

NFTRL 2022 Grant Applications for Funds Awarded in 2023

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks –

Mission: The Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks is dedicated to enabling all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Use of funds: Funds will be used for our Cents of Pride Store. This program teaches youth financial literacy. The funds will allow us to purchase clothing, toys, school supplies, backpacks, food and personal hygiene items for our Cents of Pride Store.

Need for volunteers: Volunteers provide another set of eyes on children. There is an opportunity to read to members, prepare meals, mentor through our Cents of Pride Store, and play a game of pool or kickball with the members.

Branson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association –

Mission: Support and assist the BPD in promoting public support of BPD; support future Branson Citizens Police Academy classes; participate in activities that contribute to the well being of BPD and the community; provide financial support of the annual Police Dept. Awards Banquet and Benevolent Fund.

Use of funds: Funds will be used to supplement the cost of the annual BPD Awards Banquet in 2023, new Benevolence Fund, and Shop with a Hero.

Branson Regional Arts Council (BRAC) –

Mission: To make available artistic, cultural, and educational opportunities and to support, strengthen, and enhance these opportunities for all citizens of our community.

Use of funds: Support the BRAC's Summer Youth Theatre Institute and performances of a Disney Jr. Musical at the historic Owen Theatre; support scholarships, script rights, costume rentals, and staging materials. Classes will run for a 3-week period just prior to six performances.

Need for volunteers: BRAC works with dozens of volunteers to assist with building sets, moving sets from the warehouse to the theatre, cleaning and repairing the performance venue, ushering, working the concessions and box office, and also helping to promote events that take place.

CHANCES of Stone County –

Mission: Build a wide and diverse community network of resources within Stone County to assist with the development of opportunities for its residents with developmental disabilities, serve the developmentally disabled of Stone County, and to promote purpose, independence, quality of life and valued community involvement.

Use of funds: Security fencing – Our population is vulnerable. Security fencing around our outside patio area with a locking gate will provide a safe and secure outside living space for our members who have disabilities. A gated entrance and fencing will add another level of safely assurance for our staff, parents, and guardians.

Need for volunteers: Volunteers help our members with projects in our workshop, sewing studio, painting on canvas, singing, exercising and playing games.

Children’s Smile Center –

Mission: To improve oral health and wellness in children through access to quality dental care.

Use of funds: To purchase two curing lights that will be used in the Branson West Clinic, and funds to help cover the gap due to Medicaid revenues being less than the actual cost of operating dental clinics.

Need for volunteers: Occasionally. Volunteers may be needed at schools when we conduct dental screenings to assist dental staff with paperwork, take children to and from classrooms, and general errands to assist dental staff.

Christian Action Ministries Food Pantries of Taney County –

Mission: To provide caring assistance to people experiencing food insecurity. Our vision is to help people obtain the basic resources of food; to encourage self-sufficiency and independence; bring together the caring communities – nonprofits, business and individuals – for meeting these needs.

Use of funds: We have launched a new program, Neighbor2Neighbor (N2N), which allows us to use food as a tool to build up communities and reach our neighbors in need. We are requesting funds to help with food costs for the program.

Need for volunteers: Christian Action Ministries is nourished by wonderful volunteers. Serving opportunities include preparing bags, distributing groceries during N2N outreach, shelving products, distributing groceries at one of pantry locations, hosting food drives, helping with our Festive of Trees fundraiser and connecting our clients with resources.

Elevate Branson –

Mission: Elevate our community by empowering our neighbors to reach their full potential.

Use of funds: Funds provided by NFTRL will provide food, transportation, childcare and supplies for the Elevate Work job training program.

Need for volunteers: A band of volunteers comes every Thursday morning to pack meals for Thursday night meal delivery and another band of volunteers delivers the meals that night to the local homeless and those living in the extended-stay motels. Elevate Work relies on volunteer mentors to provide job training, mock job interviews, and resume’ building with participants.

Faith Community Health –

Mission: Faith Community Health is a charitable clinic providing primary healthcare and prescription services at affordable, income-based rates for residents and workers in Stone and Taney Counties.

Use of funds: If funded, FCH would engage a Licensed Professional Counselor on a weekly basis at FCH's campus. The investment would make possible 100 sessions, or 4 sessions a week, for 25 weeks. The organization will refer patients to the LPC as well as schedule appointments. The LPC can convert sessions to group sessions as needed.

Need for volunteers: We always have need for volunteers. We send mailings twice per year to donors that simply need to be assembled and processed in order to raise money for our non-profit. We also hold one or two events per year where we would welcome volunteers.

Gift of Hope, Inc. –

Mission: Providing essentials and pathways to independence for Taney County families.

Use of funds: Funds provided would go toward purchasing food for our backpack program. The backpacks are distributed every Friday during the school year to children in need. GOH currently assists 980 children every weekend.

Need for volunteers: We do have volunteers every year at our annual charity golf tournament in September. GOH shops with families every year for Christmas, and we take a volunteer with each family.

Harbor House Domestic Violence –

Mission: Provide shelter, advocacy, and education to all survivors of domestic or sexual violence. We believe that all individuals have the right to live a life free of pain and fear.

Use of funds: A large part of the education we provide to our clients requires access to technology. Having computers available for the clients will not only open doors for jobs, but educational opportunities as well. We are requesting funds to purchase 5 laptop computers with bags and mice.

Need for volunteers: We are always in need of caring individuals to teach new skills and/or just talk and listen to our clients.

Kimberling Area Library –

Mission: The intelligent choice where friends and learning come together.

Use of funds: KAL plans to use the funds to pay for the online fees of the MO Library 2GO program. This program allows access to the E-Books available to all KAL patrons. We also need to replace a retaining wall in the children's garden.

Need for volunteers: KAL is staffed 100% by volunteers, including the front desk, books sales assistance, maintenance of property, director, committees, and board members.

Kimberling Area Senior Center –

Mission: The Senior Center is a multi-purpose facility offering services and programs designed to enrich the physical, social, and emotional well-being of senior citizens in and around Stone County. The purpose is to create a friendly, warm atmosphere for all seniors, offering them recreation, companionship, and healthy nourishment.

Use of funds: In the first quarter of 2022 we answered over 1400 phone calls. We also do wellness telephone calls to inbound seniors averaging over 100 calls per month. This has put a burden on our old telephone system. We are seeking a grant to upgrade our phone system, adding an additional number and being able to conference, video chat and have a queue for incoming calls.

Need for volunteers: We need drivers for homebound meal deliveries; kitchen helpers for prep work and meal serving as well as dishwashers and clean-up crew; administrative help including greeters, telephone reassurance callers, front desk help; and maintenance people to assist with everyday building and repairs.

Lifesong Community Diaper Bank –

Mission: To help families that are having difficulty in affording diapers or pullups.

Use of funds: To buy diapers and wipes. We would also love to expand to supplying Tylenol for kids and Pedialyte.

Lake Area Child Advocacy Center (LACAC) –

Mission: To provide a child-focused environment and a multidisciplinary approach to child abuse cases; to provide forensic interviews, medical exams, and resources to child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, witness to crime.

Use of funds: To purchase a much-needed equipment upgrade to our video recording equipment. Quality video recording of the children’s forensic interviews is part of our core service. The recorded forensic interviews assist in the prosecution of the offenders.

Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch –

Mission: The mission of the LUC Boys Ranch is to help strong-willed young men become responsible, respectful, self-disciplined members of their families and communities.

Use of funds: Purchase, maintain, and repair equipment for our community assistance program. We provide low-cost lawn care, yard clean-up, and other labor jobs in the community. We serve the elderly, disabled, and many local organizations and churches.

Need for volunteers: We can use help in construction, general maintenance, painting, fence repair, tutoring in the school, mechanics, IT services, accounting help, and at our thrift store.

MU Extension Stone County 4-H –

Mission: Engaging youth as valued, contributing members of their communities in partnership with caring adult mentors, volunteers in a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together for positive change.

Use of funds: These funds will be used for families who haven't the means to pay the yearly 4-H membership dues of \$20 per club member; also 4-H camp fees, educational field trips and awards events.

Need for volunteers: Project area volunteers.

Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC) –

Mission: Working to create lasting solutions to poverty for families and communities within Southwest Missouri.

Use of funds: Assist Stone County individuals and families with transportation needs. Transportation is one of the most critical concerns for people living in poverty. Assistance will be capped at \$300 per household annually and can include gas vouchers, auto repairs and insurance, license and registration and tires.

Need for volunteers: Volunteers help in meeting the goal of eradicating poverty in SW Missouri by assisting with mailings, event planning, fundraising, with special projects, and by providing office support

Pregnancy Life Line –

Mission: Serve women and men during an unplanned pregnancy. We are dedicated to empowering individuals to make healthy life choices through education, mentoring and other resources. We nurture growth, responsibility, and productivity. We will not charge for any of our services.

Use of funds: PLL is requesting funding for our Safe Sleep Program. Pack-n-plays are purchased for at-risk infants and a Safe Sleep class, educating the client on a safe sleep environment and risk factors for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, will be presented.

Need for volunteers: Volunteers not only tie us more closely to the community but also give us skilled help for our clients without incurring costs.

Shell Knob In the Spotlight (SKITS) –

Mission: We are a community theatre and arts organization dedicated to the study, practice, and production of dramatics and other fine arts for educational, recreational, civic, and benevolent purposes in the public interest of Stone and Barry Counties in Missouri, a culturally underserved area. We promote and provide a platform showcasing local and visiting talents who seek to be spotlighted in our community through performing arts and other artistic endeavors.

Use of funds: 2 sets of portable stage steps with handrails.

Need for volunteers: We are a 100% volunteer organization. All cast and crew are volunteers.

Southern Stone County Food Pantry –

Mission: Serving nutritional needs of clients in Southern Stone County Missouri.

Use of funds: Due to increased food prices and reduced government commodities, our monthly budget for purchased food has gone from \$2500-\$3500 a month to over \$5000 monthly. We currently have enough funds to survive 10 months.

Need for volunteers: It takes a crew of 25 volunteers to operate on Wednesdays we are open. We also pick up bread from Panera on Friday nights, which is done by volunteers. This year we will need a new director. All are volunteer positions.

Stone County Citizens in Action –

Mission: SCCIA is a non-profit organization consisting solely of Stone County Sheriff's Dept. Citizens Academy graduates who have adopted the task of supporting the Stone County Sheriff's Dept. and all SCSD personnel whenever possible and however they may be needed.

Use of funds: As emergencies arise when SCSD Deputies are staged in critical stand-off situations or 24/7 investigatory procedures, we provide food and water relief; a greatly appreciated SCSD Christmas meal and gifts; safety equipment such as Kevlar vests and/or K-9 handling equipment and training.

Stone County Recovery Center –

Mission: To help recovering addicts and their families, we will lead by example and show that recovery is possible by teaching how to learn and deal with emotions, triggers, and cravings in healthier ways to meet life on life's terms.

Use of funds: Program materials such as workbooks, flyers, pens; keep computers updated for use such as resumes and homework.

Need for volunteers: Assistance is welcomed at the Center so the doors can remain open when someone shows up and is ready for help.

Table Rock Art Guild –

Mission: Promote the advancement of art in the local area; acquaint art-oriented people with others and encourage members to further their talents; promote our art fairs, exhibits and sales.

Use of funds: Annual Children's Art Show serving elementary schools within Stone and Taney County. We would like to add more art activities during our achievement celebration. Also begin offering affordable art lessons for students who wish to further develop their art skills, for \$10 per class per student.

Tri-Lakes Humane Society –

Mission: Provide shelter for lost, abandoned, and unwanted animals while actively seeking loving, permanent homes for them. We give every animal who comes to us as much time as funding and space allow to find a new home. Each animal adopted from our Society is spayed or neutered according to state law.

Use of funds: All animals in our care must be spayed or neutered before they can be adopted. The cost for this ranges from \$45 for a male cat to \$90 for a female dog.

Need for volunteers: We use volunteers at our thrift store and could use more help there to be open more hours. We also use volunteers at the shelter to help with walking dogs and playing with cats to help them acclimate to being around other humans.

Kimberling City United Methodist Church Weekend Backpack Kids (WEB Kids) –

Mission: The WEB Kids project provides supplemental nutrition each weekend for children who have inadequate food. We hope to improve their overall health and wellbeing as well as success in the classroom.

Use of funds: Purchase food to fill bags to be distributed for supplemental food on weekends to hungry children. Food requirement currently at Reeds Spring is for a 3-day weekend.