

The COVID-19 Response Fund Guidelines

The Junior League of Columbia's (JLC) COVID-19 Response Fund was created to provide flexible resources to non-profit organizations in the greater Midlands (including Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry and Richland counties) to help meet the needs of our community during this uncertain time. For nearly a century, the JLC has been committed to developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The primary purpose of the JLC is not fundraising; instead, it is strategically focused on raising money to meet its mission and plan for the future.

This fund will focus on the following areas: food support, healthcare, emergency housing and homelessness, senior care, Richland County School District One, and other child and family services organizations. The JLC will distribute 100% of the funds raised to community partners.

Because fundraising has just started, we are currently do not know how much funding we will be able to give; however, we wanted to let the community know that as funds become available, the JLC's Board of Directors will be considering all proposals that are submitted through our online Request for Proposal process. We invite you to send in your applications for funding requests.

The JLC will consider supporting non-profit organizations, that have been established for at least one year, and that have projects directly benefiting the greater Midlands. We do not make grants to individuals or government agencies, or for capital building projects (to include playgrounds), lobbying, or religious purposes. We cannot support fundraising opportunities or sponsorships. Proof of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status will be requested of funded organizations.

Application Process

To be considered for funding in the first round of grants, please submit an application to info@jlcolumbia.org containing all the items specified below by Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The JLC's Board of Directors will review the applications received and will contact applicants if there are questions or if additional information is required. The JLC Board of Directors will acknowledge applications within two weeks of receipt and notify applicants of the final decision. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Contents

Applications must include:

1. The organization's mission statement;
2. The amount requested;
3. A detailed description of the project for which funds are requested;
4. A timeline in which you expect these funds to be spent; and
5. Avenues for possible collaboration with the JLC, either in this project or in future events, if applicable.