Began in 2018 as part of the University's Bicentennial Celebration, The 1818 Community Engagement Grant Program honors the 200+ year history of SLU giving back to the St. Louis community. Eighteen grants of $1,800 each are given to selected applicants to make a positive impact in the community in partnership with a local non-profit organization. In its first five year, 90 grants have been awarded from over 200 applications.

For the 22-23 cycle, a record 56 applications were received. Over half of the applications - and awardees - were from under-represented students, faculty and staff, demonstrating the inclusivity of the program.

Impact on Students...

"I developed as a leader, gaining confidence in working with a diverse group of stakeholders - students, non-profits, community members. I learned that many social justice issues in St. Louis are inter-related."

...Impact on Community

"This program has been one of the most stunning programs that we have had during my six and 1/2 years at LifeWise. Collaborating with the various student groups at SLU has been rewarding for me and for LifeWise participants."

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