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### Dear Community Members, Partners, and Neighbors,

The Junior League of Cincinnati (JLC) invites you to submit a proposal for funding and partnership. Based on extensive research conducted over the past year, we are seeking the community's ideas for creating a positive impact within the following areas:

- The Heroin and Opioid Epidemic
- Basic Needs (housing, food, transportation, education, etc.)
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Lack of support for youth aging out of social services

The JLC will be providing seed funding and trained volunteers for a period of up to 3-5 years to the proponents of the chosen proposal.

We are seeking to create an active partnership between the JLC and the chosen proposal. More information about this can be found in this Request for Proposals and [our online application](#), along with details regarding budget and selection criteria. **Please submit your completed application no later than December 1, 2017.**

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to reviewing your submission. If you do not have a relevant proposal at this time, we would appreciate your help in spreading the word! Please share this opportunity with your colleagues and stakeholders.

If you have any questions, please contact our Program Development committee at [programs@jlcincinnati.org](mailto:programs@jlcincinnati.org) or by phone at **(513) 549-1119**.

Sincerely,

Jen Schuster

Jamie Stinson

Co-Chairs, JLC Program Development Committee  
Junior League of Cincinnati

**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 of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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### **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 our 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.**

**WOMEN  
BUILDING  
BETTER  
COMMUNITIES**

# Request for Proposals

The Junior League of Cincinnati (“JLC”) is seeking proposals from our community that focus on strengthening childhood environments, building better communities, and educating and empowering women and children to live their potential. We have conducted a thorough community needs assessment and identified and prioritized the following critical local issues and request proposals with clear objectives focusing on women and children affected by any and/or all of the following:

- The Heroin and Opioid Epidemic
- Basic Needs (housing, food, transportation, education, etc.)
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)
- Lack of support services for youth aging out of social services

We will consider proposals to support existing programs, but also encourage applications for new program concepts that fit within these focus areas.

The JLC will provide, at its sole discretion, up to \$25,000 in seed funding to be renewed annually based on a yearly evaluation for a period of 3-5 years (the “Funding Period”). In addition to the funding, the JLC will provide the support and expertise of from our 800+ members for the duration of the Funding Period. Our members are trained volunteers with a rich history of incubating and accelerating non-profit ideas and organizations. The chosen program will be co-managed by the JLC and the sponsoring organization for the Funding Period.

The JLC is an organization of trained women from varied backgrounds with knowledge and expertise in many areas, including, among others, public relations, legal services, grant writing, education, marketing, medical training, programming, and financial analysis. All proposals should identify various types of both expert and experiential opportunities to utilize a minimum of 30 reoccurring JLC volunteers (120 women hours) each month annually from September through May to deliver the goals of the program.

**The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, December 1, 2017.**

Proposal applications should be completed online at:

[www.jlcincinnati.org/requestforproposals](http://www.jlcincinnati.org/requestforproposals)

One proposal will be selected by the membership at a General Membership Meeting in the spring of 2018. All Finalists will be notified of the membership’s ultimate decision on or about April 17, 2018.

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 program description, disbursement of funds, accounting by the recipient, rights of the JLC, and responsibilities of the recipient of the funding.

## Proposal Application Timeline



## How to Submit a Proposal

Proposals should be completed using our online application at:

[jlcincinnati.org/requestforproposals](http://jlcincinnati.org/requestforproposals)

In addition to questions about the development of your program, your proposal will require the following supplemental documentation:

- Most recent Statement of Revenues & Expenses
- 3-Year Projected Operating Budget with specific revenue sources and detailed expense accounts
- An organizational chart

All applications must be submitted by midnight on Friday, December 1, 2017.

## Questions? Contact Us:

Jen Schuster & Jamie Stinson

Program Development Co-Chairs

[programs@jlcincinnati.org](mailto:programs@jlcincinnati.org)

(513) 549-1119

# Programs and Projects Impacted or Incubated by the JLC



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.



Fernside, established in 1986, as the nation's second oldest children's grief center, remains today a national leader in providing grief support services and outreach and education to the community and families. An affiliate of Hospice of Cincinnati, Fernside services complement Hospice of Cincinnati's comprehensive bereavement program by addressing the unique needs of 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

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.

# Additional Ways to Partner

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:community@jlcincinnati.org).

## Choral Group

The JLC Choral Group has been bringing cheer and friendship to senior care and retirement homes for over 50 years. Established in 1963, the Choral Group is the JLC's oldest ongoing program. The Choral Group is also one of the JLC's most unique committee's in that it is made up of community members as well as JLC members. The group is headed by Pat Matchette, choral director, and performs at more than 25 special care facilities throughout our city. If you would like to request a JLC performance, please send an inquiry to Terry Robinson at [dbtrtpr@gmail.com](mailto:dbtrtpr@gmail.com) or Sue Brainer at [sbrainer@aol.com](mailto:sbrainer@aol.com).

## 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](http://www.jlcincinnati.org/columbia-center) for more information.

