

## 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.



**Unified Voices  
Award  
Application**

- **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.

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## 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)