



Investing in the **Health & Vitality**
of Jefferson Hospital Communities

Jefferson Community Collaborative Unified Voices Award Purpose, Criteria & Award Selection

The **Jefferson Regional Foundation** recognizes that collaboration is a key strategy to strengthen our service area and amplify impact. The **Unified Voices Award** celebrates partnerships between nonprofit organizations that work together to deliver meaningful outcomes in the community.

This inaugural Unified Voices Award will be presented at the July 16 Conference and will continue to be awarded on a biennial basis at the Jefferson Regional Foundation Conference.

- **Award Purpose**
 - Celebrate collaboration between nonprofit partners who work or provide service in the Jefferson Regional Foundation (JRF) service area.
 - Highlight initiatives that promote health and well-being.
 - Recognize partnerships that strengthen the JRF footprint and center community voice.
- **Award Criteria**
 - Initiatives must:
 - Involve a minimum of two collaborating nonprofit organizations.
 - Demonstrate impact within the JRF service area.
 - Promote health and well-being.
 - Clearly center community voice in the planning, implementation, and/or evaluation of the initiative.
 - The project must have been implemented during the 2025 calendar year.



Note: Organizations are not required to be physically located within the Jefferson Regional Foundation footprint, provided their services are delivered within the JRF service area.

- **Award Selection**
 - The Vision Council will utilize [an established rubric](#) to evaluate the submitted initiatives.
 - Applications will be de-identified before review to ensure impartial scoring.
 - The highest scoring initiative will win the inaugural Unified Voices Award.
 - The three highest scoring initiatives will receive a monetary award to be shared equally among the participating organizations:
 - **First Place: \$5,000**
 - **Second Place: \$2,000**
 - **Third Place: \$1,000**





- Award recipients will be recognized through a video compilation shared during the Conference.
- The three highest scoring initiatives will be notified on or after **Thursday, April 23**, and **are required to participate in a video recording** at the Foundation offices on **Thursday, May 7 to highlight the initiative.**

Jefferson Community Collaborative Unified Voices Award Application

Note: Any individual or organization may nominate an initiative, including through self-nomination. To prevent duplicate submissions, only one organization from the initiative may apply on behalf of the group. The nominator must inform all organizations before submitting the application.

Applicant Information

- Names of Organizations that Collaborated:
- Contact Person & Title from Each Organization:
- Email & Phone from Each Organization:
- Name of Initiative:
- Brief Summary (500 characters): Provide an overview of the initiative and collaboration.

Initiative Information

Note: The application is designed to be brief and straightforward, with uniform word counts across sections to reduce applicant burden. Applicants should provide concise responses (75 words max for each section):

1. **Community Impact:** How did the initiative promote health and well-being in the JRF service area? (500 characters)
2. **Collaboration Highlight:** How did the partner organizations work together to achieve the initiative's goals? (500 characters)
3. **Community Voice:** How was community input or participation integrated into the initiative? (500 characters)
4. **Accessibility & Inclusion:** Describe accessibility considerations and efforts to ensure the initiative was inclusive for all community members. (500 characters)