



2026–2027 Grant Application

The West Orange Junior Service League (WOJSL) is a Florida 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to service, philanthropy, and sisterhood in West Orange County. Each year we award grants to support the work of nonprofit organizations serving our community. We believe the focus should be on the important work being done in West Orange County. Our goal is to support organizations that are already making a meaningful difference in our community.

Key Dates — 2026–2027 Cycle

- Application opens: September 1, 2026
- Application deadline: February 1, 2027, by 11:59 p.m.
- Grantees notified: Late May 2027
- Grant funds disbursed: June 2027

Eligibility & Guidelines

- Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) organization (or fiscally sponsored by one).
- Give your funding request a title and a clear plan for how the funds will be used. This doesn't need to be a standalone "project"
- One application per organization per cycle.
- We do not fund: fundraising events, administrative salaries, political campaigns or candidates, or activities intended to proselytize or promote specific faiths.
 - Faith based organizations providing secular community services remain eligible. Examples are, but not limited to, food pantries or shelters open to the public.

Where Grant Funds Must Be Used

Per WOJSL By-Laws, grant funds must support work based in, or directly serving, the Community of West Orange County Florida, defined as follows:

North Boundary: Lake Apopka to McCormick Road to N. Apopka Vineland Road (435) to Silver Star Road (438) to Hiawassee Road (435). East Boundary: Hiawassee Road (435) to W. Colonial Drive (50) to Kirkman Road (435) to I-4 West to Lake Buena Vista Property Line. South Boundary: Lake Buena Vista and Disney Property Line to Osceola County Line (192). West Boundary: Lake County Line.

Organizations based outside this area are still welcome to apply if the funded work serves residents within the above boundaries.

Organization Information

Organization Name: _____

Legal Name (if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Website: _____

Year Founded: _____

501(c)(3) status: *Please attach a copy of your IRS Determination Letter*

Contact Name & Title: _____

Email & Phone: _____

Is any officer, employee, or board member of your organization also a current WOJSL board member or officer?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, please briefly describe the relationship:

Briefly describe your organization's mission and history *(150 words or fewer)*

Your Funding Request

Program or Project Title *A project name, or simply a short title for how the funds will be used (for examples: "Lunch and Learn", "Classroom", "Freezer", "Building Fund")*

Amount Requested: _____

What is your plan for the funds? *What will the money be used for, who benefits, and how does it fit your mission?*

In your own words, tell us:

How does this funding take place within, or directly serve, the West Orange County Community? If your organization also works outside this area, briefly describe how you'll know these particular funds are staying within our perimeters (for example, a specific site, program, or participant list) a short explanation is all we need, not a formal accounting system.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on its right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface.

If awarded less than the full amount requested, could your organization still carry out this plan? *Please explain briefly.*

Funding Expenses/Budget: *Attach a budget or describe the expenses for the funding requested preferably on organization letterhead and how the WOJSL funds apply.*

(Attachment required; no need to re-type the budget here.)

When would the funds be used? *Expected start and end dates-this applies to capital campaigns and long term projects only.*

Serving The Community

WOJSL members aren't just funders; more importantly we are here to serve. Whether or not your organization receives a grant for this cycle, we'd love to know:

How could the WOJSL help you serve the community we all love between September 2027 and May 2028, with or without funding? *Volunteer opportunities, in-kind support, shared events, whatever comes to mind. Please include dates if applicable.*

Agreement

By submitting this application, our organization confirms that:

1. The information provided is accurate to the best of our knowledge, and the proposed use of funds is charitable in nature.
2. We will respond to occasional, reasonable follow-up questions from WOJSL about the funded work.

Grant Preparer Name & Title: *If different from Executive Director or main contact*

Date: _____

How to Submit

Please email your completed application and required attachments (**501(c)(3) determination letter** and **budget**) to:
wojsltreasurer@gmail.com