



# LouiseList resource

Here is an opportunity you might be interested in. If you need more information or assistance from IPS, please contact us at [daughtersips@doc.org](mailto:daughtersips@doc.org).

## Intercongregational Collaboration

My dear Sisters,  
May God bless you in your service to those trapped in poverty.

Excellent news!

There is great potential for grant support for programs that several congregations of sisters are working on collaboratively—that is, working together to help improve a serious systemic issue such as human trafficking, homelessness, or any of the other complex societal situations which cannot be solved with a single approach. The urgency to address these complex social issues, and a common awareness that sisters' congregations work effectively, has the attention of several large foundations. These foundations are willing to provide large amounts of grant money to networks of sisters addressing specific complex issues.



The concept is based on the reality that multiple programs are needed to help the victims of complex problems. Using the analogy of a wheel with spokes connecting the hub to the rim, if each spoke is a program connecting the suffering person (the hub) to the solution (the rim) it makes sense that more good spokes means faster and smoother motion toward the goal. The planning and implementation of this kind of system can be difficult, however, knowing how Daughters of Charity tend to work, you may have already evolved a collaborative approach to an issue.

The funding for this kind of inter-congregational project is distributed by the coordinating order to the congregations, based on the role they play. Sisters' groups can get involved because there is funding to support the activities that they bring to the team.

If you are involved in or are coordinating a network of sisters ministries aimed at improving a complex societal issue, please let the IPS team know more about what you are doing. If there is an opportunity for IPS to help you find funding, we will get back to you.

May God bless you,  
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