July 2021 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



The First Unitarian Church of St. Louis is now accepting applications from St. Louis area nonprofits for grants from its First Church Community Fund (FCCF). For 33 years, income from the Fund has been used to support non-sectarian, direct service, social action projects in the St. Louis community. Approximately \$7000 is available this grants cycle for individual grants of \$500 or less and potentially for funding one or more larger requests based on project merit and need. We remain most interested in supporting programs or projects that address issues surrounding homelessness, poverty, and marginalized populations in the metro St. Louis area, and particularly in St. Louis City.

Grant applications will be evaluated based on the following: level of need, effectiveness of the proposed response, service area and demographics, possibilities for financial leverage, involvement of community volunteers, and visibility. Preference is given to smaller agencies/organizations directly providing services to clients and without major sources of funding.

Proposals, of a maximum length of three (3) pages, should include:

- Name of organization
- Address
- Telephone number
- Contact person, contact person's e-mail and organization's website URL
- Brief (one page or less) description including: how long the organization has existed, its mission or work, target population, geographic area and number of clients served annually
- Size of current staff (including number of paid staff and role of volunteers)
- Need proposed grant will address and who will be served. (Please be specific regarding the estimated number of individuals to benefit from the proposed program or service)
- Amount of money requested
- How funds will be utilized, and how program or project effectiveness evaluated (max. one page)
- Summary of most recent annual budget

Proposals must be received by September 13, 2021, via either of the options below:

E-mail (Preferred): fccf@firstuustlouis.org

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