



QUALITY OF LIFE EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

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We recognize the importance of the work of all civic, cultural and human service organizations; it changes lives and positively impacts our community. The Foundation receives a high volume of requests in this area and while we do not focus on a particular outcome or set of outcomes in the Quality of Life grant area, we do rely on the list of considerations below when reviewing funding requests. Generally, we seek projects that clearly contribute to the ongoing success and sustainability of the organization and/or advance innovation and meaningful collaboration.

All applications are thoroughly reviewed for the following considerations:

- Clear, strategic organizational vision – does the proposed project clearly fit within the organization’s strategic direction?
- Project’s impact on the organization – how does the proposed project impact the organization’s mission in a meaningful and sustainable way?
- Relevance and timeliness of project – why is this project important right now? Relevance can be evaluated both in terms of internal as well as external considerations.
- Effectiveness of programs and activities – in general, has the organization demonstrated impact and effectiveness?
- Past funding history – is there demonstration of well-managed grants in the past?
- Financial need and request amount – how was the amount for the JGBF request determined and does the organization have broad financial support for the project beyond JGBF? Is the scale of the project in line with the types of initiatives JGBF typically supports?
- Timeline for project completion – is there a clear and realistic timeline? Generally, the Foundation prioritizes projects that will be completed within one year from time of proposal submission.
- Innovative approaches – what about the project is creative or innovative?

- Meaningful collaboration – is there collaboration that meaningfully improves the project outcomes, efficiency, etc.?
- Fundraising progress and demonstration of community support – is there broad community support, either through funding commitments or other engagement? The Foundation will prioritize projects that are at least halfway funded (especially for capital construction).
- Organizational leadership and staff – how is the organization resourced (staff, board, other) to manage the project?

While none of the above criteria are required, they are all considered in ranking proposals. Typically, requests from organizations with currently active JGBF grants or recently funded grants will not be considered.