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## **NJLM Foundation Funding Opportunity for Connectivity**

Dear Mayor:

Walmart has been a great supporter to the [League Foundation](#) and has provided funding supporting, among other things, the small grants program from Sustainable Jersey. In a demonstration of the continued commitment to the State of New Jersey and its local governments, Walmart is again providing funding to assist local officials addressing key public policy objectives.

With a grant of \$100,000 from Walmart the League Foundation is requesting joint proposals from municipalities and school districts to address educational connectivity issues.

The League Foundation is offering a first round of 10 \$10,000 grants to assist local governments and schools (pre K-12) addressing internet connectivity challenges related to virtual/distance learning. These may include:

- Remote learning from school buildings with connectivity issues
- Limited internet access among students and faculty in particular school locations
- Shortage of necessary devices to access web-based services

Priority will be given to applicants who have a definable need and who demonstrate a partnership with school districts and municipal officials. To be considered, submit the following to Mike Cerra at [mcerra@njlm.org](mailto:mcerra@njlm.org) or by fax at 609-695-0151:

- Two-page summary of your proposal, to include:
  - Summary of issues to be addressed
  - Scope of work
  - Cost estimate
- Statement of support/cooperation between the municipality and school district
- Point of contact

The NJLM Foundation Board is keeping the application request broad, allowing local officials flexibility to craft solutions based on specific needs and challenges. Submissions will be accepted from Monday, January 4, 2021 through Monday, February 1, 2021. Once funding has been committed, the Board will retain applications for future consideration, if additional funding is secured.

Recipients will be notified in writing the week of March 1, 2021. Questions must be submitted by January 15 and directed to [administrator@njlm.org](mailto:administrator@njlm.org).

All questions and answers will be posted on the [Foundation's website](#).

Very truly yours,

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