



## JD Sheth Foundation Grant Guidelines

Please read all the information before submitting a grant.

### About JD Sheth Foundation

The JD Sheth Foundation (JD Sheth) is a project-to-project based organization that focuses on the education, health, and wellbeing of others in the U.S. and globally. We partner with like-minded organizations to help them achieve their goals and make the biggest impact possible. JD Sheth focuses primarily on sustainable projects that will provide long-term solutions for communities in need. In the U.S., our efforts are concentrated in Evansville, Indiana, and the surrounding communities. Globally, we have supported projects in 14 countries.

### JD Sheth Funding Priorities

Overall, we strive to take on projects that provide communities with sustainable solutions. We prioritize projects that improve the lives of underserved populations, including veterans, low-income families in at-risk communities, children, and the elderly. Our focus on infrastructure projects allows for a broader and continuing impact on the local community.

#### Our Local Impact

JD Sheth is looking for projects that focus on community development, such as:

- Reducing homelessness through supporting transitional and affordable/secure housing
- Providing long-term solutions to food insecurities
- Improving mental and physical health through infrastructure
- Developing educational opportunities through infrastructure

#### Our International Impact

JD Sheth supports partner nonprofits who work to provide:

- Affordable and secure housing
- Reliable and renewable energy
- Clean water access
- Proper sanitation
- Long-term solutions to food insecurities in underdeveloped communities
- Educational opportunities to all children, especially young girls

### To be considered for grant funding:

- Your organization must be a U.S. recognized nonprofit.
- Your organization must submit a one-page Letter of Intent (LOI) to JD Sheth prior to the opening of the desired grant cycle. Your LOI should include general information about your organization, the project idea and critical need, general timeline, and estimated cost. You will receive a response within 15 business days.
- Once your LOI has been approved, your organization must complete our online grant application during one of our two grant cycles. Your organization will be notified within 45 days after the grant cycle closes.
  - Grant Cycle 1: April 1 - April 30
  - Grant Cycle 2: September 1 - September 30

**Priority will be given to organizations with projects that:**

- Closely align with JD Sheth’s mission and funding priorities.
- Demonstrate financial stability.
- Clearly demonstrate the impact their proposed project will have on the community.
- Benefit the southwest Indiana region, specifically Evansville, Indiana (for U.S.-based project submissions).

**By submitting a project for grant review, your organization agrees to the following terms:**

- We understand we will be notified in writing within 45 days of the grant cycle’s closing.
- We understand JD Sheth will do its best to provide funding to meet the submitted timelines in our project, but that the timeline may need to be moved to a later date.
- We understand we have one year from the date funds are received to complete the project.
- We understand priority will be given to submissions that include complete, detailed project descriptions, costs\*, and timelines.
- For projects in the U.S.:
  - We understand JD Sheth may request additional cost estimates for comparison.
  - We understand JD Sheth reserves the right to obtain their own cost estimate if necessary.
  - We understand the work must be completed by a licensed and bonded contractor (unless this is a volunteer project).
  - We understand JD Sheth is not responsible for obtaining any necessary permits for the proposed project.
- We understand that if our project is selected, our organization will be required to sign three forms -- Partner Agreement, Partner Waiver, and Media Release -- **prior** to scheduling and commencement of the project. JD Sheth **WILL NOT** fund my project if forms are not submitted by the deadline provided in the email in which the forms are sent.

*\*JD Sheth encourages all organizations applying for our grant opportunities to consider diversity when soliciting bids from contractors.*