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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The First Unitarian Church of St. Louis is now accepting applications from St. Louis area nonprofits for grants from its First Church Community Fund (FCCF). For almost 40 years microgrants from the Fund have supported non-sectarian, direct-service, social action projects in the St. Louis community.

Grants are typically \$750 or less. The FCCF committee remains most interested in supporting programs or projects that address issues of homelessness, poverty, and marginalized populations in the metro St. Louis area, and, particularly, St. Louis City.

In awarding grants, specific requests are prioritized over general statements of need and smaller organizations directly serving clients and lacking major sources of funding are given priority. Consideration is also given to the following: level of need, service area and demographics, possibilities for financial leverage, involvement of clients and volunteers, and potential impact of the proposed program or project

Proposals, incorporating all points below, must be of a maximum of three (3) pages and clearly state:

- Name of organization
- Mailing address and telephone number
- Contact person, title, contact person's email and organization's website URL
- Brief (one page or less) description of the requesting organization including: how long the organization has existed, its mission or work, target population, annual number of clients served and geographic area, and number of paid staff as well as role of clients and volunteers
- Details of the need the grant will address and the population it will serve. Request should specify the estimated number of individuals to benefit from the proposed program or project and specifically how grant money is to be utilized
- Requested grant amount
- Summary of organization's most recent annual budget
- How success/effectiveness of the proposed program/project will be evaluated (max. one page)

Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Proposals must be received by Monday, September 9 and submitted via either of the options below:

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Mail: First Unitarian Church
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