



Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet  
St. Paul Province  
Ministries Foundation

Bold Moves for Real Change

**Partners in Ministry Grant Request**

**Name of Ministry** Learning In Style School

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**Amount Requested** \$50,000

Please attach the following required documents:

- Most Recent Financial Statement of Income and Expenditures for Current Fiscal Year
- Current Fiscal Year Budget

Answers to the two questions asked are on a separate page.

3. Where else have you applied for funding for this project? NOWHERE

Have you previously received Ministries Foundation funding? YES

If yes, what year(s)? 2017 – 2018 and 2018 - 2019

Total funding received: \$198,805

Submitted by: Martha Menesi Date: May 24, 2019

Board/Advisory Council Chairperson's Signature: Christina M. Huey, CSJ

Date: May 24, 2019

First Period Requests are due before August 1

Second Period Requests are before May 24

*Requests submitted after the period's due date will not be considered.*

Submit completed Grant Requests to: [ahowells@csjministriesfoundation.org](mailto:ahowells@csjministriesfoundation.org)

OR:

Partners in Ministry Grant  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Ministries Foundation  
1884 Randolph Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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1. How has your previous Partners in Ministry grant helped you fulfill your mission?

The mission of Learning In Style School is to empower adult immigrants through education. The PIM grant has helped pay for the salaries of fully qualified professional ESL teachers, thereby optimizing our students' chances of success.

2. Have any unique situations affected your budget this year? How?

The extreme weather conditions this year have forced us to close school seven times in February and twice in April. Twice we closed school early when blizzard warnings were announced. Additionally, since many of the students walk or rely on public transportation, severely low temperatures and ice covered streets made it impossible for those students to come to school on several days even when we were in session. As a result, student hours are down by 25% from last year. This will impact the contributions from State and Federal governments, previously forecasted at \$190,000. It is now estimated to be closer to \$143,000, causing a deficit of \$47,000.

As an additional note:

Two of the teachers purchased projectors with their personal funds and use them extensively in the classroom with great results. While projectors are not really suitable in this environment, they have highlighted the benefit of using additional media in the classroom. I would like to equip all nine ESL classrooms with Smart TVs with internet search capabilities, at a cost of approximately \$700 each. So if there might be extra funds available, I'd like to request \$6300 to cover this purchase. Thank you.