

## 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 significantly 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](http://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. 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 or general operating support for organizations serving older adults. Program expansion proposals must address sustainability after this funding is completed. The Foundation is not considering proposals for education-based programming, organizational capacity building or capital expenses for the organization (ex. purchase of vans) at this time. Capital expenses that allow older adults to remain in their homes, such as home repairs, will be considered.

Grants may range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 per year. Awards for senior centers and food pantries will be limited to \$5,000 per year.

For new applicants, funding is available for one year. For past Charless grantees, funding is available for up to three years, with eligibility for second- and third-year funding based on annual reporting. All funded organizations will be required to complete a final report.

The Foundation’s Advisory Committee particularly favors 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 11, 2023	Request for Proposals released
<b>September 29, 2023</b>	<b>Grant proposals due by 12pm CST</b>
November 2023	Grants announced and 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, though preference will be given to programs, projects, or initiatives within these geographical areas.

South St. Louis City is loosely defined as zip codes 63104, 63109, 63110, 63111, 63116, 63118, 63123, 63125, and 63139. The Charless Home for Seniors was located in zip code 63111.

## APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted through the St. Louis Community Foundation online grants portal at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=stlgives>.

Submissions are **due by 12:00 pm CDT on Friday, September 29, 2023**.

For technical assistance contact [grants@stlgives.org](mailto:grants@stlgives.org).

## QUESTIONS

Please contact us with questions about the Charless Foundation and this Request for Proposals at [grants@stlgives.org](mailto:grants@stlgives.org)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

### For All Applicants

1. Type of Applicant

The Charless Foundation welcomes new applicants to apply for a 1-year grant. Organizations and projects funded in the past five years are eligible to apply for multi-year funding.

- Previously Funded – You have received a grant from the Charless Foundation in the last 5 years
- NOT Previously Funded – You have NOT been funded by the Charless Foundation in the last 5 years

2. Annual Operating Budget

3. Type of Service Organization (check all that apply)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day/Drop-In Center                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Provider  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Facility    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Support          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Repair and Capital Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-Home Services                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please describe |

4. Programs – Please provide a brief description of the organization's current programs, activities, number served annually, and recent accomplishments.

5. Project Name or Proposal Title

6. Proposal Summary – Summarize the purpose of this request in 500 characters or less

7. Type of request (choose one option)

- General Operating Support
- Project or Program Support – Includes Capital Requests
- Other – please describe

8. Number of clients served – Estimate the number of clients you intend to serve through this grant

9. Client Description & Needs Statement – Provide a detailed description of the population you intend to serve through this grant including client demographics, the percentage of those served who live in poverty and the needs or problems to be addressed by this proposal.

10. Geographic Area Served (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 63104 | <input type="checkbox"/> 63118                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 63109 | <input type="checkbox"/> 63123                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 63110 | <input type="checkbox"/> 63125                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 63111 | <input type="checkbox"/> 63139                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 63116 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please describe |

11. Project Goals – What are your intended goals for this request? How you will determine if you have met your goals?

12. Project/Program Activities - Describe the activities you intend to engage in or provide and the timeline for implementation.

13. Partnerships & Interactions - What are the organization's most significant interactions with other organizations and efforts? For project requests, address this question with respect to that project only.
14. Budget Narrative Justification - Provide a brief narrative detailing how grant funds will be used.

**NOT Previously Funded – For Organizations NOT funded by the Charless Foundation in the last 5 years**

15. Mission Statement
16. Organizational History – Provide a brief summary of the organization's history, including when it was founded.
17. Amount Requested - Grants may range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 per year. Awards for senior centers and food pantries will be limited to \$5,000 per year.
18. Reflecting Community/Clients in your Organization
  - a. How are the demographics of the community/clients your organization serves reflected in the composition of your staff, board, and/or volunteers?
  - b. How does your organization incorporate and elevate the perspective of the community/clients your organization serves?
19. Staff & Qualifications - Who are the key staff, board members, and/or volunteers who will ensure the success of the project/organization and what are their qualifications?
20. Are you using a fiscal sponsor?
  - o Yes (if yes you will be required to provide information on your fiscal sponsorship)
  - o No
21. Does your organization use another name?
  - o Yes (if yes you will be asked to provide information on your DBA)
  - o No

**Previously Funded – Organizations that have been funded by the Charless Foundation in the last 5 years.**

1. Breakdown of Request by Year
  - a. Year 1 Amount Requested
  - b. Year 2 Amount Requested - If you are not requesting funding in year 2, enter \$0.
  - c. Year 3 Amount Requested - If you are not requesting funding in year 3, enter \$0.
2. Total Amount Requested – Enter the combined total of the amounts requested in Years 1, 2, and 3.

**Project-Specific Requests – Includes Capital Expenses & Campaigns**

1. Total Project Budget - For Project/Program Specific Requests. Please indicate the total project budget. For multi-year requests, please indicate the total project budget for the entire grant period.
2. Upload Your Project Budget - For project/program requests only. For multi-year requests, please provide a projected budget by year. You may use the [Missouri Common Grant Budget Template found here](#) or your own format.

**Required Uploads for All Applicants**

1. Board approved budget for current fiscal year
2. Organization's Board List
3. Audited Financial Statements or 990
4. Financial Statements (required only if submitting 990)