (JLD) Community Granting Committee is awarding up to \$25,000 to qualified local Metro Denver (including counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson) nonprofits working to disrupt the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Denver.

As an addition to our granting process, the JLD is interested in building stronger partnerships with our community via a two-part approach. Along with a monetary grant, we are committed to providing enthusiastic JLD members to fulfill volunteer opportunities related to the needs of the organization.

Funds will be awarded in May 2024, to be used by May 2025.

To qualify for a grant:

- Your nonprofit must support disrupting the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Metro Denver;
- Your nonprofit 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;
- The grant funds must be used to benefit the Metro Denver community;
- Applicants must have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS;
- Your nonprofit must have a local board of directors;
- Your nonprofit 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 for your organization. The Community Granting Committee will review the concept letters and invite 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 22, 2023. 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 an invitation to complete the Colorado Common Grant Application. A nonprofit organization cannot receive funding from the JLD more than twice in a five-year period.



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Qualified applicants must submit the following:

1. A concept letter (no longer than four typed pages) including:
 - a. A detailed description of how your organization is working to disrupt the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Metro Denver;
 - b. A description of how your nonprofit can utilize JLD volunteers between August 2024 and May 2025 to support your mission through volunteer opportunities, including describing the environment of the volunteer opportunity, any special training or requirements, who the volunteers will be working with, etc.
 - Volunteer engagement opportunities could include (but are not limited to):
 - One-time or recurring volunteer opportunity for JLD members
 - Provide a meeting location for JLD members
 - Offer training opportunities for JLD members
 - Board service opportunity for JLD members
 - Other volunteer opportunities can be considered as well

Please note that a donation drive is not considered a volunteer opportunity. Also, most JLD volunteers work outside the home during traditional working hours so the most accessible volunteer opportunities occur on weeknights or weekends.

- d. Whom the grant will benefit (target population);
 - f. How the nonprofit will measure whether its goals and impact were accomplished;
 - g. Project sustainability (if applicable);
 - h. Amount of request (not to exceed \$25,000);
 - i. Nonprofit contact information (including name, address, phone number and email address)

2. Attachments (each item is not to exceed one page)

- a. Organization Summary;
- b. Organization budget
- c. Proof of your tax-exempt 501(c)(3) 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



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- research projects
- administrative staff salaries
- sectarian religious projects

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 that 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:

August 29, 2023	Community Open House
September 22, 2023, 5 pm	Concept Letter Due
Week of October 2, 2023	Invitations sent for Colorado Common Grant Application
October & November	Site visits with semi-finalists
November 26, 2023, 5 pm	Colorado Common Grant Application Due
February 2023	Selection of Grant Recipients
May 2023	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 disrupt the cycle of systemic poverty for women and families in Denver. For nearly a decade, we have reached thousands of children and families through signature programs like Kids Connect and Read2Kids, as well as key partnerships with The Gathering Place, Reading Partners Colorado and many others. In addition to continuing these impactful literacy programs, the JLD recently expanded to address systemic poverty. This work will build on the continued success of our literacy efforts by helping us engage in adjacent areas like homelessness, education, health and food security.



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

JLD women are passionate, trained, and enthusiastic volunteers that have made significant impacts on many area nonprofits through dedication of their time and efforts.

JLD volunteers are available for a variety of volunteer shifts and work. A JLD 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 volunteer shifts.