



## Request for Letter of Intent JLI Community Assistance Grants

### *What is the Junior League?*

#### **Mission Statement**

The Junior League of Indianapolis is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

#### **Current Strategic Issue**

Within the JLI's broad focus to support the health and education of children and their families, the JLI has identified a current strategic issue. This current issue is preparing students for academic success.

### *2019-2020 Community Assistance Grants*

Each year, the JLI awards Community Assistance Grants (CAGs) to financially sound nonprofit organizations classified as 501c(3) organizations located in Marion County or surrounding counties. In 2019-2020, the JLI is providing our community assistance grants to organizations that prepare students for academic success by providing families with knowledge and resources to guide their children toward academic success and/or those that equip students, families and education providers with age-appropriate educational materials.

In the 2019-2020 cycle the first step in the application process is to submit a **Letter of Intent**. Please use the Letter of Intent form listed on the [website](#). A completed Letter of Intent is limited to a maximum of 3 pages.

Please keep the following in mind in applying for assistance:

Please note that unlike our Community Project partners, CAG recipients do not receive volunteer support from the JLI. Community Assistance Grant recipients will receive **funding only**. Please see the website for more details if your organization would like to apply to become a Community Project that involves a partnership between the JLI and another nonprofit organization, with the JLI providing both funding and trained volunteers to the partnering organization.

### *Additional Information about Community Assistance Grants*

#### **Eligibility**

1. Funded initiatives must fall within the JLI's current focus area to prepare students for academic success by,
  - a. providing families with knowledge and resources to guide their children toward academic success  
*and/or*
  - b. those that equip students, families and education providers with age-appropriate educational materials.
2. CAG applicants must be located in and serve a constituency in Marion or a surrounding county: Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan or Hendricks.
3. Financially sound nonprofit organization classified as 501c(3) organizations

### **Letter of Intent Format**

The Letter of Intent must be submitted on the required Letter of Intent form. The Letter of Intent form will provide the option of requesting funding in two ways:

1. Up to \$50,000  
OR
2. \$5,000 and up to \$10,000

The CAGs Committee will select organizations who applied for funding of \$50,000 with the highest overall scores as semi-finalists who may be subject to a site visit at the JLI's request. Once site visits are complete, finalists will then be selected and required to present their proposal at the December General Membership Meeting of JLI.

Applicants interested in receiving from \$5,000 and up to \$10,000 will not be subject to a site visit nor be required to present at the December General Membership meeting. Those organizations will be selected by the CAGs Committee.

The Letter of Intent must be submitted in PDF format by email to [grants@jlindy.org](mailto:grants@jlindy.org) and include "2019 CAG Letter of Intent" in the subject line.

### **Letter of Intent must be submitted by 5:00pm on August 16th, 2019. LATE LETTERS OF INTENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Do not submit additional cover letters, marketing materials, brochures, videos or any materials other than those requested should be provided. Any additional materials provided will be discarded immediately.

### **Letter of Intent Review and Notification**

The JLI LOI Sub-Committee will review the Letters of Intent. Applicants selected to submit a full application will be notified by September 9th, 2019. **Completed full applications will be due by 5:00pm on October 4th, 2019. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

