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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

FOSTERING CHANGE FUND

PURPOSE

The Fostering Change Fund seeks to assist individuals in Colorado Springs, CO with specific, short-term monetary needs. The Junior League of Colorado Springs Fostering Change Fund committee will choose requests that directly relate to our focus area of Fostering Change: efforts to provide resources to current and former foster youth focused on the risk factors associated with aging out of foster care, such as homelessness, human trafficking, and domestic violence.

Fostering Change grants are reflective of the Junior League of Colorado Springs' efforts to participate in community-based collaborative partnerships that work to broaden the educational, cultural, recreational, and health opportunities for children and young adults living in Colorado Springs and to promote volunteerism among women in the community. The Junior League of Colorado Springs builds partnerships and seeks solutions that make a lasting impact on our ever-changing community by improving systems and services of importance in our community. Our mission is to develop and support the civic leadership skills of our members in philanthropy, advocacy and public service.

During the initial phase of the Fund, individuals will have priority for funding. During the second phase, organizational grants may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Organizations seeking Junior League assistance will be encouraged to reach out to the Community Outreach Vice President, community@jlcoloradosprings.org.

Fostering Change Fund grant requests may be made for up to \$1,500. The projects funded represent the League's commitment to our community; therefore, grants are awarded primarily in the following areas:

Health and Wellbeing
Educational Support
Cultural Development

Living Expenses
Employment Support

ELIGIBILITY

For Individuals:

The Fostering Change Fund is open to former foster youth and young adults in Colorado Springs between the ages of 16 and 25 whose case did not or will not result in permanency (return home, relative placement, or adoption) and addresses their otherwise unmet medical, social, emotional, and education needs.

For Organizations:

Eligibility details for organizations will be released during the second phase of Fund development. In the interim, organizations related to our focus area of Fostering Change are encouraged to contact the Community Outreach Vice President, community@jlcoloradosprings.org.

GRANT DETAILS

To apply for a grant, complete the online application at <https://www.jlcoloradosprings.org/wp-content/uploads/JLCS-FCF-Online-Application-03-19.pdf>. The financial need identified by the applicant must be substantiated by a social worker, case worker, Guardian ad Litem, CASA, medical professional, or clergy member. Once the request is approved, a check will be issued to the company that will provide the service via standard mailing.

Applications Due:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Grants Awarded:

Once monthly.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

Funding is based on a monthly cycle. Recipients will be notified in writing of a decision approximately 4 weeks from submission deadline. Grant awards of more than \$500 require the approval of the Board of Directors.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

- Verifiable former foster care case substantiated by references of the following type: social worker, case worker, Guardian ad Litem, CASA, medical professional, or clergy member
- Demonstration of need
- Clearly describes funding request

GRANT PROCESS

Upon receiving your application, the JLCS will send you an email confirming receipt of your application. All completed applications that fall within the funding guidelines will be reviewed by the Fostering Change Fund Committee during the month following submission. The JLCS Board of Directors may determine which grants will be approved based upon the Committee's recommendations. Please do not call the JLCS Office regarding the status of submitted grant applications.

The Fostering Change Fund Committee will:

- Only review completed applications.
- Invite selected grantees to present at a JLCS General Membership Meeting.
- Review grant requests of \$500 or less. Any grant request greater than \$500 will require Board approval.

The Community Grants Committee will not:

- Fund individuals or organizations more than once every twenty-four months from receipt of funds.
- Fund general operations, salaries, stipends and transportation, or capital improvements.

The Junior League of Colorado Springs will issue grants to eligible parties only. Each grantee must submit evidence of their need and eligibility prior to the distribution of any funds.

Funds shall be awarded to the grantee vendor or service provider and not to individuals. **All grants must be used exclusively for the purpose(s) described in the application. Unused funds remain the property of the Junior League of Colorado Springs and must be returned to the Fostering Change Fund within 30 days of grant receipt.** The Junior League may not be able to fund all requests in full.