

# Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

## **GRANT APPLICATION**

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Legal Name of the Organization: IBEW Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation Inc

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EIN: 271049966

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Street Address of Organization 4000 Clearpool Circle, Memphis, TN 38118

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Office Phone: 901-363-1563

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E-mail [ibewrick@bellsouth.net](mailto:ibewrick@bellsouth.net)

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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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First Name William

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Last Name Thompson

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### GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

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First Name *Field not completed.*

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Last Name *Field not completed.*

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Title: Business Manager

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### DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

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Program/Project Area: IBEW Jonnie Dawson Charitable Programs

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Amount Requested 100,000

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Total Organizational budget (for current year): 308,900

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Total Project/Program Budget: 308,900

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Dates covered by this budget: January 2016 through December 2016

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Project/Program Name: IBEW Jonnie Dawson Assistance Programs

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## INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

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Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

In Loving Memory of Jonnie Dawson, the IBEW Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation was founded for the purpose of serving Memphis/Shelby County and surrounding communities by giving monetary donations and self-service to the communities we proudly live in and serve. Our mission statement is "To Aid, Service and Deliver Hope". The IBEW Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation requests grant assistance to continue providing services such as food to the elderly during holidays, back packs filled with school supplies to the under privileged school children, Christmas gifts for children that would otherwise not receive anything for this holiday, after school care to include computers, mentoring and school assistance. Receiving additional funds will provide us the opportunity to continue offering these services by giving back to those in our Memphis/Shelby County communities that would go hungry, lack school supplies, need homework assistance, or receive nothing during a time when giving is the norm. We also give to other 501(c)3 organizations that provide Shelby County residents with utilities assistance, after school provisions, food programs to the homeless, veterans transitions, Adult Aging Program, transplant procedures, and domestic violence/abuse assistance. We truly believe that "Helping the Community is Everybody's Responsibility" and this is our way of living up to that belief.

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## Narrative - Organization

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Current programs and accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the

The Elderly Food Box Program is our way of providing assistance to Shelby County elderly citizens (65+ years of age) who go without eating during certain parts of each month due to a food shortage in their home. We provide food boxes filled

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recent past.

with enough food for 3 or more meals. This program started during the 2012 Christmas season and has grown to include each holiday of the year. In November 2013, The IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation began a Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, done on the Sunday before Thanksgiving as our way of sharing Thanksgiving Dinner with those less fortunate who go without food. This is our way of spending time and giving back to our communities ahead of the Thanksgiving season. We have been told that many organizations offer food on Thanksgiving day but we're one of the few organizations that offer to feed the hungry before Thanksgiving. Children's Backpack Donations are backpacks filled with composition notebooks, zipper pencil pouch, pencil sharpeners, loose leaf paper, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, pencil box, Kleenex, crayons, binders, tablets, pencils, folders, rulers, and pens to Kindergarten through 3rd grade students prior to the school year beginning. Children's Christmas Give-A-Way is our way of giving to children that would not receive anything for Christmas if we did not provide them with gifts. We receive lists from organizations that are aware of the need and who believe the parents should receive assistance in the form of Christmas gifts for their children.

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Numbers of paid full-time staff: 4

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Number of paid part-time staff: 1

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Number of volunteers: 18

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### **Narrative - Funding Request**

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Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County, TN.

The IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation serves Memphis/Shelby County and surrounding communities by giving monetary donations and self-service to the communities. This organization spends approximately \$1500 - \$4000 on each of the following holidays Martin Luther King's birthday, Valentine's day, Easter, April 4th, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays to give food to the elderly during holidays, back packs filled with school supplies and Christmas gifts to the under privileged school children. We also give \$10,000 each to 14 other 501(c)3

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organizations throughout the year that provide Shelby County residents with utilities assistance, after school care, food to the homeless, veterans assistance, Adult Aging Program, transplant procedures, domestic violence/abuse and other areas of assistance. We truly believe that "Helping the Community is Everybody's Responsibility" and this is our way of carrying out and living up to that belief.

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### **General Operating Support**

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If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

Funding under this grant will:

- provide significant growth in the number of elderly citizens provided food assistance
- eliminate or reduce the number of senior citizens going without food monthly
- increase the amount of social support received by parents and children
- eliminate and assist parent's inability to effectively provide for their children
- provides utility bill payment assistance to households meeting income guidelines
- empower parents and families in the areas of self-help, spiritual development, heritage and cultural enhancement
- feed the hungry in the community, provide clothing, job training, and counseling to the less fortunate
- assists veterans through transitional programs to help become effective citizens in their community
- enable the population of people from the fifty-plus age group to identify and be connected to resources that are available as they are aging
- assist women and children in escaping domestic violence, job skills training, child care and the common ground of racial injustice

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### **Project Support**

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Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation's primary purpose is "To Aid, Service and Deliver Hope" to the less fortunate, whether they are children, youth, adults, veterans, elderly, hungry or needy. Our main focus is the elderly over 65 years of age. Facts show that millions of older Americans are at risk for hunger. In 2013, 9.6 million older Americans faced the threat of hunger, representing 15.5% of adults aged 60+ in the U.S. Food insecurity is growing among older adults. The food insecurity rate for all senior households was 8.9% in 2014, up from 5.5% in 2001. At the same time, the percentage of seniors facing the threat of hunger has more than doubled. Seniors are more likely to be food insecure if they:

- Live in a southern state: 9 of the 10 states with the highest rates of senior food insecurity are in the south (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, South Carolina, Alabama,

and Georgia). • Have a disability: Almost one-third of food insecure seniors are disabled. • Are younger: Nearly 65% of food insecure seniors are younger than age 69. • Live with a grandchild: Nearly one in every five seniors living with grandchildren is food insecure. • Are African American or Hispanic: 17% of African American seniors and 18% of Hispanic seniors are food insecure, compared to 7% of Caucasian seniors. While we know that we cannot decrease the entire number of food insecure seniors, we can do our part to feed the food insecure seniors in our Shelby County, Tennessee communities.

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How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

The IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation's mission is to Aid, Service and Deliver Hope to those that feel hopeless for a moment, for a day, for a month, or for a year. While the statistics show that 9.6 million older Americans face the threat of hunger, representing 15.5% of adults aged 60+ in the United States, by fulfilling our goal to help the seniors in Memphis and Shelby County we attempt to decrease that percentage and number of children, youth, adults, homeless, and seniors that go hungry. When we offer our free services to those in our communities labeled The Last, The Lost, and/or The Least; then, we are doing our part to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate who cannot help themselves and we have lived up to our motto that "Helping the Community is Everybody's Responsibility".

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### **Narrative - Evaluation**

Please explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

Initially, the organization submits a proposal to the IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation for a donation consideration which includes their mission, goals, past and present achievements as well as future expectations. Details of how their organization has helped the community and specifics on how our donation will help them make an effective change in their area of expertise. The staff does a background check on the proposed organization to verify its 501(c)3 status and validity. An unscheduled onsite inspection is done by an executive board member to verify the organization's existence and the stated assistance is as stated. At that point, it is determined whether or not resources (both financial and non-financial, such as volunteer time, materials, equipment, etc.) is

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needed and will be was used to conduct activities as outlined in their proposal. Concerning the Seniors Food Box Program and Children's Programs, our staff maintains an ongoing roster of eligible seniors and children that live in Memphis and Shelby County areas. We also provide funding to agencies such as the Shelby County Community Services Agency, Memphis City After School Programs, Outreach Ministries, Veterans' Assistance Programs, Adult Aging Programs and Abused Women's Shelters. We contact these agencies to obtain a list of persons that are in dire need of the services we offer. If at year end, we have exhausted all our financial means to assist our targeted markets, then we have reached our goal.

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Attachments:

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If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.
3. Complete Budget for grant request

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If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.
3. Complete Budget for grant request

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File 1 [IBEW-Jonnie Dawson 501\(c\)3, Annual Report, 990EZ.pdf](#)

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File 2 [IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Financial Report, Contribution Report, Budget.pdf](#)

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File 3 [IBEW Jonnie Dawson Budget.pdf](#)

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

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The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as

our records and recollections permit.

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I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

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Signature: William Thompson

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Printed Name: William E. Thompson

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Date 6/30/2016

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