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Dear Community Members, Partners, and Neighbors,

The Junior League of Cincinnati (JLC) invites you to submit an application for partnership and funding. We have a long history of partnering with and creating non-profit organizations in the Cincinnati area to address community needs. Some of our past signature projects include GrinUp, MindPeace, RefugeeConnect, and Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank. You are receiving this announcement as we begin the process of identifying our next partner organization either because you are a previous applicant or because one of our members recommended your organization. We hope you will consider whether you have a project opportunity the JLC can help to realize. Based on the Greater Cincinnati community's needs and the Junior League's experience, we are seeking your ideas for creating a positive impact within the following areas:

- Lack of Basic Needs (housing, food, transportation, education, etc.)
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

The JLC will provide trained volunteers and seed funding for a period of three years to a local organization and project aligned to the JLC mission. This funding series is not intended to be used as Covid-19 relief funding, but instead should go directly to supporting the selected project.

We aim to co-create an active, visible and impactful project that is unique to the JLC partnership with our chosen organization. Details about the application process, key dates and what you can expect from a JLC partnership are listed in the **Proposal Application Process and Timeline** section of this document and are available online at jlcincinnati.org/community/requestforproposals/.

The JLC takes on a new partnership project once every three years, so we look forward to reviewing your submission! If you do not have a relevant project at this time, we would appreciate your help in spreading the word! We understand this is a challenging time to consider taking on a new partner and we appreciate your consideration! Please share this opportunity with your colleagues and stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please contact our Program Development committee at development@jlcincinnati.org.

Sincerely,

Katie Dulle

Program Development Chair

Mission: The Junior League of Cincinnati is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership



Background

Founded in 1920, the Junior League of Cincinnati is part of a network of more than 292 Junior League Organizations across the globe. We are a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization, whose 800+ members are dedicated to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Vision

The Junior League of Cincinnati is committed to improving our community by stimulating change and empowering people through the direct efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Our members are global in complexion and perspective. Partnerships with the community strengthen our ability to make an impact on the lives of those we serve, and we commit financial and volunteer resources to community projects that further its focus area: **Strengthening Childhood Environments.**

Commitment

Our commitment has remained unwavering: to develop exceptionally qualified civic leaders who can identify a community's most urgent and pressing needs and address them with meaningful and relevant programs and initiatives that not only improve lives, but change the way people think.

Results

The Junior League of Cincinnati has amassed an archive of irrefutable results and an undisputed reputation as a thoughtful and influential change agent for the public good. Our organization has been instrumental in championing education and literacy programs, children's cultural development, school nutrition, foster care, mental health, and heightened awareness around domestic violence and alcohol abuse.

This important work has won us dedicated community and corporate partners and loyal supporters for nearly a century as well as an enduring legacy as the foremost provider of civic leadership training for women.

They don't call us the Volunteer Powerhouse for nothing.

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COMMUNITIES**

Request for Proposals

The application process will have two phases. Phase 1 is designed to be a streamlined form-based application that can be completed online. Submissions for the first phase are due by 11:59pm November 15, 2020. A JLC Program Development Committee member may reach out to ask clarifying questions.

After the Program Development committee reviews each submission, semi-finalists will be selected to complete the Phase 2 application which will dive deeper into the project's specific goals, needs and support from the partner organization. Applicants will be notified regardless of selection by **December 2020.**

In addition to the Phase 2 application, semi-finalist applicants will also be asked to submit their most recent statement of revenue and expenses, a three year projected operating budget with specific revenue sources and detailed expense accounts. Each Phase 2 application will be reviewed closely, and a Program Development Committee member will be assigned to each prospective partner in order to help co-create a program that leverages the skills and experience of the JLC while maximizing impact for the partner and the community. The Phase 2 application is due **January 15, 2021.**

In early 2021, finalist partners will be notified and invited to present to the Junior League of Cincinnati membership on **April 6, 2020** for a final selection vote.

How the JLC will support the Partner

The JLC is an organization of trained women from varied backgrounds with knowledge and diverse expertise including public relations, legal services, grant writing, education, marketing, medical training, programming, and financial analysis in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors. Our members are trained volunteers with a rich history of incubating and accelerating non-profit ideas and organizations. All proposals must identify training needs and consistent volunteer opportunities for a minimum of 30 JLC volunteers each month. It is critical to have a variety of days and times available for volunteer opportunities. Additionally, given the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, virtual and remote volunteer opportunities should also be considered.

The JLC will provide the support, commitment and expertise of our 800+ members for the duration of the partnership term. We also strongly recommended that a JLC member (of the partner's choosing) serve on the partner's Board of Directors for the term of the partnership.

In addition to our robust volunteer base, the JLC will also provide, at its sole discretion, up to \$25,000 in seed funding to be renewed annually for a period of three years (the "Funding Period"). The chosen project will be co-managed by the JLC and the sponsoring organization for the Funding Period. At the time of funding, a contract will be signed by the JLC and the sponsoring organization.

The contract will detail, among other things, the project description, disbursement of funds, accounting by the recipient, rights of the JLC, and responsibilities of the funding recipient. The partnership term will begin no earlier than June 1, 2021. Funding and volunteer hour start dates will be set forth in the contract.

One project will be selected by the membership at the JLC meeting in April 2021. All Finalists will be notified of the membership's final vote and decision by the end of April 2021.

Proposal Application Timeline

- October 15, 2020**
Proposal Application Opens
- November 15, 2020**
Phase 1 Submissions Due by Midnight
- December 2020**
Select partners invited to submit Phase 2 application
- January 15, 2021**
Deadline to Submit Phase 2 Application
- February 2021**
Selection and Notification of Semi-Finalists
- February/March 2021**
Semi-Finalist Presentations to Junior League
- April 6, 2021**
Finalist Presentations to Junior League Membership
- April 30, 2021**
Finalists Notified of Membership Decision
- June 1, 2021**
Earliest Possible Partnership Start Date

How to Submit a Proposal

Proposals should be completed using our online application at:

jlcincinnati.org/community/requestforproposals

All applications must be submitted by midnight on Sunday November 15, 2020

Questions? Contact Us

Katie Dulle

Program Development Chair

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Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank partners with local social service agencies to provide diapers to low-income families while raising awareness of the basic health need for diapers. Sweet Cheeks' vision is to eliminate the existence of diaper need in our community so that ALL babies have a chance to be healthy, happy, and safe.



RefugeeConnect is Greater Cincinnati's umbrella program that links refugee communities, service providers, and engaged community members to each other. RefugeeConnect's programming includes a virtual resource center, robust volunteer training program, quarterly service provider partner forum, scholarship fund, community events, and an Annual World Refugee Day Cup Soccer Tournament.



GrinUp! is a project of the Junior League of Cincinnati. Our mission is to improve the oral health of children in Greater Cincinnati through an area-wide oral health campaign. GrinUp! drives awareness, educates the community, and advocates for improvements in care with the goal of creating a world of happy, healthy smiles.



The mission of MindPeace is to advocate for access to high quality mental healthcare for all children in Greater Cincinnati.



ProKids mobilizes our community to break the vicious cycle of child abuse and neglect. Their vision is a safe, permanent and nurturing home for every child. ProKids recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to speak up for children who have been abused and neglected and help guide them into safe environments where they can thrive, and creates alliances within the child protection system to maximize outcomes for our children.

As well as:

- Appalachian Festival
 - Babies Milk Fund
 - Camp Stepping Stones & Stepping Stones Center
 - Child & The Humanities at Cincinnati Public Library
 - Children's Theatre of Cincinnati
 - Cincinnati Art Museum's Docent Program
 - Cincinnati Art Museum's Discovery Room
 - Cincinnati Fire Museum
 - Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation
 - Duke Energy Children's Museum
 - Girls on the Run
 - Family Friends
 - Fernside
 - Ohio's Fostering Connections Act
 - Magic Circle
 - McKinley FLIGHT School Project
 - Parents as Partners
 - Project LEAD
 - School for the Creative & Performing Arts
 - Schwab School Peace Initiative
 - Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses
 - Strengthening Families After Divorce
 - Withrow High School College & Career Counseling
 - Woman to Woman
 - Volunteers Intervening for Equality
- ...and nearly a hundred more programs and nonprofit organizations in Greater Cincinnati.**

Community & Outreach (Cando Committee)

The JLC has a committee whose purpose is to identify high-quality, capacity-building volunteer opportunities for our members. If you represent a 501(c)(3) organization and have a special project that aligns with the JLC mission and goals, please send an inquiry to cando@jlcincinnati.org.

Board of Directors Participation

JLC volunteers specifically trained in non-profit Board service are available to interview for your agency's Board of Directors or Advisory Committees. If you would like to be a part of the JLC Board Bank, please contact us at leadership@jlcincinnati.org.

Community Drives

The JLC conducts several drives on behalf of our community partners each year. Past drives have included collection of items such as children's books, school supplies, clothing items, and baby items. If you are a 501(c)(3) organization, have been selected as a Community Partner and have a drive request, please send an inquiry to community@jlcincinnati.org.

Community Service Award

The JLC annually bestows the Community Service Award to a person, agency or organization that has supported both the JLC and the wider community. Nominations are accepted in March and may be sent to community@jlcincinnati.org.

Columbia Center Rentals

Our beautiful, historic Columbia Center building in the Columbia-Tusculum neighborhood of Cincinnati serves as a unique and charming event space. The building features modern amenities with everything needed to create a successful and memorable event, including wireless internet and audio/visual systems. The 10,000 square foot facility and its five meeting spaces are available to nonprofits and community organizations at reduced rental rates. Please visit www.jlcincinnati.org/columbia-center for more information.

