

ST. LOUIS PARK FAMILY SERVICES COLLABORATIVE 2025 Mini-Grant Application



Thank you for your interest in applying for a St. Louis Park Family Services Collaborative mini-grant. The St. Louis Park Family Services Collaborative is a locally based grassroots effort to promote health, education and services to children and families most in need in the local community. Our funds come from Federal Title IV-E and Medicaid using data generated locally. We are committed to early intervention and prevention services at a local level to keep children out of foster care and keep families intact by using an integrated service system. We value partnerships working together to help children and families.

Grant Guidelines

- Grant may be utilized beginning March 31, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
- Grant proposal can not exceed \$1,000
- Grants will be awarded only to St. Louis Park programs and services.

Grant Criteria

All grant requests must fulfill one of the 2025 Family Services Collaborative goals listed below:

1. Ensure a continuum of early childhood development programs in St. Louis Park
2. Increase or maintain mental health services for children/youth in St. Louis Park
3. Provide basic needs for at-risk children/youth in St. Louis Park
4. Ensure children, youth, families and the community develop healthy racial, social and cultural competencies to attain their full potential.

In addition to meeting one of the goals listed above it is important that all grant requests align with at least one of St. Louis Park's Family Services Collaborative following six priority outcomes for current action and planning. They are:

- ☒ Physically and mentally healthy children and adults
- ☒ Safe and stable individuals, families and communities
- ☐ Children thrive in early childhood and are ready for school
- ☐ Children succeed in school
- ☐ All youth exhibit positive social behavior
- ☐ New Americans succeed and achieve self-sufficiency

Mini-Grant Requirements

* To complete this form, save a copy to your computer or Google Docs with a new name and then complete the form. (If you complete the form without first downloading the blank form, your data will be visible to the next person who accesses the form on our website.)

A complete grant application will include:

- Downloaded and fully completed application form
- Named application using this format: *FSC_25Mini_InsertYourProjectNameHere.pdf*.
- Completed **Mini-Grant Budget** form that is available on our website
- Electronically submitted grant application

Note: Any school staff grant applications must also provide receipt of District Approval.

Grant Timeline

- Grant applications will be distributed by April 30, 2025
- Mini-grants will be available until pre-committed funds are spent down
- Grant recipients will be notified shortly following the SLP FSC Board regular monthly meeting after the mini-grant application is received
- Funds distributed upon receipt of organization invoice

Return completed grant application electronically to: harris.rachel@slpschools.org

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2025 Mini-Grant Application

Project Name: SLP Reading Festival Grant Application

Applicant Information					
Name of Organization:	I Support the Girls				Date: 2/6/2026
Address:	P.O. Box 2736				
					Unit #
City Wheaton				State MD	ZIP Code 20915
Program/ Service Name:	Pads for STL Girls		Contact Person:	Emma Cannon	
Phone:	(240) 816-0570	Facsimile Number:		E-mail Address:	ecannon@isupportthegirls.org
Requested Dollar Amount (not to exceed \$1,000):		\$ 1000			
Please list the targeted Family Services Collaborative goal(s):					
Our event will meet the Targeted Family Services goal of ensuring a continuum of early childhood development programs in St. Louis Park. We plan to offer a free public activity for children, adults, and families that promotes reading and making social connections! Money received by this grant will help pay for books, bubbles, and breakfast.					
Please list the targeted St. Louis Park's Priority Outcome(s):					
Our event will align with multiple priority outcomes for current action and planning for St. Louis Park's Family Services Collaborative, including supporting mentally healthy children and adults; helping children to thrive in early childhood, be ready for school, and succeed in school. This event will promote and celebrate reading within families and provide information and resources if learning to read is challenging for children. We will be hosting therapy animals from North Star Therapy Animals for opportunities for children/caregivers to read to the animals. This helps foster a positive association with reading, provides a unique reading experience, and opportunity to engage with 4-6 trained therapy animals. Our goal is to give away at least 100 books, bubbles, and literacy resources for families, which include links to our free recorded GLO Parent Education Series and future free community events. Groves has participated in the last 2 Summer Reading Festivals and has given out approximately 80 books, coloring bookmarks/pages, treats, and educational resources for parents. This grant will help us to increase our donations of books as well as purchase bubbles and breakfast. Should there be any remaining books from the event, they can be donated back to Children's First or saved for the following year.					
Program/Service description (2 - 4 sentences total):					
Our event will include fun family activities that include reading to therapy animals! (Dogs and possibly a rat, rabbit, cat and/or guinea pig). Other activities include coloring pages, bookmarks, and a story walk. Free books, bubbles, donuts, and juice boxes will be handed out.					
Program/ Service start date:	Ongoing				
St. Louis Park population served: entire community					
List any partners/collaborators for this grant request: Requesting therapy animals from NorthStar Therapy					

If this request is due to loss of funding/reduced revenues, please describe (2 - 4 sentences total):

How will you evaluate the success of your project? Please give measurable examples if possible.

This event is to promote and celebrate community and reading within St Louis Park. Success will be measured in smiles from attendees and the number of free books, bubbles, and donuts handed out. We also strive to be a strong community resource and support for parents.

Submitted By

Name (Print):

Linda Roslansky

Title:

Director of Outreach

Signature:

Date:

5/6/2025