

**Community Impact Grant 2022-2023**  
**Call for Proposals**  
**St. John Fisher University**  
**Institute for Civic and Community Engagement**

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**OVERVIEW:** The goal of the Community Impact Grant is to deepen the impact St. John Fisher University students and faculty can make in the community and enhance students' leadership, grant writing, and professional communication skills. Funds can be proposed for two uses: 1) to provide the materials needed for successful implementation of a Community-Engaged Learning project, and 2) to fund items that will be provided to the community partner that deepen the impact of community engagement and can be left behind for future organizational benefit. Students are encouraged to apply, but faculty may apply for a CI Grant with student input. Here are past recipient examples:

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**CEL Project Materials Grants:**

- Bound "showcase" reports to Pencils and Paper.
- Refreshments and gifts for end of semester celebration.
- Wednesday Wellness Workshops and tabling materials for Sociology team.
- Science kits for the Science Enrichment sessions and Fair with East Rochester ES.

**Deepened Community Impact Grants:**

- Technology for teens to participate in 13Thirty Cancer Connect groups remotely.
  - Overnight bags for Comfort Care Homes by Palliative Care students.
  - Literacy books and activity resources for VOA Children's Center library.
  - Water analysis kits for Biology students to use at Ganondagan Field Office.
  - Books and equipment to create a Complementary Health library for a health clinic.
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Grant funds can NOT cover needs of the organization unrelated to the overarching goals of the CEL project and money gifts to be used for unspecified purposes.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** All applicants must follow these directions:

1. Submit all applications on the Google Form provided here: <https://forms.gle/vkbqLsG1uqe9R7KM6>. You will be asked to answer the following questions: a) Project description and desired impact, b) Project Materials grant request and need; c) and/or Deepened Impact grant request and need; d) Narrative quote from community partner on need e) Detailed Budget
  2. Interview your community partner to ascertain their needs and identify how grant funds can be used. Please integrate statements from your community partners on how the item would add value and be used.
  3. Prepare and include a detailed budget using the requirements given below.
  4. Send an e-mail to Dr. Lynn Donahue after submitting an application.
  5. You will receive an email notifying you if the grant has been accepted or not. Please don't make any purchases until you hear from the Institute that your proposal has been approved.
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**AVAILABLE FUNDS:** We can award up to \$300 per project group, depending on the quality of the proposal and/or the number of applicants.

**DEADLINE:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling deadline until funds are no longer available. Please contact Lynn Donahue to check that funds are available if nearing the end of the semester.

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Please direct all questions to Lynn Donahue, Assistant Director, Institute for Civic and Community Engagement at [ldonahue@sjfc.edu](mailto:ldonahue@sjfc.edu) or 585-385-7342