ST. CLARE FOUNDATION

A Felician-Sponsored Ministry

St. Clare Foundation Grant Funding Overview

Background

The St. Clare Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation sponsored by the Felician Sisters of North America. The Foundation was created in 2023 to continue the tradition of the Felician Sisters serving the Southern Illinois community which started back in 1939. Working in partnership with community collaborators, the Foundation provides needed funding to address unmet youth and adolescent behavioral health needs.

Grant Award Overview

Grant awards from the St. Clare Foundation are available for funding charitable projects, programs, initiatives, and/or focused capital projects that directly impact youth and adolescent behavioral health prevention and care in Marion, Jefferson, and surrounding counties in Southern Illinois. Please see the eligibility requirements section below for details on our defined service area and priority population.

In alignment with our mission and area of focus, the St. Clare Foundation offers three levels of grant funding to support organizations at different stages and with varying needs:

1. **Anchor Investments** – Large, multi-year grants for established partners with a proven track record of impact.
2. **Innovation & Seed Grants** – Shorter-term funding for emerging organizations, pilot projects, or new ideas with strong potential.
3. **Capacity-Building Mini-Grants** – Small grants to support relationship-building, knowledge-sharing, and early-stage collaboration.

St. Clare Foundation Grant Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility

Applications will be considered for charitable projects, programs, initiatives, and/or focused capital projects. The grant proposal must align with the St. Clare Foundation's mission to collaborate with community partners to improve access to resources and holistically respond to address unmet youth and adolescent behavioral health needs in Marion, Jefferson, and surrounding counties.

1. **Service area:** Marion, Jefferson, and surrounding counties including Clinton, Washington, Fayette, Perry, Franklin, Wayne, and Clay Counties
2. **Priority population:** Individuals aged 5-18 years old in the defined service area
3. **Area of focus:** Behavioral health prevention and care
    - Behavioral health refers to the state of mental, emotional, and social well-being, or the behaviors and actions that affect that well-being. It includes a range of conditions, substance use disorders, and social functioning. Behavioral health care involves the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of these conditions. It also includes the support systems that promote well-being and provide access to treatments and services.

Collaboration

In addition to the above specifications, the St. Clare Foundation has a prioritized interest in serving as a convener for coordinating community services. As such, applications demonstrating collaboration with one or more community organizations on the grant proposal project may receive favorable consideration; however, this is not an application requirement. A joint application completed by two organizations who will collaborate on one project is eligible for consideration as well.

Sustainability

Grant applicants should demonstrate efforts to finance the program/project following the termination of the grant in order to sustain the program at the cycle's completion.

Nonprofit Applicants and Requirements

Organizations interested in applying **must** be a non-profit, tax-exempt organization operating in our service area to be eligible for a grant. The organization must be in good standing with the IRS, with up-to-date tax filings.

Grant awardees are subject to quarterly reporting requirements. More information on reporting requirements can be found on our website (www.saintclarefoundation.org).

The St. Clare Foundation requires that grant awardees have non-discrimination practices in place and that their organization demonstrates a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their work.