



JUNIOR LEAGUE
GRAND STRAND

Become a Partner

2024-2025



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The Junior League of the Grand Strand is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

With our focus on women and children, our four pillars address areas of the greatest need for families within the Grand Strand: Youth Advocacy, Health Initiatives, Food and Nutrition Security, and Housing Advocacy.

Become a Partner

Interested in a year-long partnership with ongoing and consistent volunteer support?

For a year-long partnership: Click [HERE](#) to download the 2024-2025 Community Partner Application.

Interested in partnering for one (1) specific event that needs volunteers?

For a single-event partnership: Click [HERE](#) to download the 2024-2025 "Done-in-a-Day" Project Application.

Proposals and any questions may be submitted electronically to communitypartners@grandstrand.jl.org.

Community Partner Cycle 2024-2025 (August-May) - Year-Long Partners:*

- **May 1, 2024:** Applications Due
- **May 2-14, 2024:** Community Projects committee conducts committee meetings to discuss projects
- **May 2-14, 2024:** Vote as a committee on 2024-2025 projects; Present to board and management team
- **May 15, 2024:** Present 2024-2025 Projects to JLGS general membership.
- **June 1, 2024:** Notification given to approved 2024-2025 projects.

Additional Information:

- Projects may begin as early as August 2024.

*Timeline is subject to change.



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Junior League of the Grand Strand Board Contacts

- VP Community Projects: Stephanie Warren; community@grandstrand.jl.org
 - President Elect: Lisa Poston; presidentelect@grandstrand.jl.org
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Community Projects: Description and Selection Criteria

The proposed project should:

- Specific details of how the proposed project will align with at least one of the four Community Pillars of the Junior League of the Grand Strand: Youth Advocacy, Health Initiatives, Food and Nutrition Security, and Housing Advocacy.
- Identify a project goal that includes both significant volunteer participation from League members and a monetary contribution from the JLGS. Project goal may include a volunteer-only commitment.
- Involve well-defined volunteer opportunities that will be performed and funded within a specific time frame, commencing no sooner than August 1, 2024, and ending no later than May 1, 2025.
- Provide for collaboration between the Junior League of the Grand Strand, and one or more registered 501(C)(3) nonprofit organizations in good standing with the Office of the South Carolina Secretary of State.
- Goals and objectives of the project.
- Anticipated tasks needed to accomplish those goals, including number of volunteers, hours, and description of volunteer tasks and training requirements, if any.
- A project timeline.
- Plan for measuring the impact of the project.
- A thorough budget encompassing all aspects of the project, as well as additional revenue requirements above the Junior League's commitment and anticipated sources of that additional revenue.
- A specific person or team of people in your organization who will work with a Junior League representative to organize and implement the project and who will provide an assessment of the project to the Junior League.
- A copy of your organization's most recent audited financial statement

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- A brief summary statement of past projects undertaken in collaboration with the Junior League of the Grand Strand, if any.
 - A brief summary statement regarding your organization's experience in other collaborations with local nonprofits, including how those experiences have affected your expectations for future partnerships.
 - What your organization expects the Junior League of the Grand Strand to bring to this project.
 - A brief summary regarding your connection or affiliation to any member of the JLGS, professionally or personally.
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Evaluation

All selected projects will be thoroughly reviewed by the Junior League members serving on the Community Project Committee in the normal course of project selection. A Junior League member may contact you to discuss the proposed project in greater detail or to arrange a site visit to your organization. We appreciate your cooperation during this process.

The Junior League will evaluate project proposals based on the following criteria:

- Alignment and support of at least one of our four pillars: Youth Advocacy, Health Initiatives, Food and Nutrition Security, and Housing Advocacy.
- Inclusion of a significant volunteer component, including a description of volunteer tasks and level of commitment (number of hours), days and times volunteers are needed. Please note our members are available for volunteering at various times, but projects with a weekday evening or a weekend day volunteer component have been historically more successful.
- Clarity of the goals and objectives of the project, including a timeline outlining tasks necessary to accomplish project goals and objectives.
- Strength of the plan for measuring the impact of the project.
- Depth of understanding about what the JLGS can bring to the project.
- Demonstration of past experience collaborating with nonprofits, including the JLGS, if applicable.
- Strength of description in regard to how requested funding will be used to fulfill project goals and objectives, if applicable. The committee will consider how funding the project request fits into the total amount of funding available for all requests.



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Frequently Asked Questions

- **Q:** What does the Junior League of the Grand Strand do in the community?
- **A:** The Junior League of the Grand Strand supports women and children of the Grand Strand (specially in four areas: Youth Advocacy, Health Initiatives, Food and Nutrition Security, and Housing Advocacy) through our projects with community partners, selected annually through a formal project proposal process. The membership voted in 2023 to adopt this focus for the League's community financial support and volunteer hours.

- **Q:** Does Junior League of the Grand Strand grant funds that will then be re-granted?
- **A:** No (we would give directly, if that were the case).

- **Q:** What is the amount of financial assistance that can be awarded?
- **A:** Projects are typically funded in the \$250-\$2,500 range.

- **Q:** When are most Junior League of the Grand Strand volunteers available?
- **A:** The majority of Junior League of the Grand Strand members work outside the home, so evening and weekend hours are preferred.