

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills 2018 - 2019 Community Grant Application Details and Eligibility Requirements

Overview of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills' (JLOSH) Community Grants Process

JLOSH Community Grants are intended to support organizations that improve the lives of children aged Pre-K through 8th grade in the communities we serve: East Orange, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, Short Hills, South Orange, Springfield and West Orange.

This coming year, we will be awarding several grants for projects, ranging in size from \$1,000 to \$5000. These grants will be awarded to qualifying organizations whose programs further JLOSH's "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 (PreK – 8th grade) 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 JLOSH's service area which includes East Orange, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, Short Hills, South Orange, Springfield and West Orange.

The Application Process

We will start accepting applications on Monday, October 15, 2018. To apply, you must submit your completed application and all requested supporting materials by **December 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. Applications must be completed in entirety at the time of submission.

Note that applicants may be contacted by members of the Grant Evaluation Committee or asked to attend a meeting of that committee to present additional details regarding their proposal.

We anticipate reviewing all materials and contacting applicants for site visits by March 2019. Grants will then be awarded in Spring of 2019.

We encourage you to submit your application via our online process but should you require a hard copy application please contact us (see contact information).

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility is reserved for non-profit organizations that demonstrate tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501. Funding to individuals will not be considered.

Grant recipients will have demonstrated that their program/project goals are in keeping with JLOSH's goals to improve the lives of children (PreK – 8th grade) living in poverty, focusing on our "Fill the Need Initiative".

Organizations may receive a community grant for no more than two consecutive years. An organization may re-apply only after the passage of a minimum of one year following receipt of their most recent community grant.

Excluded from consideration are the following types of activities:

- Contributions to an organization's general operating fund;
- Contributions for fundraising activities or capacity building (e.g., membership drives, fundraising database, etc.);
- Contributions for marketing or advertising activities

Contact Information

Should you have questions regarding the application or selection process, please contact Amy Straub, JLOSH Community Grants Chair, by email at jloshgrants@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in our Community Grant Program for 2018 – 2019. We look forward to receiving your application.