



Jarden Consumer Solutions Community Fund 2016 Guidelines & Criteria

The Jarden Consumer Solutions Community Fund understands and appreciates the time and effort necessary to develop a funding proposal. As such, our application process has been designed to be as simple as possible. Please use the following self-assessment information to assist you in determining whether or not your program or organization meets the JCS Community Fund's basic eligibility requirements. If your organization and/or supported program(s) will not meet these criteria, please do not apply for a JCS Community Fund grant.

Communities and Focus Areas

The JCS Community Fund targets community development initiatives that focus on improving the lives of individuals in the communities where JCS employees live and work—including Bentonville, Arkansas; Fontana, California; Boca Raton and Miami, Florida; Hattiesburg and Waynesboro, Mississippi; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Neosho, Missouri; and McMinnville, Tennessee. The grant proposal and program must clearly meet the following focus areas:

- At-Risk Women, Families and/or Youth, and
- Food Programs

Grant Submission Requirements

To qualify for consideration, your organization must:

- Operate as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service and have been doing so for a minimum of 36 months (3 years);
- Provide a human service; and
- Maintain a non-discrimination policy: open to all people, without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability or national origin.

Grant Application Deadlines and Method of Consideration

Local Employee Committees (comprised of Jarden Consumer Solutions employees at each location participating in the JCS Community Fund) meet on a quarterly basis to review and recommend grant requests to the JCS Community Fund Board of Directors. **In order to ensure adequate time for review, please be sure to submit your application to the JCS Community Fund by any of four deadline dates:**

- **First Quarter – February 26**
- **Second Quarter – April 29**
- **Third Quarter – July 29**
- **Fourth Quarter – September 30**

Grant requests outside of regularly scheduled Employee Committee meetings may be considered in the event of a natural disaster or other unexpected events.

Please also note that first-time grant applicants are generally limited to a maximum of a \$5,000 grant.

Grant Guidelines

The JCS Community Fund does not fund certain types of organizations and/or programs. Please review the following prior to moving forward through the application process.

Contributions are not provided to:

- Requests that fall outside of communities in which JCS employees live and work;
- Capital campaigns;
- Fundraising events such as galas, charity balls, walk-a-thons, or similar events;
- Individuals;
- Public or private schools;
- Political activities such as election campaigns, issue endorsements or legislation reform;
- Religious organizations (e.g., houses of worship, etc.);
- Trips, travel, cultural exchange programs or athletic sponsorships; and
- Requests to support trade or vendor activities.

Length of Grants

All grants are for one year and are not automatically renewable. Grant periods begin from the time the local Employee Committee votes in favor of recommending a grant request for approval by the Board of Directors. Each grant check from the JCS Community Fund is accompanied by a letter informing the recipient agency of its grant period as well as when a reapplication to the JCS Community Fund may be made.

Method of Application Submission

If your program meets our eligibility requirements, your organization may apply for funding by mailing or e-mailing the application and all requested materials to:

Jarden Consumer Solutions Community Fund
2381 NW Executive Center Drive
Boca Raton, FL 33431
CommunityFund@jardencs.com

If you have any questions about the application process, please call us at (561) 912-4100.