

CHARLESS FOUNDATION

Request for Proposals for Senior Services

Issued August 30, 2019

Proposals due by 5:00 pm Central Time on **October 9, 2019**

Please apply here: <https://stlgives.org/nonprofits/grants-management/>



BACKGROUND

The Charless Foundation was formed with the sale of the Charless Home for Seniors in South St. Louis City to Bethesda Health Group in 2006. Founded in 1853 as the “Home of the Friendless,” in its latter years the Charless Home provided independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing for as many as 116 residents. The Charless Home closed in 2012.

The purpose of the Charless Foundation is “to provide support to other charitable organizations providing services and assistance to promote the health, welfare, and wellness of Missouri Senior Citizens, with an emphasis, where possible, in the South St. Louis City neighborhoods.” Given its history as a residential facility, the Charless Foundation Board is interested in supporting under-resourced older adults in residential facilities and in a range of other senior programming.

Today the Charless Foundation is a component fund of the St. Louis Community Foundation. Please visit our website at www.stlgives.org for more information.

PURPOSE

The Charless Foundation is seeking nonprofit partners who work with economically underserved seniors in the St. Louis region, with priority given to those in South St. Louis City and County. Broadly, the goal of these grants is to promote the health, welfare, and wellness of older adults. More specifically, the Charless Foundation is interested in organizations and initiatives that

- Support the needs of older adults in residential facilities,
- Increase the ability for older adults to age in place,
- Provide health and safety resources for older adults, and/or
- Provide social support to older adults.

The Charless Foundation is open to proposals for program, project or initiative funding, general operating support, capacity building, or capital and endowment campaigns.

Grants may range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 per year for up to three years though eligibility for second and third year funding will be based on an annual evaluation and report. Program expansion proposals must address sustainability after this funding is completed. The directors particularly favor applications that demonstrate multiple funding partners as they seek to leverage the Foundation’s assets to strengthen nonprofits working toward the Foundation’s goals.

TIMELINE

Date	Activity
August 30, 2019	Request for Proposals released
October 9, 2019	Grant proposals due
December 2019	Grants awarded



ELIGIBILITY

Any nonprofit that is a 501(c)3 and meets the requirements outlined in this RFP may apply for funding from the Charless Foundation. The nonprofit does not have to be physically located in South St. Louis City or South St. Louis County, though preference will be given to programs, projects, or initiatives within these geographical areas.

APPLICATION

The St. Louis Community Foundation is using the Missouri Common Grant Application 2.0, modified for the Charless Foundation. The application is accessed and completed online at [\(Foundant URL\)](#).

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on October 9, 2019, submitted to the St. Louis Community Foundation at [the above url](#).

QUESTIONS

Please contact us with questions about the Charless Foundation and this Request for Proposals.

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