



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF THE ORANGES AND SHORT HILLS

JUNIOR LEAGUE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-2018 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Area – October 5, 2017 – The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills, Inc. (JLOSSH) invites local non-profit organizations to apply for a Community Grant for 2017-2018. We are pleased to be able to offer grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Grant recipients will be announced in Spring 2018.

The grants will be awarded to qualifying organizations whose programs further JLOSSH's new *Fill the Need Initiative*. This initiative focuses on addressing the basic needs of low-income children in our joint service area through community work dedicated to closing the gap on food insecurity, school supply gaps, essential clothing, and basic hygiene needs of school-aged children living in poverty. We believe that when these basic needs are met, together we can help low-income children focus their energy on succeeding in school and building a more secure future. Grants will be awarded only to *Fill the Need Initiative* programs that target the communities in JLOSSH's service area which includes East Orange, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, Short Hills, South Orange, Springfield, and West Orange.

Non-profit organizations interested in applying for a JLOSSH Community Grant are invited to visit the League's website, www.JLOSSH.org, to be directed to our online application starting on October 16, 2017. **The grant application must be completed no later than Friday, Dec. 15th, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.** Questions regarding the grant application or selection process should be directed to Ms. Mukta Bhatia, JLOSSH Grant Evaluation Committee Chair at 973-379-9655, on her mobile at 551-580-1182, or by email at jlosshgrants@gmail.com.

JLOSSH has a long history of serving our community with hands-on volunteer work as well as generous grants to community organizations, including awarding \$30,000 in community grants to six organizations in 2012-2013, and \$10,000 shared by several organizations each year since.

Every year, JLOSSH members work together to tackle critical needs of women and children in our area. Founded in 1913, JLOSSH reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. To learn more about JLOSSH, visit our website at www.jlossh.org or find us on Facebook.

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