

ST. JAMES CHARITIES FOUNDATION

Guidelines for Grant Applications

POLICIES

- Grant applications must be received at St. James by May 15, 2023 in order to be considered.
- Grants will only be made to agencies and organizations that serve the community or meet human needs of Henderson County.
- Grants will be made only for legally recognized non-profit purposes that are for the direct relief of human need or for the constructive enhancement of deprived persons.
- Grants will not be made to supplant tax funds for projects which would ordinarily receive public funding support.
- Grants will not be made for any project of an individual.
- The governing board of an applicant organization must approve a project prior to its submission to Saint James Charities, and the governing board must be willing to answer all questions regarding their source of other funding.
- Grants funding is limited to a one year period. Longer lived projects will require additional applications.
- The project will be evaluated and monitored by the Board Stewards of the Saint James Charities Foundation using the Project Evaluation form that will accompany the Grant Award letter.
- Our goal is to fund no later than August 2023.

B. PRIORITIES

1. Applications will receive special consideration if they
 - Deal with issues of Health, Hunger, Homelessness and/or Education in Henderson County.
 - New initiatives and/or one time projects in Henderson County.
2. We anticipate applications to total well above what we have to award. Applications with the broadest impact and up to a maximum of \$3,000 will be given highest consideration.
3. After three consecutive years of awards from St James Charities, an organization must take a one year break from submitting an application.

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Grant Background & History

St. James Episcopal Church is a Christian community in the sacramental and liturgical tradition of The Episcopal Church. Our community is known for its hospitality, inclusiveness and tolerance for diversity, liturgical excellence and community service. It is our desire to give every seeker who comes to us and every believer among us a place to stand and worship, a forum in which to listen, learn and be heard and an opportunity to choose to serve others from an array of possibilities, both within and outside our faith community.

It is our goal to live and to serve according to the simple message of Jesus; to love one another, to love and serve the poor, needy and helpless; to welcome the alien and the stranger; to seek justice and foster reconciliation; and to comfort and give compassionate care to those who suffer. We mean to be especially sensitive to those who live on the margins of our Church and our society.

As inclusive Christians, we strive to extend care and generosity to those of our faith, other faiths or no faith at all. As human beings we pledge our loving compassion for any person regardless of race, social history, nationality, sexual preference, political label, age or gender.

Like the good Samaritan in the gospel story (Luke 10:29-37) we count everyone a neighbor. Our conscious focus, however, is on our near neighborhood, our city and our county. We do, however, respond to devastated communities and support humanitarian and medical outreach begun by members of our community wherever they occur.

St. James Charities Foundation, through its Board of Stewards, is an extension of the mission, commitment and focus of St. James Episcopal Church. We therefore support charitable activities which are consistent with our faith, our mission and our commitment to follow in the Way of Jesus. St. James Episcopal Church has a history of initiating, often with others, charitable outreach programs within Henderson County, such as Interfaith Assistance Ministries, the Medical Loan Closet, St. James Thrift Shop and The School for Little Folks. St. James Charities Foundation, therefore, is sympathetic to new initiatives which serve unmet needs among the poorest and most needy people.

St. James Charities Foundation favors:

Young, expansive and innovative programs which address the unmet needs of the poor. Programs which are open to all persons in need and are inclusive, serving needy people regardless of faith expressions, race, political status, immigrant status, nationality, age, gender, mental health or legal history.

Programs which do not readily attract or solicit conventional funding streams.

Programs which address underserved groups such as psychiatric patients, immigrants, released prisoners, homeless persons and families, and the elderly and children of the poor.