



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO JOIN OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The St. Louis City Senior Fund is seeking applications or nominations to join our Board of Directors. The Senior Fund was created by a voter supported ballot initiative in November 2016. The approved legislation allows the City of St. Louis to levy and collect a property tax to support services for older City residents, managed by the Senior Fund.

*Our vision is for the City of St. Louis to be an aging-friendly city
where older residents can age in place.*

Aging in place, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, is having the ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably regardless of age, income, or ability. We support this vision by providing grants to local nonprofits and government entities to serve residents in the City of St. Louis who are 60 years or older.

Core Values

- **Seniors First** – The Senior Fund will serve as a voice for St. Louis older adults and will prioritize expanding and strengthening service to older residents in all its decision-making.
- **Excellence, Effectiveness & Impact** – The Senior Fund is committed to services and initiatives of the highest quality which meet important needs and achieve the greatest impact towards our vision of an aging-friendly city, where older residents can age in place.
- **Racial & Socio-Economic Equity** – Recognizing that service needs fall disproportionately on historically oppressed, marginalized, and low-income populations, the Senior Fund is committed to addressing inequities in access to services and other resources, and improving the quality of life for older adults throughout St. Louis.
- **Efficiency & Fiduciary Integrity** – As a steward of tax-payer dollars, the Senior Fund is committed to strict legal compliance, high standards of efficiency, and the use of best practices in financial management and asset preservation.
- **Transparency & Accountability** – The Senior Fund is committed to organizational transparency, regular reporting, and ongoing accountability to all of its stakeholders.

BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

We are seeking individuals to serve a 4-year term. The overarching obligation of the Board is to ensure that the Senior Fund's resources and capacities are deployed in ways that benefit and achieve the vision of the Senior Fund, and to ensure that all decisions made are for the overall good of the Senior Fund and are consistent with its mission and values.

Specific qualifications for board members include:

- Resident of the City of St. Louis,
- At least 18 years of age, and
- Knowledge of the needs and interests of older adults and/or needs and services specifically in the City of St. Louis.

Candidates should also relate to or have at least one of the following:

- **Residence in Specific Areas** – Residence in northern areas of the City where there are a high percentage of older adults; specifically, in or near the following zip codes: 63107, 63112, 63113, 63115, 63133, 63147.
- **Reflection of City Residents** – Characteristics or identities that contribute to the Board more fully representing demographics of residents in St. Louis City, including people of color, people within the LGBTQ+ community, people who have immigrant or refugee experience in the U.S., and people with disabilities.
- **Leadership** – Experience with leading or facilitating teams in a for-profit or nonprofit environment.
- **Community Investments** – Experience working with or governing endowments, foundations, public funds, or other forms of investment for a community's benefit.
- **Lived Experience** – First-hand knowledge of how inequities and disparities can limit the ability of older residents to continue living in the home and community they choose.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The mission of the Board of Directors of the Senior Fund is to:

- Exercise fiduciary oversight and faithfully administer the funds and assets of the Senior Fund.
- Assess the needs of the older adult population (60 and over) in the City of St. Louis.
- Plan and set priorities for the use of funds.
- Identify activities and programs that effectively and efficiently respond to priority needs.
- Determine the annual allocation of funds; make grants and distributions; monitor implementation and evaluate results.
- Report its activities, results, and impact to the citizens of St. Louis.

All board members must adhere to the Senior Fund's core values and commit to supporting the Senior Fund and Board's mission, purposes, and goals.

The Board is supported by two staff members, and contractors as needed. However, serving on the Board requires a regular, and sometimes significant, time commitment. There are usually nine board meetings each year, typically lasting one to two hours each. Additionally, all members serve on a committee, which meet regularly. Regular attendance at all board and committee meetings is expected. Currently board meetings are attended via computer or phone due to COVID-19 guidelines. When guidelines are not in place, board and committee meetings are typically held at the Senior Fund's office, though virtual attendance is also allowed.

BOARD TERM & COMPENSATION

The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Mayor of the City of St Louis and approved by the Board of Aldermen. Each board member shall be appointed to serve for a term of four years and until their successor is duly appointed and qualified. Board members may be reappointed. Members shall not receive any compensation for their services to the Board, though they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

HOW TO APPLY

Individuals interested in serving on the Senior Fund Board of Directors should submit a copy of their resume and/or brief letter of interest to:

Jamie Opsal
Executive Director
jopsal@stlseniorfund.org

You may also mail to St. Louis City Senior Fund, 333 S. 18th Street, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63103. Please let us know that you are mailing your material(s) by calling Jamie at 314.525.6964 Ext 12.

Candidate inquiries and nominations will be accepted until **November 17.**

Please note that all candidate material will be reviewed by the Senior Fund's executive director and board members. Those candidates who appear to closely align with the qualifications and other specifications for the open board position will be asked to participate in an interview process.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jamie Opsal at 314.535.6964, Ext 12, or jopsal@stlseniorfund.org.