



**Providence St. Joseph Health
Community Recovery and Resilience
Initiative**

Request for Letters of Introduction (LOI)

**LOIs must be submitted online by 12:00 PM PDT on
Friday, July 31, 2020**

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Grant Initiative Description

The St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund (SJCPF) is committed to supporting the communities served by Providence St. Joseph Health as they continue to face and to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In support of this objective, SJCPF is launching the Community Recovery and Resilience Initiative to provide capacity building grants to existing regional collaboratives that want to strengthen their ability to serve their communities in the context of COVID-19 recovery. It is our belief that supporting regional collaboratives at this critical time will help regions to work effectively together to address community issues, which in turn will strengthen both the community and the nonprofit sector to be better positioned towards the aim of equity and justice.

Request for Letters of Introduction – Phase 1:

To better understand the effects that COVID-19 has had on various Providence St. Joseph Health regions, we are soliciting Letters of Introduction (LOIs) from existing regional collaboratives as the first phase of this initiative. The LOIs received will help SJCPF learn more about the efforts in each of our regions. Collaboratives interested in submitting a full proposal **MUST** submit an LOI as the first step of the process. **LOIs must be submitted by 12 noon PDT July 31st, 2020.**

Upon review of the LOIs, applicants may be invited to submit a partnership proposal; however, submitting an LOI does NOT guarantee an invite. The full Request for Partnership (RFP) is expected to be made available in August 2020.

Eligibility:

Collaboratives are defined as a formal group of at least 3 organizations made up of nonprofits, government agencies and/or other sectors that deliberately coordinate their efforts to address community issues such as housing, food, immigration, domestic violence, child care, racial inequality, or mental health, with a long term goal of focusing on equity, social determinants of health and long-term community resilience. Collaboration is not simply cooperation or effective referrals, but an *intentional process by which a group of organizations create or accomplish something that could not be done as individual agencies*. Particularly in this time of crisis, by working together organizations can identify gaps, avoid duplication of efforts, and serve community needs more effectively and efficiently.

Potential funding will focus on enhancing collaborative capacity and may not be used to cover the cost of direct service delivery. This could take many forms and the proposal will seek a deeper understanding of the collaborative's capacity, impact and processes.

Recipient collaboratives will receive \$25,000 to \$75,000 in funding as well as technical assistance over a 9-12 month period in support of stated objectives.

How to Apply:

Applicants are required to submit their LOI using the Fund's online system. **Submissions are due no later than 12:00 noon on July 31, 2020 PDT.** Applicants are encouraged to become familiar with the online system prior to submitting. For your convenience, the LOI questions are listed on the following page; we suggest you write your responses in a word processing program and paste them into the web form.

- To apply, the lead organization will use the link: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/community-recovery-resilience>. This will take you to the sign in/sign up page.
- Click on the “Sign Up” button and follow the prompts to create a user name and password.
- You will be taken to the homepage for the Community Recovery and Resilience Initiative.
- Click on “+Create a Profile to Get Started”. Follow the prompts to create and save a profile for the lead organization.
- Once the profile is created, you will return to the homepage.
- Click on the “+Get Started” button at the bottom of the page.
- On the next page, click on the “Edit” button under “Application”.
- This will take you to the LOI form. Please complete each field.
- You may click on “Save Draft” periodically to save your work.
- To exit this page, click on the “Save” button. This will take you back to the application editing and submission page.
- You may leave this page and come back to work on it at any time before the deadline.
- If you are ready to submit your LOI, click on the green “Submit” button. Once you hit “Submit” you will not be able to make edits.
- After submitting your LOI you will receive an email confirming your submission.

It is not necessary to produce a 990, audit, budget, or any other documents for the LOI. These and other documents may be required as part of the RFP process.

If you have any questions regarding this LOI, the Community Recovery and Resilience Initiative, or St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund, please email communitypartnershipfund@stjoe.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.

About the St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund

Since 1986, the St. Joseph Community Partnership Fund (SJCPF) has proactively invested more than \$330 million in the communities served by Providence St. Joseph Health. While our initiatives may have changed over the years, our mission has never wavered. SJCPF provides support to improve the health and well-being of the economically poor, fosters the strengths and diversity of our neighbors to build vibrant, healthy communities. Our ultimate goal is to work towards an equitable and just society.

We do this through capacity building initiatives that build strong resident leaders, and investments designed to target the Social Determinants of Health and bolster the nonprofit sector. SJCPF focuses on the system inequities that impact the health of the poor and vulnerable. We work to reduce health disparities and promote equity by investing in systems-level impacts on community issues, and strengthening partnerships and collaboration.

Today, SJCPF is embracing an exciting opportunity – bringing the work of SJCPF to the entire system of Providence St. Joseph Health. In partnership with key stakeholders and regional leadership, SJCPF will be planning how to scale this community strengthening model to new regions, bringing the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, together with the Sisters of Providence, into more than 50 communities we support.

Letter of Introduction (LOI) Questions:

Lead Agency Name

Collaborative Name

Collaborative Website (if it exists)

List all agencies that are in your collaborative (note “N” or “G” for Nonprofit or Government)

What is the focus of your collaborative? (250 words max)

When was your collaborative created?

How was your collaborative formed? (100 words)

How does your collaborative incorporate new members? (100 words)

How has COVID-19 affected the communities you serve? (250 words)

Describe how your collaborative works on issues of equity, social determinants of health, and community resilience? (250 words)

What are the greatest needs for your collaborative (e.g. infrastructure, backbone development, communication, sustainability planning, shared agenda formation)? (250 words)

How do you see the work of your collaborative growing or changing in the future? (100 words)

Please select all the following currently supporting your collaborative:

- Dedicated staff
- Dedicated revenue/funds/in-kind support
- Dedicated advisory board or steering committee
- Shared measurement plan
- Shared data collection system
- Strategic plan or business plan
- Regular communication on collective activities