

2018 RESPONSIVE GRANT APPLICATION

Please Note: This grant application requests a cover sheet, application narrative, and supporting documents.

Instructions

- ✓ Please visit [our website](#) to review [funding guidelines](#), [resources](#) for population-level data and materials that informed development of our *Just for Kids* Theory of Change and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
 - ✓ Please answer all questions. Please do not include any materials other than those requested.
 - ✓ **Applications will be accepted quarterly.** Please submit all application materials electronically to apply@deaconess.org by 11:59pm CT on **February 15, April 30, July 31 or October 31, 2018.**
 - ✓ Please include the name of the grant opportunity for which you are applying and your organization's name in the subject line of your email submission. *For example: "SUBJECT: Responsive Grant – Coalition for Educational Justice"*
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RESPONSIVE GRANT APPLICATION FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS

- I. Please complete the **Responsive Grant Application Cover Page** attached to this document.

- II. **Application Narrative** - In addition to the cover page, applicants should submit a narrative of **no more than two (2) pages** describing how your proposed **policy, advocacy, or organizing** effort will promote systemic change in alignment with the Deaconess policy priorities to address racial and structural inequities, and ultimately improve child well-being in the St. Louis metropolitan area using the outline below. In the narrative, please detail your proposed project by addressing each item below:
 -  **Project Scope and Plan**
 - Briefly describe the proposed work this grant will support. How will the effort be implemented? Include a brief timeline and anticipated activities. If you are proposing organizing work, please include the organizing model you plan to use.
 - If your work requires significant collaborative efforts or if applying as part of a collaborative, describe your unique contribution, the length of time your organization has worked with your partners, their contributions to the project, roles, responsibilities, and funding sources specific to the project.
 - Provide an example of a recent project and/or achievement that will help us understand your successes to date or readiness to take on new approaches or strategies.

 -  **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
 - Please describe the specific geographic areas and populations (e.g. counties, municipalities, or neighborhoods AND ages, race/ethnicity, income level, population size, etc.) that will be impacted by, and benefit from, this funding request.
 - Please provide the racial/ethnic and gender demographics of your organization's staff and board.
 - How does your work serve and/or impact different racial/ethnic groups? Children/Youth?
 - How are the racial/ethnic groups most affected by your work represented in your organization's work? Include any ways that your organization strives to incorporate the perspective of the communities you serve.

 -  **Evaluation**
 - How will you track and measure progress? Please quantify interim outcomes whenever possible (i.e. projected number of policymaker contacts, neighbors canvassed, people convened, media impressions, changes in capacity, families covered, etc.)

- III. **Financial and Supporting Documents** - Please include the following supporting documents with your application.
 - ✓ Download and complete the itemized, [one-page project budget](#) and **include a budget narrative** (one page or less)
 - ✓ Organization's last completed fiscal year budget (including actuals)
 - ✓ Board-approved, current fiscal year budget (please note beginning and end dates for your fiscal year)
 - ✓ IRS Determination Letter from nonprofit applicant or fiscal agent. IF applying with a fiscal agent, please provide copy of the signed agreement between the applicant and fiscal agent.

For more information, please contact:

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2018 RESPONSIVE GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

Application Date:		Organizational Website:		EIN #:	
Applicants Legal Name (as shown on IRS Letter of Determination):		Doing Business As (if different from legal name):			
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Telephone #:		Fax #:			
Executive Director (or Top Executive):	(Please include prefix and title)	Phone #:		Email Address:	
Main Contact(s) for this Proposal:	(Please include prefix and title)	Phone #:		Email Address:	
Board Chair:		Phone #:		Email Address:	
Type of request:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Project		<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Project		
Deaconess Policy Priority :	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased Investment in Early Childhood Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Justice & Equity for Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased Economic Mobility for Families	<input type="checkbox"/> Access to Comprehensive Health Care	
Organization's Mission/Vision Statement:					
Project/Campaign/Initiative Name:					
Project Period (specific dates up to 2 years):		Amount Requested: (up to \$15,000 annually for up to two years)	\$	Total Project Budget for this period	\$
				Current Annual Organizational Budget:	\$
Alignment Checklist - Below please check all areas that apply to assess alignment with Deaconess' Just for Kids Theory of Change .					
<p>The proposed project will influence the following Capacities for positive policy change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Youth and child advocates equipped and positioned to move systems <input type="checkbox"/> Increased citizen contact with policymakers <input type="checkbox"/> Child service providers oriented to advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Community organizers focused on children <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthened alliances for child well-being policy <input type="checkbox"/> Churches engaged in child advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable, better capitalized community development financial institutions <p>The proposed project will affect changes in the following public Arenas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Policymakers aware of innovative solutions <input type="checkbox"/> Available, affordable and accessible accredited child care <input type="checkbox"/> Restorative justice practices in schools <input type="checkbox"/> Equitable contacts and outcomes for youth in criminal justice and child welfare systems <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible, affordable high-quality medical, mental and oral health homes <input type="checkbox"/> Family-supporting living wages <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible, effective asset building supports and services <p>The proposed project ultimately seeks the following Results in the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Physical, social, emotional and cognitive kindergarten readiness <input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation of disparate infant mortality rates <input type="checkbox"/> Youth receive just treatment under the law <input type="checkbox"/> Family economic stability attainable within one generation <input type="checkbox"/> Policy shifts aligned with Deaconess Foundation policy priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Community affirmation of a child's right to well-being and responsibility to create circumstances for each child to flourish 					
<p>Agreement <i>I certify to the best of my knowledge, that all information included in this proposal is correct. The tax exempt status of this organization, or its fiscal agent, is still in effect. If a grant is awarded to this organization, then the proceeds of that grant will not be distributed or used to benefit any organization or individual supporting or engaged in unlawful activities. In compliance with the USA Patriot Act and other counterterrorism laws, I certify that all funds received from this funder will be used in compliance with all applicable anti-terrorist financing and asset control laws, statutes, and executive orders.</i></p>					

Signature, Executive Director (or authorizing official on behalf of the organization)

Date