



Women's Giving Circle

Grant Application

I. Contact Information

Name of organization:	St. Aloysius – St. Agatha Parish Hunger Center
Name, title of individual who can answer questions about this application.	Sr. Mary Jean Raymond, OSU Parish Life Coordinator
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II. Organization Information

Tax ID Number: <i>Attach an IRS status determination letter and most current IRS Form 990</i>	34-0805309 Tax ID Number Documents attached
History of organization: <i>Please include the following: how many years you have been a non-profit, if you are partnering with other organizations, provide information about them.</i>	<p>St. Aloysius Parish was established in 1898. The first Mass was said in 1900. From its earliest days, the parish had an outreach to the neighborhood to assist families with food, clothing, and housing needs. Tax exempt status was granted in 1946. From the early years of the parish, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was active in providing assistance to both parishioners and neighborhood families.</p> <p>When the Marianist community came to St. Aloysius in 1980, Father Reichert became director of the Hunger Center. He was followed by a succession of Marianist brothers until the Marianists withdrew from the parish in 2015. Our present director, Ms. Carol Bunn has been the director of the Hunger Center since 2015. She has expanded the ministry to include working with Court Appointed Community Service workers, managing the St. Vincent de Paul funds for rental and utility assistance, and coordinating with the following agencies.</p> <p>Greater Cleveland Food Bank – We are a partner with them and regularly receive food from them.</p> <p>Famicos - This housing network maintains a number of senior citizen apartments in the area. Food from our hunger center is delivered to the residents on a regular basis.</p> <p>We Think for Change – This organization addresses the needs of senior citizens who are dealing with AIDS. They assist in our food pantry especially during the spring and summer months when we receive large donations of fresh fruits and vegetables. Our pantry also provides food for their members which they deliver to their homes.</p> <p>NBCA – National Black Council on Aging – Sends senior citizens to agencies to receive training in office skills, etc. Individuals are paid by the council and serve at an agency for two years and then hopefully move on to full time employment.</p> <p>Oak Tree Health and Metro Health – social workers from these two agencies contact us when clients in our service area need food, rental, or utility assistance.</p> <p>Project Hope – A medical assistance program that rents space in St. Aloysius rectory helps to address physical needs of our clients. They provide a monthly foot clinic for the neighborhood.</p> <p>The following groups provide volunteer hours in the Hunger Center: John Carroll, Beaumont, Shaker Heights High School, Hawken School.</p>

Mission of the organization:	<p>Parish Mission Statement –</p> <p>We are a welcoming Catholic Parish Embracing its African American culture, Empowering its members And sharing its love of Christ Through service to the community.</p>
Leadership of organization: <i>Please attach composition of organization's staff and Board of Directors, including names and titles</i>	<p>Document Attached.</p>
Sources of organizational funding:	<p>Sources of funding for the St. Aloysius Hunger Center come from the following entities:</p> <p>The Cleveland Food Bank / Sisters of Charity Foundation / United Way / Greater Cleveland Interfaith Alliance / Catholic Charities / Case Western Reserve / Federal Government Emergency Food and Shelter Grants / Private Donors / St. John Vianney Parish / Resurrection Parish</p>

III. Project/Program Description

<p>Project Overview – <i>Describe the specific purpose of the project and how funds will be spent.</i></p>	<p>This project will specifically address the need to respond to increased requests for food and shelter. Requests for food, rental assistance, and utility assistance have increased by 25% weekly. Funds from this project will be used to purchase additional food from the food bank, assist individuals and families who qualify for rental and utility assistance, and to pay the hunger center director for her additional hours. The Cleveland Food Bank has stopped delivering food to individuals and senior apartment complexes. If someone lives near our established delivery routes, we have taken on these additional clients. Carol Bunn, the hunger center director was trained by the Cleveland Clergy Alliance to become a “navigator”. In this role, she directed seniors to various agencies that could help them. She also assisted them with necessary paper work and documentation of their needs. Cleveland Clergy Alliance no longer pays its navigators but Carol still works additional hours to see that our senior citizens can access the help they need.</p>
<p>Project Details – <i>What do you hope to achieve? Why is the project needed? Who will participate in your project? What specific activities will you do to achieve your goals?</i></p>	<p>As a result of this project, we hope to be able to increase the number of persons / households served through our Hunger Center by 20-25% in the next 12 months. This project is needed because of the additional clients who are calling us for assistance in areas of food, housing, utilities, furniture, and clothing.</p> <p>We have recently become aware of an abandoned house in the area in which a number of homeless people are living. We are working with them to provide food, blankets, sleeping bags, and other necessities as well as directing them to agencies that can provide more permanent shelter.</p> <p>The Hunger Center Director, her assistants, and volunteers, and the parish staff will all participate in this project.</p> <p>Specific activities will include: Increasing the number of days and hours that the phone is actively covered. Increasing the number of deliveries to clients in our area. Increasing staff hours for interviews of clients requesting assistance.</p>
<p>Organizational Capacity – <i>Who will staff your project? What are the qualifications of your staff? What experience does your organization have that will support the project's success? How does the project help your organization meet its mission?</i></p>	<p>The Hunger Center is staffed by Ms. Carol Bunn, the director; two part time senior citizens who are paid by the National Black Council on Aging, volunteer drivers, and additional volunteers from both our parish and the neighborhood.</p> <p>Ms. Carol Bunn has worked as the director of our hunger center for the past 10 years. She has been recognized by the Cleveland Food bank for her dedication and competency in handling this most demanding job. She is a Marine who actively served in the military. She is also trained as a Court Community Service Supervisor and a Bankruptcy Advisor.</p> <p>The project helps St. Aloysius Parish meet its mission of providing hope, empowerment, and compassion to God's people in the surrounding neighborhoods.</p>

Project Evaluation – <i>What are your specific measurable outcomes for this project? What criteria will you use to measure your success?</i>	<p>Measurable outcomes for the project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -keeping track of the number of clients served. -tracking any additional hours that staff is present to meet these needs. -documenting the increased cost of expanding our client base <p>The number of clients that we presently serve is already kept for reporting purposes for our grants and donors. It will be easy to document the increase in client numbers for this grant.</p>
Project Sustainability – <i>What are your plans for continuing this project after your grant cycle ends?</i>	<p>In the past, we have had grants from the Bruening Foundation and the Sisters of Charity. Bruening Foundation has changed their focus for the future and the Sisters of Charity will not be giving grants to individual organizations in the future. I include these facts because in spite of the ending of these sources of funding, we have been successful in finding new sources of funding in order to keep our outreach programs going. We actively explore any and all avenues that we become aware of in order to continue our services.</p>
Partnerships – <i>Do you plan to partner with another organization(s)? If yes, please describe the partnership arrangement(s).</i>	<p>See partnerships listed under history of organization. All of these connections are active at this time.</p>

IV. Project/Program Funding

Requested Funding:	\$15,000
Brief Narrative of Project Budget <i>indicate how WGC funds will be used.</i> <i>Attach project budget. Include all committed and anticipated funding for the project and the project's expenses, itemized by category e.g. salaries with F.T.E.</i>	<p>The current budget for the hunger center is attached at the end of this proposal.</p> <p>Funds from the Women's Giving Circle will be used in the following manner.</p> <p>1/3 i.e. 5,000 will be used for salary for increased hours of director and her staff.</p> <p>1/3 i.e. 5,000 will be used for the purchase of food from the Cleveland Food Bank in order to meet the increased number of requests from new clients.</p> <p>1/3 i.e. 5,000 will be used for rental and utility assistance. The amount that we give to an individual or household is capped at \$200-250. Ms. Bunn contacts the landlord or utility company to insure that this amount will prevent foreclosure or a disconnect of services. If the needed amount is higher, the parish life coordinator needs to approve the request. All checks are made out to the landlord or utility company.</p> <p>Since this is an extension of existing services, no additional funds are anticipated at the present time.</p>

Board of Directors

St. Aloysius Parish Council Members – 2024 – 2025

Chairperson – Gregory Clifford

Vice Chairperson – Melissa Morris

Secretary – Lizann Hudson

Members Representing Organizations/Committees

Belinda Sims – liturgy coordinator

Beverly Berry – evangelization committee head

Marguerite Strickland – choir representative

Erica Drost – school representative

At Large Elected Members -

Dana Baker

Willie Huston

Chris Sledge

Vermonte Wright

Additional Members -

Sr. Mary Jean Raymond, OSU – Parish Life Coordinator

Rev. Andrew Morkunas – Presbyteral Moderator

Finance Council –

Chairperson – Joe Harbert

Vice Chairperson – Chris Sledge

Secretary – Brunilda Vega -- Bookkeeper/Office Manager

Members:

Yvonne Nettles

Greg Clifford

Charlotte Perkins

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St Aloysius Hunger Center Budget 2024-25

2/13/2025

			Budget		Actual
		Comments	Jul 24 - Jun 25		Jul 23 - Jun 24
	Income	Hunger Center			
	100602G - Grants	Community Grants	\$ 23,000		\$ 9,336.00
	100602H - Donations	General donations	\$ 31,000		\$ 41,890.00
		PROJECTED INCOME	\$ 54,000		\$ 51,226.00
	Expenses	Hunger Center			
	531 · SALARIES AND OTHER COMP				
	220102 · Hunger Center Director	Director Pay including Taxes	\$ 27,100	Grant - 4k	\$ 25,773.00
	533 · Hunger Center Expenses				
	220310C · Community Meals	47 wks @\$200/week	\$ 9,400	Grant - 8K	\$ 8,280.00
	220310M · Miscellaneous exp	van gas, phone, supplies	\$ 3,500	Grant - 4K	\$ 2,723.00
	220310P · Pantry - Food Distribution	security & additional food stuffs	\$ 14,000	Grant - 7k	\$ 13,810.00
		PROJECTED EXPENSE	\$ 54,000		\$ 50,586.00