

## **Investing in Our Communities Grant Program**

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and St. Joseph Mercy Livingston are pleased to announce the availability of funds for the Investing in Our Communities grant program. This program is designed to provide funding for sustainable projects that promotes optimal health for those populations who are poor and vulnerable based on the [St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and Livingston 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment \(CHNA\) and CHNA Implementation Plan](#). These areas include mental health, substance use disorder, obesity and related illnesses, maternal and infant health, access to care, transportation, and food security/access.

### **Award Amount:**

Successful proposals will be funded with a one-year grant with the ability to renew based on successful results.

- Up to \$50,000

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Funds must be dedicated toward community benefit purposes. Community benefits are programs and activities that provide treatment or promote health in response to an identified community need, including community health improvement services and programs, subsidized health services for low-income residents, health professions education, or research
- Use of funds must align with one of the St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor or St. Joseph Mercy Livingston 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment priority needs and organizational mission
- Must address a CHNA Implementation Plan tactic or identify a new tactic that would complement the plan
- Eligible organizations include community based-organizations, and local governmental entities (i.e. a school district, a public health department, a housing agency/authority)
- Community based organizations must operate within or primarily serve the following zip codes: 48197, 48198, 48139, 48137, and 48430. Programs that only serve populations outside of these regions will receive much lower priority for funding.
- Projects must identify their strategy to ensure the sustainability of the funded program after the termination of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor or St. Joseph Mercy Livingston funding

### **Applications that contain the following elements will receive priority consideration:**

- Ability to measure and report on established outcomes-based success metrics aligned to St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor or St. Joseph Mercy Livingston strategic objectives
- Preference will be given to proposals that leverage additional financial/in-kind support and include collaborative partners on the application

- Promote innovative and scalable solutions

Funds will not be used for the following purposes:

- For-profit entities, including start-up small businesses
- Grants specifically for travel

### **Investing in Our Communities Decision Matrix**

The St. Joe’s Community Health Council (including board members and colleagues), community-based organizations, and community members will review and score the applications. A value point system will be used in the determination of the Investing in Our Communities grant program. The system is established with a 1-5 point scale, with (1) providing no apparent alignment/value/impact and (5) providing the greatest alignment/value/impact.

- Alignment with St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor or St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Community Health Needs Assessment & Community Health & Well-Being Strategy
- Alignment to institutional mission
- Alignment with priority service areas
- Impact on Health Equity
- Reach of initiative (Number of community members positively impacted)
- Sustainability plan/leveraging other resources

### **Timeline**

<b>Release the Request for Proposal</b>	January 31
<b>Applications Due</b>	February 28
<b>Award Announcement</b>	March 28

### **Reporting Requirements**

- Submission of a mid-year progress report (template will be provided)
- Submission of a final report (1000 words or less) and presentation.
  - A description of how the proposal was implemented.
  - A review of how the funds were spent, including a detailed final budget showing all expenses.
  - An evaluation of the success of the program. Were the objectives met?
  - A statement indicating your future plans for the program, including sustainability.
  - Please list out the ways in which your organization recognized St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor/Livingston