



SISTERS of CHARITY FOUNDATION  
OF CLEVELAND

## GOOD SAMARITAN GRANT PROGRAM 2016 Grant Guidelines

As an urban center undergoing significant economic change, Cleveland has some of the highest poverty rates in the nation. From day to day, families and individuals in our community struggle to meet their basic needs as they strive to climb out of economic poverty. While the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland devotes most of its resources to achieve long-term change in health, housing, and education, it cannot ignore the magnitude of this daily struggle for food, shelter, clothing and other basic needs.

The Good Samaritan Program responds to our community's challenge of ensuring that its residents can meet their basic needs. Inspired by the parable of Jesus calling us to be good neighbors, this program's particular purpose is to support non-profit organizations for which a modest grant would make a difference in continuing to provide necessary and immediate goods and services to individuals living in poverty. The program expresses the important value of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine of respecting the dignity of every individual.

**New in 2016:** The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, along with the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Good Samaritan grants program. Please review the following changes made to the Good Samaritan grant guidelines:

- The Foundation will only consider grant requests for the amount of \$5,000; all grant awards will be made in that amount.
- Bus Passes will no longer be provided as a separate item, but are an eligible expense for the basic needs budget.
- The definition of basic needs has been revised to include: food, clothing, shelter, emergency medicine, and transportation. Operating and salary support **will not** be eligible for basic needs funding.
- The requirement for a break after 3 consecutive years of funding will be waived in 2016 only. If this year's award is your 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Good Samaritan grant, you will be eligible to apply for one more year of funding before taking a break in 2017.

**Eligibility:** Organizations must be tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations that primarily serve residents of Cuyahoga County. **All reports for previous Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland grants must be up to date.**

**If an organization has an active Good Samaritan Grant at the time of application, it must submit a Final Report or a Progress Report (if grant funds have not been fully spent) with its application for the new grant.**

**Type of Support:** Good Samaritan Grants are to be used to provide for the basic needs of individuals living in poverty. Good Samaritan grants may not be used for endowments, capital campaigns, fundraising campaigns (including annual appeals), membership drives, debt retirement, construction, or individual scholarships.

**Guidance on *basic needs*:** *Basic needs* generally encompass food, clothing, emergency shelter, identification and transportation to access these services. In addition, necessary goods associated with the basic needs, such as utilities & hygiene products, stipends, etc. will be considered. Necessary goods associated with being able to find employment or to attend school may also be considered a *basic need*. The program may fund emergency, short-term medications or medical supplies, recognizing that the program is not intended to address systemic and substantial funding gaps in health care.

**Review:** Site visits may be conducted as part of the review process, particularly if you are a new applicant or are seeking funding for a new program.

**Funding Decision:** The Board of Directors will make funding decisions at the Foundation's September 15, 2016 Board meeting. Once a decision is made you will be notified in writing.

**Grant Period:** Grant funds may be used for up to one year or until October 31, 2017. This includes programs that would begin immediately as well as basic needs programs that are intended for the spring/summer of 2017.

**ONLINE SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.**

Good Samaritan Grant applications will be submitted through an online proposal submission system. Application materials will be available through the Foundation's website beginning April 15.

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