

**CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**  
**SISTER PHYLLIS HUGHES (SPH) ENDOWMENT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**  
**SISTER JUDY MORASCI (SJM) ENDOWMENT FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**  
**GRANTS PROGRAM**

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1. When applying, your project will be considered for SPH, SJM or both endowments by the Priority Projects Committee, based on the elements of your proposed program.
2. To be considered for the SPH Endowment, the program must meet one of the following five identified areas of community need:
  - a. Basic needs to the poor
  - b. Programs that assist children and/or the elderly
  - c. Programs that provide access to healthcare
  - d. Preventive health programs
  - e. Chronic disease management programs
3. To be considered for the SJM Endowment, the program must address at least one of the three identified community needs:
  - a. Assisting women and children;
  - b. Improving the quality of or providing access to medical/dental services for women and children
  - c. Preventive healthcare programs that focus on underserved women and children
  - d. Note: if a program does not meet the above criteria, with a majority approval from the priority projects committee, it can be considered/awarded.
4. Maximum award per agency is \$10,000. The award amount of the SJM endowment may be adjusted by a quorum vote of the Priority Projects committee if deemed appropriate.
5. Program must be consistent with the following Mercy Hospital mission statement: Dignity Health and its Sponsoring Congregations are committed to furthering the healing ministry of Jesus. We dedicate our resources to:
  - o Delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services
  - o Serving and advocating for our sisters and brothers who are poor and disenfranchised
  - o Partnering with others in the community to improve the quality of life
6. Funding may **NOT** support conferences, seminars, capital projects or media promotional programs (capital refers to construction projects)

## Other Requirements for Funding and Information

- No consecutive grants from will be awarded through these grant programs. There must be an interceding year before a funded agency may submit a letter of intent for consideration.
- An agency may submit only one letter of intent per agency. Multiple programs of an agency will not be funded.
- Grant reporting required – a 12 month accountability narrative explaining how funds were expended will be required in **July 2026**. More information to follow. If you decline or neglect to complete a narrative, you will be ineligible to receive future grant funding.

Questions? Please call (661) 663-6700.