**Community Grant Guidelines**

**2017-2018**

The Junior League of San Antonio, Inc. (JLSA) awards grants to organizations, projects or initiatives (herein referred to as agencies) that have partnered with JLSA on a community placement or Done-in-a-Day project either currently or in the past.

**Priority is given to grant applications that support JLSA Community Positions:**

 Abuse

 Aging

 Arts

 Children

 Education

 Environment

 Family Preservation

 Volunteerism

 Women

**Agencies must adhere to the following guidelines and requirements in order for applications to be considered:**

Proposals must be submitted through the JLSA website

Proposals must include a copy of the agency's overall budget, itemized project proposal budget, most recent agency audit, IRS Letter Ruling 501(c)(3) status, and certificate of general liability insurance

**Maximum grant award is $2,500**

Agencies may apply for multiple grants

Incomplete applications will not be considered

Grant applications will be reviewed three times during the year: summer, fall, and spring.

Any application that is submitted and not immediately approved will be considered for the duration of the JLSA year. There is no need to reapply for the same request within the JLSA year (June 1-May 31).

**JLSA is unable to fund the following:**

General operating expenses, including printing, office supplies, and postage

Endowments

Debt reduction

Fundraising expenses

Travel expenses

Salaries

Political expenses

Religious projects

Capital campaigns

Acquisitions or the construction of buildings

Routine equipment maintenance

Routine facility maintenance

Purchase of vehicles

Expendable items

**Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

Applicability to JLSA’s Community Positions

Ability to demonstrate measurable improvement

Innovation

Impact on the community

Ratio of cost per person served to dollars requested

**Acceptance of a JLSA Grant will require the following obligations:**

Agree to submit reports and pictures regarding the use of these funds to communitygrants@jlsa.org

Agree to include the JLSA logo on program-related materials, agency’s website, and any agency newsletters/publications describing the project (email communitygrants@jlsa.org to request the logo)

Agree to utilize these funds by May 31, 2018

Agree to have at least one representative attend a JLSA Meeting to be presented with the grant check. Meeting details will be included with notification of grant award.