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GRANTS INFORMATION: FUNDERS, RESOURCES, AND GRANT WRITING TOOL

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II – Purpose

The purpose of this Hurricane Sandy Grants Information Guide is to provide New York non-profit organizations with potential grant information and other resources. The Grant Information Guide lists will give information on many programs, foundations, businesses and agencies that provide financial and other types of assistance to non-profit organizations. This guide also includes a Grant Writing Tool. Updates and verification are on-going.
The Grant Information Guide is arranged in sections based on needs and the types of funding provided.

Note: If the grant link do not open copy paste to browser. Upcoming deadlines are highlighted in yellow. New grants are right border marked.

III – Corporations Grants

1. **The Home Depot Foundation** – Community Grant Program Grants must support work completed by community volunteers in the U.S. Proposals for the following community improvement activities will be considered: • Repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.); Weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional housing or community facilities; Planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities; Development and/or improvement of parks or green spaces. More competitive grant proposals will specifically identify projects for veterans and will include housing repairs, modifications, and weatherization work. Grants, up to $5,000. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.
   Please do not contact your local store or The Home Depot Customer Care helpline to inquire about the status of your application. Should you have any questions about this grant program please e-mail the Foundation at team_depot@homedepot.com . A link to the application is available on the Program web site at:
   http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/page/grants

2. **Thrivent Financial** - Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation have committed up to $1 million to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts as part of a dollar-for-dollar match program
   https://www.thrivent.com/foundations/guidelineslutheran/index.html

3. **Wells Fargo** - Wells Fargo & Company donated $1 million for relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. A portion of the funds, $250,000, will go to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to support relief efforts the agency is directing throughout impacted areas in the region. The remaining $750,000 will go to support nonprofits conducting
   https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/ny_guidelines

4. **Google Grants**- Designed for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, Google Grants is a unique in-kind advertising program. It harnesses the power of our flagship advertising product, Google AdWords, to non-profits seeking to inform and engage their constituents online. Google Grants has awarded AdWords advertising to hundreds of non-profit groups whose missions range from animal welfare to literacy, from supporting homeless children to promoting HIV education. Organizations must have current 501(c)(3) status, as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service to be considered for a Google Grant. The Google Grants program supports organizations sharing their philosophy of community service, and with a strong mission to help the world in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Each organization awarded a Google Grant receives at least three months of in-kind advertising. Apply using the online application form on the Program web site. Google Grants are awarded quarterly. Google Grant Form link:
   https://support.google.com/nonprofits/?hl=en&rd=1
   Google Grant Link: http://www.google.com/grants/details.html

IV – Foundations Grants

1. **Walgreen Co.** - Grants will be awarded in the USA non-profit organizations for projects and programs that improve the quality of life in communities. Organizations seeking funding should have a specific focus on improving: Access to health and wellness in their community; Pharmacy education programs and mentoring initiatives; Civic and Community outreach; Emergency and Disaster Relief; and Health.

   Health is the major area of focus, and single-Disease Agencies are also supported by this grant.

   Not funded:
   Educational or travel grants for contests, pageants, trips, or conventions
   Advertising, promotional events, or sponsorship of athletic teams
   Lobbying, partisan, or denominational programs
   Endowment campaigns
   Capital campaigns
   Sponsorships for individuals participating in cause-related events; i.e., walks, runs, conferences, etc.
   Sponsorships submitted by a third party on behalf of an organization.

   Eligibility:
   Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
   See RFP for full eligibility
   Ineligible:
   -United Way supported agencies
   -Faith-based organizations for inherently religious purposes or to serve a limited constituency
   Pre-Application Information:
   -Please allow a minimum of 4 to 6 weeks for a response.
   -To begin the application process, please see https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_505/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35009&SESID=52546&RL=
   Contact Information:
   Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
   Walgreen Co.
   200 Wilmot Road
   Deerfield, IL 60015

   Online Inquiries:
   1-877-250-5823
   Link: http://www.walgreens.com/marketing/about/community/guidelines.jsp

2. FUND FOR A JUST SOCIETY

GUIDELINES

Grants are made to non-Unitarian Universalist groups in the U.S. and Canada that: Use community organizing to bring about systemic change leading to a more just society Mobilize those who have been disenfranchised and excluded from resources, power and the right to self-determination Have an active focused campaign to create systemic change.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Priority is given to active, specific campaigns to create change in the economic, social, and political structures that affect their lives. We expect the organization's infrastructure, including leadership, membership and systems of accountability to be developed by the time of the application. We welcome projects that are less likely to receive conventional funding because of the innovative or challenging nature of the work or the economic and social status of the constituency. Please be concrete; spell out your plans. Don't say you will "empower people," tell us what actions you will take to create systematic change. See Sample Grants.

RESTRICTIONS

We do not fund social services, educational programs or advocacy projects. We do not make grants for training to individuals. Grants are not given for re-granting, equipment, capital campaigns, politically partisan efforts, educational institutions, medical or scientific research, or cultural programs. Grants are not made to individuals. We consider funding films, publications, or curricula only if they are an integral part of a strategy of collective action for social change.

GRANT SIZE & TYPE OF FUNDING

The maximum grant is $15,000. Most grants are between $6,000 and $8,000. Challenge or matching grants are a possibility. Grants are given for one year. Second-year funding is possible after submitting a new proposal and a final (or interim) report. Third-year funding for the same project is unusual. We are not sustaining funders. See the complete application process.

HOW TO APPLY

To submit a proposal, please complete the Questions for Narrative found on this page. For additional information, refer to the Application Process, Materials to be Included, and application forms.

QUESTIONS FOR NARRATIVE

Use the following questions for part C of "Materials to Be Included." Type the question number and question before each response. Use at least 12 pt. type and 1" margins on one side only of white 8.5" x 11" paper. Pages must be numbered.

In eight pages or less answer the following questions:

1. Please give a fifty word summary of the project.
2. Describe your group and its recent history.

3. Describe more fully the project for which you are applying. Describe the issue(s) your organization addresses through this project, and what specific actions you are taking to address the issues. Outline the project's goals,activities and timelines.

4. Describe how your organization operates and how decisions are made. Who is in your decision-making group? Who is accountable and how?

5. Who will carry out the project's plan, and what are their relevant skills and experiences?

6. Who do you define as your community? How do you reach them?

7. Describe the ways your Board and staff are representative of the communities and issues you are working with.

8. List the individuals, committees or organizations that have contributed significantly to this project through money, time or other forms of support. Please list funding sources and dollar amounts for your organization for the last two years.

9. Describe your specific evaluation plan. How will you know you have succeeded? What outcomes are you working to create? What measures will you use? See sample evaluation plan.

10. Please describe your organization's or group's social change philosophy.

11. How will your project help to bring about systemic change on the issue you are addressing?

For more information contact uufp @ uua.org

3. YOUTH GRANTS

Funding Source:

The World We Want Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants to teams of young USA leaders who are supported by non-profit educational, charitable, or community based organizations to make positive social changes in their communities and around the world. These grants are intended to encourage young people to design and conduct meaningful social action projects, with the ultimate goal of helping them acquire the 21st-century skills they need to become effective leaders and engaged citizens.

Such skills may include: active learning, leadership, teamwork, critical thinking, civic engagement, and digital media communication.

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
Students
There are three things that you should have when you apply for support for your Social Action Project:

* A Project Team of one or more young people, Young Global Citizens. At least one Team member must be 13 years old or older and selected by the Team to serve as Team Coordinator – the contact person for the Foundation's communications with the Team.

* A Partner Organization that supports or sponsors your Team and will work with the Foundation on matters such as distributing any funding we provide. It must be a non-profit educational, charitable, or community based organization, such as a public or private school, youth organization or club, civil society organization, or other similar organization or foundation.

* A Project Mentor to guide and advise your Team during the Project, such as a teacher, counselor, or parent, provided by and affiliated with the Partner Organization and 21 years old or older. The Mentor will be the Foundation's other contact for communications with the Team.

Pre-Application Information:

Click here to find information on how to start your project:
http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/start-your-project

FAQs: http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/faq#twwwf

Access the online application at: http://theworldwewantfoundation.org/project-application.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Email: info@theworldwewantfoundation.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Higher Ed

ucation HIV/AIDS Homeless Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Refugee/Immigrant Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Substance Abuse Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth Students Pets/Animal/Wildlife Disaster Relief

4. SHELL OIL GRANTS

Funding Source:

Shell Oil [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants will be awarded in the USA to non-profit organizations to benefit communities in the three areas of Community, Education, and Environment. Community funds are intended for projects focused on civic and human needs in the community while promoting healthy lifestyles, major and cultural arts that promote access to underserved students and communities, and disaster relief efforts.

Education funds are intended for K-12 programs that boost math and science skills, as well as university programs that aid engineering and geoscience students and departments as well as projects at vocational and technical schools where chemical and refinery operators and technicians are trained. They are especially interested in supporting educational outreach in math, science and technology to women/minority students and academic institutions with ethnically diverse enrollments.

Environment funds are intended for programs that restore critical ecosystems, address water, air quality research, preserve wetlands and sponsor wetlands initiatives as well as research projects for threatened wildlife and/or habitats.

Not funded:
-Conferences or symposia
-Endowment funds
-Conferences, workshops, or seminars not directly related to Shell business interests
-Capital campaigns
-Organizational operating expenses
-Repetitive annual grants or continuing support for organizations or programs

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
-Shell supports a wide range of charitable organizations that are tax-exempt in the United States, under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
-Priority consideration will be given to organizations in or near communities where Shell Oil Company or its affiliates in the United States have a major presence.
-One grant application per organization per fiscal year (September - August) will be accepted.

NOT ELIGIBLE:
-Individuals
-Private Foundations
-Non-profit organizations without a current 501(c)(3) exempt status
-Fraternal and labor organizations
-Religious organizations that do not serve the general public on a non-denominational basis
-Organizations located in or benefiting nations other than U.S. and its territories

Pre-Application Information:

-To begin the online application process please go to https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_648/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35009&SESID=62022&RL=
-Please allow four to six weeks for review of applications.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Shell Oil
P.O. Box 2463
Houston, TX 77252 (Shell Oil Company)

Shell U.S. Switchboard: 713-241-6161 (all Shell U.S. companies)

E-mail: ShellCustomerCare@shell.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Capital Funding Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Higher Education Housing Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preservation Research

& Evaluation Science Secondary Education Sports Technology Women Workforce Youth /Out-of-School Youth Pets/Animal/Wildlife Disaster Relief

5. The Hearst Foundations Grants

Funding Source:
The Hearst Foundations [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants ranging up to $250,000 for nonprofit organizations addressing health, culture, education, and social service and serving a large demographic. The purpose of this funding is to support efforts to ensure that all people have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and enriched lives. Funding is provided for endowment, program support, and capital grant support.

Education grants - institutions of higher education dedicated to preparing students to succeed in a global society; undergraduate education at medium size private, liberal arts colleges and universities; compelling programmatic and capital initiatives that advance an institution's ability to provide quality education. A limited number of grants may also be awarded to support K-12 programs and graduate level study.

Health grants - funds direct medical services that promote wellness, prevention and rehabilitation. Areas of interest include cancer, geriatrics, neonatology, perinatology, pediatrics, women's health, and the disabled. Support for advanced professional education and training is also considered in these fields.

Culture grants - fund cultural institutions that offer innovative programs in the arts and sciences, the majority of which enable access for young people. The Foundations is focused on education initiatives for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition, the Foundations support programs that nurture artistic development.

Social Service grants - funds family support services, domestic violence and child abuse prevention, after-school programs, youth development, literacy, housing and homelessness, job training, economic development, and programs for older adults.

Estimated Size of Grant:
$30,000 - $250,000

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
On a limited basis, the Foundations will consider requests for:
•Proposals from organizations with an operating budget under $1 million
•Start-up or seed funding
•Publishing, radio, film, television or other media-related projects
•Conferences, workshops or seminars

The Foundations will not consider requests for:
•Grants to individuals
•Grants to organizations outside of the United States, or to organizations who intend to use Hearst grant funds outside of the United States
•Advocacy and public policy research
•Special events, tickets, tables or advertising for fundraising events
•Loans, including Program Related Investments (PRI's)

Pre-Application Information:

There are no deadlines. The Board of Directors meet quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Organizations located EAST of the Mississippi River should send requests to:

The Hearst Foundations
300 West 57th Street
26th Floor
New York, New York 10019-3741
Telephone: 212-586-5404
Fax: 212-586-1917
hearst.ny@hearstfdn.org

Organizations located WEST of the Mississippi River should send requests to:

The Hearst Foundations
90 New Montgomery Street
Suite 1212
San Francisco, California 94105
Telephone: 415-908-4500
Fax: 415-348-0887
hearst.sf@hearstfdn.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Capital Funding Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Financial Assistance Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Homeless Housing Justice & Juvenile Justice Other Preschool Domestic Violence Substance Abuse Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

6. Robin Hood Foundation Grant

Funding Source:
Robin Hood Foundation [Five Boroughs of New York City]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to support organizations serving low income residents of all five boroughs of New York City through funding and technical and management assistance. Programs must have a successful long-term record of providing a full range of intensive services in the areas of survival, early-childhood, jobs and financial security, and education over.

Early Childhood: Programs that work closely with the most vulnerable children and assist parents in identifying and accessing all appropriate services and organizations that provide comprehensive family support, parent education and preventative services. Of particular concern is the 60-square block area known as the Harlem Children's Zone. Programs must have a broad focus and do more than simply provide selected services. Youth programs cover foster care, juvenile justice, and healthcare.

Education: Support given to innovative schools and school-related programs that provide superior educational opportunities to disadvantaged populations. Schools tend to employ an extended day/extended year model and all have rigorous curriculums, strong leadership, and emphasis on teacher training.

After-school programs work with the same children and their families year after year, offering a combination of academic support, recreation, leadership opportunities, mentoring, health care, mental health services, job preparation, arts and parent involvement. Support also given for the long term, comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention model developed by Dr. Michael Carrera and his colleagues.

Jobs & Economic Security: Employment programs train people with severe and multiple barriers to employment such as histories of homelessness, drug abuse, criminal offenses, poor command of English or lack of child care. Job training programs must offer social services, academic assistance and counseling after placement. Support is also provided for transitional work, placement-only initiatives and programs to help workers advance in fast-growing industries, as well as micro-enterprise, economic development and financial literacy organizations and funds organizations to host and operate Single Stop and E.I.T.C. sites.

Survival: Emphasis is in identifying and supporting organizations that can reliably deliver food and meals; find and prepare safe, comfortable, and supportive housing; or intervene to ensure that individual's basic health needs are met. This includes victims of domestic violence and individuals with HIV/AIDS.

Estimated Size of Grant:

First time grants are in the range of $100,000 to $200,000.

Eligibility:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
Open to all responsible sources
See RFP for full eligibility
In general, Robin Hood does not make grants to technical assistance providers, other funders, or individuals.

Robin Hood does not give grants to distribute propaganda, to attempt to influence legislation or the outcome of any public election or to engage in any activity that is not exclusively charitable, scientific or educational.

Robin Hood will not support organizations that discriminate against people seeking either services or employment based on race, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation or physical disability.

Pre-Application Information:

To apply for funding, download the New York Common Application Form:
http://www.philanthropynewyork.org/s_nyrag/bin.asp?CID=5494&DID=15264&DOC=FILE.PDF

After reviewing the list of Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.robinhood.org/programs/get-funding-faq

we recommend that you call and speak to the Program Officer for your specific issue area before completing an application. This will help you determine whether your organization's mission, focus, and activities are in line with the type of work Robin Hood supports.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
The Program Officer for each portfolio is included in our staff listing.
To contact the appropriate officer, please call 212-227-6601 or send an email to grants@robinhood.org.

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:

New York

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Financial Assistance Health and Medical HIV/AIDS Homeless Housing Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Substance Abuse Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

7. New York City Trust Grants

Funding Source:
New York Community Trust [Local]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants ranging from $5,000 to $200,000 (averaging $60,000) for non-profit organizations that serve the residents of New York City's Five Boroughs by providing a wide range of programs, projects, and/or services to meet the unmet needs of underserved citizens. There is also funding available for global environmental projects.

Funding will be provided for programs that address one or more of the following focus areas:

(A) Children, Youth, and Families: Grants are available for agencies that strengthen poor and underserved families and children, improve their living and working conditions, and improve family and child welfare services. Funding is intended to be used to promote youth development; improve conditions and opportunities for disadvantaged girls and women; prevent hunger and homelessness; and prevent family violence and substance abuse. (For further details about each of these categories, see: http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/GrantSeekers/GrantmakingGuidelines/ChildrenYouthandFamilies/tabid/205/Default.aspx.)

(B) Community Development and the Environment - Grants are available for agencies that address the issues of finding affordable housing for low- or moderate-income residents, strengthening the local economy, improving employment rates, and protecting the environment (both locally and globally). (For further details about each of these categories, see: http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/GrantSeekers/GrantmakingGuidelines/CommunityDevelopmentandtheEnvironment/tabid/204/Default.aspx.)

(C) Arts, Education, Historic Preservation, and Human Justice - The Trust is concerned that public schools are not meeting the needs of children; arts organizations in NYC are financially strapped; and institutions of justice are not serving everyone equally. Therefore, grants are available to support projects that improve New York City's public schools; promote diversity, equity, and access in the arts; and advocate for the rights of all people. (For further details about each of these categories, see: http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/GrantSeekers/GrantmakingGuidelines/ArtsEducationandHumanJustice/tabid/206/Default.aspx.)

(D) Health and People with Special Needs - Grants are available to support projects that strengthen preventive health care, improve access to services, strengthen health service providers, and develop the skills and independence of people with special needs. (For further details about each of these categories, see: http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/GrantSeekers/GrantmakingGuidelines/HealthandPeoplewithSpecialNeeds/tabid/207/Default.aspx.)

Estimated Size of Grant:
Up to $200,000

Term of Contract:
The Trust's general practice is to make grants for one year, however, multi-year funding is sometimes awarded.

Eligibility:
Agency of the county or other local government
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
We make grants primarily to nonprofit organizations located in the five boroughs of New York City. The Trust's suburban divisions handle grants on Long Island and in Westchester.

Pre-Application Information:
Please submit all your written materials before calling to discuss your ideas. Mail applications to:

Mary Gentile
The New York Community Trust
909 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

See http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/GrantSeekers/HowtoApply/tabid/210/Default.aspx for more information on how to apply.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
The New York Community Trust
909 Third Avenue
22nd Floor
New York, NY 10022

Phone: (212) 686-0010
Fax: (212) 532-8528

aw@nyct-cfi.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New York

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Financial Assistance

Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Homeless Housing International Justice & J

uvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Refugee/Immigrant Research & Evaluation Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Substance Abuse Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

8. The Dyson Foundation

Funding Source:
The Dyson Foundation's Nonprofit Strategic Restructuring Initiative [Mid-Hudson Valley; Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam and Ulster counties.]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
The Nonprofit Strategic Restructuring Initiative was designed as staged process to help an organization move from the exploring the feasibility of strategic restructuring, to planning the restructuring and implementing the plan, to enhancing the restructured entity. Applicants are not required to go through each funding stage, but we will not fund stages out of sequence. For example, we will not fund an applicant for implementation and then consider a proposal for the preliminary exploration stage.

Eligible organizations may apply for any one or more of the four Strategic Restructuring Initiative's funding areas. However, the Foundation will not consider more than one request from an applicant (a single organization, or a collaborative) at the same time.

Preliminary Exploration grants can be submitted by a single organization; however, Planning and Implementation grants must be submitted as a collaborative effort by two or more organizations. Organizations are eligible to apply for Post Restructuring Support grants if they have undergone a formal strategic restructuring process within the last 12 months.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility - http://www.dysonfoundation.org/nonprofit-strategic-restructuring-initiative

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
submissions@dyson.org
845.677.0644

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New York

Categories:
Financial Assistance Housing Other

9. mobilebeacon

Funding Source:
mobilebeacon [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants are available nationwide for non-profit organizations to better enable them to fulfill the needs of those they serve. The grant is given not as a sum of money, but rather as a discount on technological services that enhance the organization's ability to work faster and more cost-effectively. The services being offered include the following:

* Unlimited usage of a 4G wireless broadband service for a subsidized service fee of $10/month paid annually in advance ($120/year per activated modem), plus the cost of the modem(s) of the applicant's choice.
* Complimentary technical support seven days a week

Through an agreement with CLEAR, a leading provider of high-speed, wireless broadband services across the U.S, services can be expanded from simply providing educational programming to including high-speed data services and Internet access for all qualified organizations in the non-profit and educational sectors.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Refer to the following link for full eligibility criteria:
http://www.mobilebeacon.org/eligibility

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
E-mail: grants@mobilebeacon.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant -
http://www.mobilebeacon.org/resource/MobileBeacon/pdfs/Web_Organization_Application.pdf

Categories:
Arts and Culture Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Higher Education Housing Nutrition Other Secondary Education Domestic Violence Technology Veterans Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

10. THE CISCO DONATION PROGRAM

Funding Source:

TechSoup [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants to U.S. non-profit organizations that work to provide services that support and assist economically disadvantaged populations. The purpose of these grants is to encourage organizations to continue providing health services, housing services, education and job training support, and emergency or disaster aid to those in need. Grants are intended to support proposals that address any one or more of the following categories:

Health Services: hospital auxiliaries; health clinics; rural medical facilities; blood banks; cooperative hospital services; mental health care facilities.

Housing Services: low-income housing; low- and moderate-income housing; housing for the aged; instruction and guidance on housing.

Education, Job Training, and Literacy Support: apprentice training; other instruction and training; job counseling or assistance; remedial educational services.

Emergency or Disaster Aid: aid to people in the event of a disaster; controlling the effects of a disaster; educating or preparing individuals before disasters occur.

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
Direct-service 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that primarily serve economically disadvantaged people ar eligible to receive Cisco donations.
To be eligible for a Cisco donation, an organization must have an annual budget of no more than $10 million (your organization's most recent total revenue as reported on your IRS 990 or other tax form), and have a unique U.S. Employer Identification Number (EIN).

The following organizations are not eligible to receive Cisco donations:

* Affiliates of a national organization (such as the YMCA and the American Red Cross) that has more than 20 locations (even if those affiliates are considered separate entities and are not funded by the national organization).
* Faith-based organizations. However, organizations whose primary mission is nonreligous might be able to register with an organization type that is eligible for Cisco donations. See Serving Faith-Based Organizations with Technology Donations for more information.
* Legislative and political advocacy groups, such as Planned Parenthood organizations.
* Youth services organizations other than those listed above for education, job training, and literacy support to underserved populations.
* Radio, television, media, publishing programs, or training.
* Foundations, lending, grant-making organizations, or organizations that provide funding or loans.
* Schools and scholarships: public schools or school systems; private schools; charter schools; school foundations; booster clubs or other fundraising organizations affiliated with particular schools; colleges; universities; scholarships or stipend programs of any kind.
* Charities that offer Cisco Networking Academy training programs — even if they were previously accepted for Cisco grants — and those who instruct Networking Academy curriculum as a single or separate component of their overall mission or services.
* Referral services
* Animal care services and facilities
* Scientific research activities
* Sports activities and services
* Day care centers
* Legal aid, credit counseling, and civil rights activities
* Museums
* Art, cultural, and environmental education organizations
* Libraries
* Camps
* Zoos
* Rescue and emergency services — fire departments (including volunteer) and ambulance and helicopter services
* Hospitals and nursing homes
* Outpatient services
* Any organization that advocates, supports, or practices discrimination based upon age, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability, race, size, religion, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Email: cisco@techsoup.org
Phone: (800) 659-3579, Option 2

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Community Service Coordination Financial Assistance Health and Medical Housing Literacy Mental Health Other Workforce

11. Richard Davoud Donchian Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Richard Davoud Donchian Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants generally ranging from a few thousand dollars up to $50,000 will be awarded primarily in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont to support charitable causes. The Foundation focuses its grant making in three key areas: Literacy & Education, Humanitarian Efforts, and Ethics & Personal Development.

Of particular interest to the Foundation are organizations that promote partnerships and collaborative efforts among multiple groups and organizations.

The Foundation encourages pilot initiatives that test new program models. Priority will be given to requests that show specific plans for funding beyond the present.

Not funded:
General fundraising drives; endowments

Estimated Size of Grant:
Generally ranging from a few thousand dollars up to $50,000.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
-The majority of the Richard Donchian Foundation's grantmaking is focused in the Northeastern United States, although, occasionally, grants may be made in other regions of the country and/or abroad.

-All applicants must have tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

-The applicant must have an active board of directors with policy-making authority. The board should demonstrate competence in the sound financial management of the organization.

-Applicants, if declined, may not reapply for at least one year from the date of the application unless the nature or circumstances surrounding the request changes significantly. The subsequent application should describe these changes in full.

NOT ELIGIBLE:
-Individuals
-Government agencies
-Organizations that subsist mainly on third party funding and have demonstrated no ability or expended little effort to attract private funding

Pre-Application Information:

-Whenever possible, grant requests should be made using the Grant Application Form
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_196/?SA=SNA&FID=35003

-If you are having trouble accessing the application form, please use the Word document version attached to this post. You can e-mail the responses from this printed form to rdd@fsllc.net.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Foundation Services LLC
640 W. Putnam Ave.
3rd Floor
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

Phone: (203) 629-8552
Fax: (203) 547-6112

E-mail: info@fsllc.net
E-mail applications in Word to: rdd@fsllc.net

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:

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Geographic Focus:

Connecticut Massachusetts New Hampshire New Jersey New York Pennsylvania Rhode Island Vermont

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education F aith Based Health and Medical Homeless Housing Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Secondary Education Domestic Violence Substance Abuse Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

12. Long-Term Recovery Grants for Superstorm Sandy

As of January 29, 2014

The American Red Cross is working with nonprofit partners to help people and communities rebuild and recover from
the damage and devastation from Superstorm Sandy. The Red Cross has awarded millions of dollars in grants to a
range of organizations for programs that provide vital assistance to individuals and families in need after this storm.
The following is a list of grants that the Red Cross has announced to date. More grants will be announced in the weeks ahead.

Individual Casework Services and Assistance

New York Disaster Interfaith Services—$3 million
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)—$2.5 million
- Salvation Army—$2.5 million
- Lutheran Disaster Response—$1.965 million
- Ocean County Long-Term Recovery Group—$1.85 million
- Catholic Charities USA—$1.6 million
- Greater New Jersey United Methodist Church—$1.5 million
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul—$1.241 million
- Monmouth County Long-Term Recovery Group—$1.1 million
- The Health & Welfare Council of Long Island—$1 million
- United Way of Long Island—$1 million
- Middlesex County Long-Term Recovery Group—$782,000
- Atlantic City Long-Term Recovery Group—$586,000
- Atlantic County Long-Term Recovery Group—$586,000
- Mental Health Association in New Jersey—$514,000
- National Baptist Convention USA—$506,000
- Operation Hope—$500,000
- New York Legal Assistance Group—$500,000
- Hudson County Long-Term Recovery Committee—$490,000
- Puerto Rican Association for Human Development—$446,000
- Volunteer Center of Bergen County—$400,000
- Cape May County Long-Term Recovery Group—$338,000
- Puerto Rican Action Committee of Southern New Jersey—$327,000
- Jewish Community Center of Rockaway Peninsula—$239,000
- Union County Long-Term Recovery Group—$236,000
- Community Affairs and Resource Center—$236,000
- Essex County Long-Term Recovery Group—$200,000
- Ironbound Community Corporation—$175,000
- Henry Street Settlement—$80,000
- The Disability Opportunity Fund—$60,000
- New York Cares—$25,000

Housing and Community Assistance

- The RREM Gap Funding Initiative—$10 million
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation—$6.95 million
- Rebuilding Together—$2.25 million
- Habitat for Humanity International—$2 million
- Community Development Corporation of Long Island, LLC—$2 million
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance—$1.396 million
- Points of Light—$1.16 million
- New York Disaster Interfaith Services—$1.15 million
- Southern Baptist Disaster Relief—$850,000
- Mennonite Disaster Service—$800,000
- Friends of Rockaway—$722,000
- Stephen Siller Tunnel 2 Towers Foundation—$722,000
- HOPE worldwide ltd.—$704,000
- The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island—$600,000
- Brethren Disaster Ministries—$280,000
- NECHAMA—Jewish Response to Disaster—$250,000
- Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc.—$200,000
- Breezy Point Disaster Relief Fund—$179,000
- Cooper Square Committee—$150,000

Food Assistance

- Food Bank For New York City—$4.983 million
- City Harvest—$3.7 million
- Island Harvest—$3.012 million
- Feeding America—$205,000

Physical and Mental Health Services

- Save the Children—$1.5 million
- Visiting Nurse Service of New York—$1 million
- FEGS Health & Human Services—$500,000
- Children's Health Fund—$100,000

Interagency Coordination

- Brooklyn Community Foundation—$1.25 million
- The Staten Island Foundation—$1 million
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster—$500,000
- World Cares Center—$400,000
- United Way of Long Island—$350,000
- Church World Service—$305,000
- World Renew (formerly CRWRC)—$258,000
- NJ2-1-1/NJ VOAD—$250,000
- Staten Island Alliance—$51,000

For more information, contact Alicia Maxey Greene, 212-875-2116, alicia.maxeygreene@redcross.org (New York)
or Kate Vossen, 732-493-9100, kate.vossen@redcross.org (New Jersey).

Justice & Juvenile Justice Other

13. Norman Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Norman Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to USA non-profit organizations that are working to strengthen the ability of communities to determine their own economic, environmental, and social well-being, and to help people control those forces that affect their lives. Funded efforts may: promote economic justice and development through community organizing, coalition building, and policy reform; work to prevent the disposal of toxics in communities, and to link environmental issues with economic and social justice; or link community-based economic and environmental justice organizing to national and international reform efforts.

In pursuing systemic change, the Norman Foundation hopes that:
* the proposed action may serve as a model;
* the spread of the model may create institutions that can survive on their own;
* their establishment and success may generate beneficial adaptations by other political, social and economic institutions and structures.

The Norman Foundation provides grants for general support, projects, and collaborative efforts. The Foundation also welcomes innovative proposals designed to build the capacity of social change organizations working in the above areas of interest.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Programs seeking funding must be tax exempt and focused primarily on domestic issues. Priority is given to organizations with annual budgets of under $1 million.

Restrictions:
The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or universities; or to support conferences, scholarships, research, films, media, or arts projects; or to capital funding projects, fundraising drives, or direct social service programs, such as shelters or community health programs. The Foundation's grant making is restricted to USA-based organizations.

Pre-Application Information:
Prospective grantees should initiate the application process by sending a short two or three page letter of inquiry to the Program Director. There are no set deadlines, and letters of inquiry are reviewed throughout the year. The Foundation only accepts full proposals upon positive response to the letter of inquiry.

Click here for instructions on what to include in the letter of inquiry: http://normanfdn.org/index.php?/page/how_to_apply.

The Norman Foundation accepts letters of inquiry by email (PDF or Word files only) to loi@normanfdn.org, by fax to 212-230-9849, or by regular mail to the address below. Please use only ONE method; do not send duplicates.

All inquiries will be acknowledged and, if deemed promising, the Foundation will request a full proposal.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

June Makela, Program Director
Norman Foundation, Inc.
147 East 48th Street
New York, NY 10017

Tel: (212) 230-9830
Fax: (212) 230-9849
norman@normanfdn.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Children Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Higher Education Homeless Housing Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Substance Abuse Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth

14. Entergy's Open Grants Program

Funding Source:

Entergy Corporation [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants to improve communities through arts and culture, community improvement and enrichment, the environment and healthy families. Arts and culture funding supports a diverse range of locally based visual arts, theater, dance and music institutions. Community Improvement/Enrichment grants supports projects and programs that contribute to the overall improvement of the community including: neighborhood safety programs, blighted housing improvements, and civic affairs. Healthy

Families funding supports programs that demonstrate a direct impact on children educationally and emotionally.

Priority is placed on proposals with programs in specific counties/parishes. The following states have eligible counties: Arkansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Texas, and Vermont.

Estimated Size of Grant:
$1,000

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Non-profit organizations that are tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Tax Code"), or schools, hospitals, governmental units and religious institutions that hold nonprofit status similar to that of 501(c)(3) organizations, which may therefore be eligible.

Pre-Application Information:
Applications may be submitted online:
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_389/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35005&SESID=133f08649e094a0fb86ba334dafea71a

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Please make sure to submit your application at least 3 months prior to the time the requested funds are needed.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Phone: 504-576-6980

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
Arkansas Louisiana Massachusetts Michigan Mississippi New Hampshire New York Texas Vermont

Categories:
Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Economic Development Environment Faith Based Homeless Housing Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Substance Abuse Transportation Youth/Out-of-School Youth

15. Digital Community Foundation

Funding Source:
Digital Community Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants of up to $5,000 are available to USA non-profit organizations for assistance in building or updating their websites. This funding opportunity is a joint effort between the grantor and a local marketing company that will provide the website services. The marketing company is available to potential applicants who would like to explore the feasibility of their working together based on the organization's goals and the options available to them.

Estimated Size of Grant:
$500 - $5,000 - up to 20% of the cost of the website.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Applicants must be designated as a 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS. Nonprofits must submit a grant application, which will be reviewed by the Digital Community Foundation board.

The Foundation will not provide funding for direct grants to individuals, scholarships to individuals, political organizations, sectarian religious activities, capital campaigns/chair/endowments, general operating funds for single-disease health groups or goodwill advertising.

Pre-Application Information:
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis at www.digitalcommunityfoundation.org; the review process takes about 5 days, after which applicants receive an award letter with the status of their funding request.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Before starting your grant application, please contact Firespring, the partner marketing company, to discuss your project needs and determine the scope of your funding request.

Firespring
Julie Plyler, Nonprofit Solutions Manager
nonprofit@firespring.org
Direct: 402.437.0081
Toll free: 877.447.8941 x1081
www.firespring.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
www.digitalcommunityfoundation.org

Grant Guidelines and how to apply: http://www.digitalcommunityfoundation.org/grantseekers/

Categories:

Arts and Culture Economic Development Faith Based Other Technology Workforce

16. The Achelis and Bodman Foundations

Funding Source:
The Achelis and Bodman Foundations [New York City and northern New Jersey, with emphasis on Newark and Monmouth County]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants totaling $4,000,000 are available for New York and New Jersey non-profits for organizational support, start-up support including first year expenses, and specific project support. Funding is available to New York City and Northern New Jersey organizations to promote the following areas of interest: arts and culture, education, employment, health, public policy, and youth and families. Grants have been awarded for a broad range of initiatives including education and literacy programs to benefit hospitalized children, immigrant outreach programs, culinary schools for employment training, and much more.

Most grants are made in New York City, reflecting its dynamic not-for-profit sector, large and persistent needs, and the staff's and Trustees' "local knowledge." Grants in northern New Jersey are made in recognition of its donors' ties to that state, with an emphasis on Newark and Monmouth County.

Not funded:
* Annual appeals, dinner functions, and fundraising events
* Endowments and capital campaigns
* Loans and deficit financing
* Individual day-care and after-school programs
* Housing

Estimated Total Program Funding:
$4,000,000

Number of Grants:
Over 100

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Charter schools

Not eligible:

Small art, dance, music, and theater groups
Individual K-12 schools (except charter schools)
National health and mental health organizations
Government agencies or non-profit organizations significantly funded or reimbursed by government agencies

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

The Achelis and Bodman Foundations
767 Third Avenue, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10017-2023
Phone: (212) 644-0322
Fax: (212) 759-6510
Email: main@achelis-bodman-fnds.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:

New Jersey New York

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education Environment Faith Based Health and Medical Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Science Secondary Education Special Education Technology Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

17. The Hearst Foundations Grants

Funding Source:

The Hearst Foundations [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants ranging up to $250,000 for nonprofit organizations addressing health, culture, education, and social service and serving a large demographic. The purpose of this funding is to support efforts to ensure that all people have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and enriched lives. Funding is provided for endowment, program support, and capital grant support.

Education grants - institutions of higher education dedicated to preparing students to succeed in a global society; undergraduate education at medium size private, liberal arts colleges and universities; compelling programmatic and capital initiatives that advance an institution’s ability to provide quality education. A limited number of grants may also be awarded to support K-12 programs and graduate level study.

Health grants - funds direct medical services that promote wellness, prevention and rehabilitation. Areas of interest include cancer, geriatrics, neonatology, perinatology, pediatrics, women's health, and the disabled. Support for advanced professional education and training is also considered in these fields.

Culture grants - fund cultural institutions that offer innovative programs in the arts and sciences, the majority of which enable access for young people. The Foundations is focused on education initiatives for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. In addition, the Foundations support programs that nurture artistic development.

Social Service grants - funds family support services, domestic violence and child abuse prevention, after-school programs, youth development, literacy, housing and homelessness, job training, economic development, and programs for older adults.

Estimated Size of Grant:

$30,000 - $250,000

Eligibility:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
On a limited basis, the Foundations will consider requests for:
•Proposals from organizations with an operating budget under $1 million
•Start-up or seed funding
•Publishing, radio, film, television or other media-related projects
•Conferences, workshops or seminars

The Foundations will not consider requests for:
•Grants to individuals
•Grants to organizations outside of the United States, or to organizations who intend to use Hearst grant funds outside of the United States
•Advocacy and public policy research
•Special events, tickets, tables or advertising for fundraising events
•Loans, including Program Related Investments (PRI's)

Pre-Application Information:

There are no deadlines. The Board of Directors meet quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Organizations located EAST of the Mississippi River should send requests to:

The Hearst Foundations
300 West 57th Street
26th Floor
New York, New York 10019-3741
Telephone: 212-586-5404

Fax: 212-586-1917
hearst.ny@hearstfdn.org

Organizations located WEST of the Mississippi River should send requests to:

The Hearst Foundations
90 New Montgomery Street
Suite 1212
San Francisco, California 94105
Telephone: 415-908-4500
Fax: 415-348-0887
hearst.sf@hearstfdn.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Capital Funding Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Financial Assistance Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Homeless Housing Justice & Juvenile Justice Other Preschool Domestic Violence Substance Abuse Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

18. Non-Profit Training Resource Fund Grant Guidelines

Funding Source:
TD Charitable Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Total funding of $200,000 in grants awarded to eligible organizations for employees to attend approved classes and courses that will enhance job performance. Grant awards will cover the cost of tuition for employees.

Estimated Total Program Funding:
$200,000

Estimated Size of Grant:
$1,000

Eligibility:
Companies certified with the New York City Department of Small Business Services as Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises ("M/WBE")
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS

See RFP for full eligibility
Organizations must be tax-exempt under IRS Code 501(c)(3) and not be classified as a private foundation and must be located within a TD Bank, N.A. market area.

Organizations must have a mission/focus that promotes one of the following:
Affordable housing for low- to moderate-income individuals, Increased economic (small business) development, Financial literacy for low- and moderate-income youth, individuals or families, or After-school or extracurricular programming for low- and moderate-income children.

Guidelines for funds appropriation:
Classes and courses must be pertinent to the job the employee performs;
Classes and courses may be one-day classes or part of a certification program;
Attendance at a conference is not eligible under the program;
Classes and courses should not have been already completed at the time of the application; and
Classes and courses should be planned to be attended at least 30 days from the grant application submission.

Pre-Application Information:
Eligible organizations may apply for this grant program of the TD Charitable Foundation using the online Non-profit Training Resource Fund Grant Application.

The online grant application process begins with the submission of the organization's Tax Identification Number (TIN) followed by an eligibility quiz. If your organization, classes and/or courses are eligible for the Non-profit Training Resource Fund grant program, you will access the Grant Application.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Questions and comments can be submitted via the "contact us" form:
http://www.tdbank.com/community/community_contacts.html
CharitableGiving@TDBanknorth.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Economic Development Elementary Education Higher Education Homeless Housing Literacy Other Secondary Education Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

19. Self Development of People Grants

Funding Source:
Presbyterian Church General Assembly Mission Council [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to address the root causes of poverty. The overall goal of this funding initiative is to promote self-sufficiency and to create opportunity for underserved and needy populations. Through this RFP, organizations that work with and involve the beneficiaries of services in their projects are eligible to apply. A project will address long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. The projects must be under the ownership of the people that stand to benefit from it. All projects must be environmentally sensitive.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Pre-Application Information:
The application process takes up to six months from the time that the application is received in the SDOP office until it is validated and funded by the National Committee. Funding decisions are made in January, May and September.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Mary McAdory
(800) 728-7228, x5782

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Economic Development Faith Based Homeless Housing Literacy Mental Health Other Domestic Violence Substance Abuse Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

20. Surdna Foundation Grantmaking

Funding Source:
Surdna Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants are available to support non-profits that build strong local economies. The purpose of these grants is to support programs that increase access to opportunities for residents to build their wealth in a sustainable manner. Funding will support non-profits and communities that implement the Foundation's programs to create "communities of opportunity" with thriving businesses that offer good jobs within reach of diverse residents. They also incorporate sustainable and affordable transportation and development solutions, enabling all residents to easily travel from their homes to jobs, education, and amenities.

Funding will also support non-profits that implement the Foundation's "Strong Local Economies" program, which aims to create strong and sustainable local economies that include a diversity of vibrant businesses and sectors, as well as improve residents' livelihood and access to quality jobs and training within a region.

Term of Contract:
Organizations are eligible for a maximum of three consecutive years of funding.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Not eligible:
Individuals
Capital campaigns or building construction
Projects that are internationally based or focused

Pre-Application Information:
A different LOI is required for each focus area, and can be obtained at: http://www.surdna.org/grants/how-to-apply.html (and http://www.surdna.org/grants/how-to-apply/96.html if you have one you've already begun).

There are no formal deadlines to apply for funding. The Surdna Foundation accepts applications on an ongoing basis. However, grants are approved three times per year: in February, May and September. The Foundation needs your request three to four months in advance for staff review.

Mail materials to: Grants Administrator, Surdna Foundation, 330 Madison Ave., 30th Floor, New York, NY 10010.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Surdna Foundation
330 Madison Ave., 30th Floor
New York, NY 10017
(212) 557-0010 | questions@surdna.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Children Community Service Coordination Economic Development Homeless Housing Other Secondary Education Technology Transportation Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

21. Charitable Giving Program

Funding Source:
BNY Mellon Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants are available for non-profit organizations that develop programs or projects that either focus on providing needy people with basic necessities, or enabling people to enter the workforce as competent employees. The Foundation seeks to enhance community living by supporting needy people and by creating a capable and productive workforce. The Foundation considers basic needs to be food, clothing, energy and housing assistance to those who require immediate help. The workforce development investments are geared to improve access to employment through job training, education, mentoring and skills development.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Email at: powering.potential@bnymellon.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Economic Development Financial Assistance Health and Medical Homeless Housing Nutrition Other Technology Workforce

22. American Express Grants

Funding Source:
American Express [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to USA and international non-profit organizations that provide high-quality, innovative, and effective programs or projects focusing on the following: historic preservation, leadership development, and/or community service. Priorities for each of these focus areas are outlined below. Please refer to the Eligibility section below for a complete listing of eligible locations for proposed programs/services.

1. Historic Preservation: American Express supports organizations and projects that preserve or rediscover major historic sites and monuments, with the goal of providing ongoing sustainable access

and enjoyment for current and future audiences. Priority will be given to projects preserving sites that represent diverse cultures.

Specific Goals:
* Restoring historic places to ensure ongoing public access and interaction with the sites.
* Preserving historic places for future or innovative use.
* Sustaining historic places by creating systems to manage increased visitor activities and environmental impacts.

Please Note: Applications are accepted by invitation only under the Historic Preservation theme.

2. Developing New Leaders for Tomorrow: American Express is seeking the best methods, programs, and partners that provide current and future non-profit leaders with practical opportunities to learn and build leadership skills. The Corporation is especially interested in proposals that cultivate leadership opportunities for diverse communities within the non-profit sector or that focus on innovative leadership development programs for emerging leaders of world-class institutions.

For this category, American Express is specifically focused on training professionals with demonstrated commitment to the non-profit sector in programs specifically targeted to the arts, environment, higher education, and social service arenas. A limited number of requests will be accepted for programs impacting emerging leaders in the public sector and requests for programs that support entrepreneurs.

Please Note: Applications for youth leadership programs are discouraged. American Express does not support scholarships for an individual's personal leadership training.

3. Community Service: The Corporation encourages good citizenship by supporting organizations that cultivate meaningful opportunities for civic engagement by employees and members of the community, whether as volunteers, donors, voters, patrons.

In addition, American Express supports immediate and long-term relief and recovery efforts to help victims of natural disasters. Funding also goes to support preparedness programs that allow relief agencies to be better equipped in responding to emergencies as they occur.

More specifically, supported programs will deliver measurable outcomes that have a lasting impact on communities through one or more of the following:
* Building the capacity of non-profits by assisting them in developing, engaging, and retaining community members as volunteers.
* Encouraging citizens to play an active role in civic processes (e.g., voting).
* Engaging community members and American Express employees in ongoing service. This may involve a variety of activities from promoting individual philanthropy, volunteerism, or participation in local civic organizations.

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
Eligible organizations must:
* Certify tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1), (2), or (3) of the USA Internal Revenue Code. Organizations outside the USA must be able to document non-profit status.
* Not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin, disability, handicap, age,

sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, or any other basis prohibited by law.

Please do not submit funding requests for:
* Individual needs, including scholarships, sponsorships, and other forms of financial aid.
* Fund-raising activities, such as galas, benefits, dinners, and sporting events.
* Goodwill advertising, souvenir journals, or dinner programs.
* Travel for individuals or groups.
* Sectarian activities of religious organizations.
* Political causes, candidates, organizations, or campaigns.
* Books, magazines, or articles in professional journals.
* Endowments or capital campaigns, except restoration projects.
* Traveling exhibitions (American Express will only consider each venue on its own).
* Sports sponsorships.

Pre-Application Information:
Please complete the eligibility quiz online at: https://axp.smartsimple.biz/s_signup.jsp?token=XVtQC1oGYFlRQBVQXxJSSlZSZw%3D%3D. On successful completion of the quiz, you will be sent an invitation to submit your funding proposal.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Click here to contact American Express: https://www.americanexpress.com/us/content/contact-us/personal-cards.html?page=1&inav=footer_contact_us

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Arts and Culture Community Service Coordination Environment Higher Education Other Preservation Workforce Disaster Relief

23. Union Bank Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Union Bank Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to California, Illinois, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Washington non-profit organizations that are working to improve the health and overall wellbeing of low- to moderate-income populations by providing programs, projects, and/or services in the following areas: affordable housing, community economic development, education, and the environment.

The Union Bank Foundation prefers program grants, but will consider requests for core operating support and/or capacity building grants to support exceptional work within its strategic funding categories. Program grants exceeding $10,000 may include an allowance to be used by the grantee to cover administrative expenses.

Term of Contract:

The Foundation prefers single-year funding commitments; however, it will consider multi-year grants for well established organizations demonstrating a history of success within the Foundation's strategic funding categories.

Eligibility:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
NOT ELIGIBLE:
• Individuals
• Veterans, military, fraternal, or professional organizations
• Political organizations or programs
• Service club activities
• Other intermediary foundations (i.e., foundations that, in turn, make grants to other charities)
• Churches or religious groups (except separately incorporated community development corporations)
• Educational institution operating funds
• Individual elementary or secondary level school
• Capital campaigns

Pre-Application Information:

Step 1: The first time you apply through the online application (see links below), you will be asked to create a new account by clicking on "I am a new online applicant." Here you will enter your email address and create a password. Write down your password for future reference.

If you have previously created an account for your application, return to the online application and click on "I am a returning applicant" and enter your email address and password. You can then review the information you previously saved and make any changes if needed.

Step 2: Review and Submit Your Online Application
At the end of the online application, you will be prompted to upload each required document. At this time you may refer to the attached checklist to make sure that you have included all necessary documents.

Once you are finished, click "Review and Submit." You will have one more opportunity to review the information that you entered before submitting your application. If any information is missing, you will be prompted to complete the relevant section before moving forward.

Please make sure you enter your email address accurately on your application. When you click "Submit," you will receive an email confirmation that Union Bank Foundation has received your application. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please email the Union Bank Foundation.

Foundation Grant Applications:
For requests of $1,000 or less - https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1006?SA=SNA&FID=35004

For requests of $1,001 to $25,000 - https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1006?SA=SNA&FID=35003

For requests over $25,000 - https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1006?SA=SNA&FID=35007
(Organization Due Diligence Questionnaire required:
https://www.unionbank.com/Images/Organization_Due_Diligence_Questionnaire_Over_25%2C000.pdf)

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Questions should be directed to the appropriate area Foundation Officer as follows:

Southern California
JR Raines, Assistant Vice President
Union Bank, N.A.
530 B Street, Mail Code S-1450
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: (619) 230-3105
Northern California/Central California/Pacific Northwest
Karen Murakami, Assistant Vice President
Union Bank, N.A.
400 California Street, Mail Code 1-001-08
San Francisco, CA 94104
Phone: (415) 765-3890

You may also email the Union Bank Foundation at charitablegiving@unionbank.com.

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:

136747_Foundation_Grant_Guidelines_090911.pdf
136747_Online_Application_Attachment_Checklist_90911.pdf

Geographic Focus:

California Illinois New York Oregon Texas Washington

Categories:

Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Higher Education Homeless Housing Literacy Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Science Secondary Education Special Education Substance Abuse Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth Pets/Animal/Wildlife

24. Fluor Corporation Grants

Funding Source:
Fluor Corporation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants are available to USA, Canada, and international non-profits to support operating, program, capital, or endowment expenses. The following areas of interest will be funded: education, social services, community and economic development, and the environment. Priority is given to organizations that feature employee volunteer participation.

Education: Support for higher education and university STEM programs, as well as those benefiting grades K-12 (approximately ages 6 to 18), with particular emphasis on:
* STEM teacher training and professional development
* Middle and high school (approximately ages 12 to 18) STEM programs

While Fluor generally does not provide funding directly to school clubs or events, it does fund selected universities to support engineering programs, scholarships, and student association programs.
Social Services: Support for organizations that:
* Provide food, such as food banks and meal services charities
* Shelter the homeless, abused and orphans
* Offer prevention programs and emergency services during crises, such as food, shelter and counseling

Community and Economic Development: Fluor is committed to supporting programs that:
* Build quality, affordable and energy efficient low-income housing
* Refurbish existing substandard housing and general infrastructure
* Create jobs or develop workforces by providing job training or retraining for adults
* Prepare youth to compete in today's global economy
* Assist with rebuilding or infrastructure support in case of a natural or man-made disaster

Environment: Fluor is committed to responsible stewardship of the environment and supports organizations that protect natural resources and habits through:
* Conservation, restoration and beautification
* Environmental education

Eligibility:
Institutions of Higher Education; IHE(s)
Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Foreign registered tax-exempt organization

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
http://www.fluor.com/Pages/contact_us.aspx

Torrence H. Robinson
President, Fluor Foundation
6700 Las Colinas Blvd.
Irving, TX 75039

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
fluor-foundation-contact-list.pdf

Categories:

Capital Funding Community Service Coordination Economic Development Environment Financial Assistance Higher Education Homeless Housing International Other Preservation Science Secondary Education Technology Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth Disaster Relief

25. The National Grassroots Grant Program

Funding Source:
Ben & Jerry's Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Competitive grants of up to $15,000 are available to non-profit grassroots organizations nationwide and to organizations that provide technical and other assistance to these groups. Areas of interest for this opportunity are the environment, social justice, and sustainable food systems. Eligible organizations are those which address the underlying societal and environmental problems through community organization strategies. Funds will be provided for both general operating support and project support.

Criteria for organizations supported:
* The organization works to transform the consciousness of its constituents and the wider community to make them aware of the systemic nature of the issues being addressed.
* In its strategizing, planning and decision-making, the organization includes, in a meaningful way, those impacted by the injustice it seeks to address and encourages and supports their leadership development and self-empowerment efforts.
* The organization has a theory of change - an articulation of how its activities play a part in a larger movement for social justice - and has demonstrated its interest in collaboration and collective action.

Not funded:
Discretionary or emergency requests
Research, litigation or legal expenses
Scholarship programs
Capital or endowment campaigns
Religious activities
Direct services to individuals, families or communities

Estimated Size of Grant:
Up to $15,000

Term of Contract:
1 year

Eligibility:
Community-based Organizations; CBO(s)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Organizations using a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor
Applicants must be either grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are using community-organizing strategies to accomplish their goals, or organizations that provide technical support and/or resources to such groups.
Organizations with budgets over $500,000 are considered on a case-by-case basis

Ineligible:
Organizations with annual budgets over $1 million
Colleges or universities
State agencies or government-sponsored programs
Businesses or business associations
Other foundations
Organizations or programs that are focused or based outside of the United States

Pre-Application Information:
Applicants must first submit a Letter of Interest online. Letters of Interest are reviewed within 30 days of submission. Based on the Letter of Interest, an organization may be approved to submit a full proposal. Approved applicants have up to three months to submit a full proposal.

Organizations that have received funding from Ben and Jerry's within the past two (2) years may re-apply using the RENEWAL-National Grassroots Grant Program.

Previous grantees: http://www.benandjerrysfoundation.org/grantees.html

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Dana Jeffery, Administrative and Grants Management Assistant
802-846-1500, x7484
nfo@benandjerrysfoundation.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant- http://www.benandjerrysfoundation.org/the-grassroots-organizing-for-social-change-program/

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Environment Homeless Housing Justice & Juvenile Justice Nutrition Other Preservation Refugee/Immigrant Technology Veterans Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth Pets/Animal/Wildlife

26. Walgreens Co. Grants

Funding Source:
Walgreen Co. [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants will be awarded in the USA non-profit organizations for projects and programs that improve the quality of life in communities. Organizations seeking funding should have a specific focus on improving: Access to health and wellness in their community; Pharmacy education programs and mentoring initiatives; Civic and Community outreach; Emergency and Disaster Relief; and Health.

Health is the major area of focus, and single-Disease Agencies are also supported by this grant.

Not funded:
Educational or travel grants for contests, pageants, trips, or conventions
Advertising, promotional events, or sponsorship of athletic teams
Lobbying, partisan, or denominational programs
Endowment campaigns
Capital campaigns
Sponsorships for individuals participating in cause-related events; i.e., walks, runs, conferences, etc.
Sponsorships submitted by a third party on behalf of an organization.

Number of Grants:
not indicated

Estimated Size of Grant:
not indicated

Term of Contract:
not indicated

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Ineligible:

-United Way supported agencies
-Faith-based organizations for inherently religious purposes or to serve a limited constituency

Pre-Application Information:
-Please allow a minimum of 4 to 6 weeks for a response.
-To begin the application process, please see
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_505/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35009&SESID=52546&RL=

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Walgreen Co.
200 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

Online Inquiries:
1-877-250-5823

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Faith Based Health and Medical Homeless Housing Mental Health Nutrition Other Research & Evaluation

27. The Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
The Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants ranging from $1,000 to $15,000 to non-profits across the U.S. and internationally that provide direct assistance and aid to vulnerable children (0-18 years old), regardless of their circumstances. The purpose of these grants is to provide financial support for small, grassroots projects that assist children who are poor, disadvantaged, ill, orphaned, physically or mentally disabled, injured, disfigured, learning disabled, physically or emotionally abused, malnourished, or have limited access to education.

The Ross Foundation makes grants in the following categories:
* Equipment/Supplies
* Emergency
* Small Construction, Renovations, Building Purchase
* Start-Up Expenses
* Specific Project Support

The Foundation will also participate in matching or challenge grants. However, the Ross Foundation is less interested in larger projects or capital campaigns that are better left to larger foundations and organizations.

Estimated Total Program Funding:
$576,000

Estimated Size of Grant:
Up to $15,000

Term of Contract:
One year.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
The Ross Foundation provides financial assistance to organizations that are qualified under the laws of the United States as a charitable organization for projects that directly benefit vulnerable children. The Foundation typically does not fund day-to-day operations, individuals, conferences, day care, or public education.
Water projects are limited to schools, orphanages, and medical centers where children predominate.

Pre-Application Information:
The Foundation encourages potential applicants to submit a letter of inquiry (via mail, fax, or email) prior to submitting a complete grant proposal. Instructions may be found at:
http://www.dhrossfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20:letter-of-inquiry-requirements&catid=1

Email your letter to Rossfoundation@frontiernet.net.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Wayne S. Cook, Ph.D.
Foundation Executive
Phone: 585-473-6006
Fax: 585-473-6007
E-mail: Rossfoundation@frontiernet.net

THE DOROTHEA HAUS ROSS FOUNDATION
1036 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, New York 14620 USA

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant -
http://www.dhrossfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&catid=1

Categories:

Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Financial Assistance Health and Medical Homeless Housing International Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Special Education Substance Abuse Technology Youth/Out-of-School Youth Teachers Students

28. 4imprint - One by One Charitable Giving Grants

Funding Source:
4imprint [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
In-kind donations valued at $500 are available to non-profit charities, religious organizations, and accredited schools in the U.S. and Canada that are working hard to make a difference in their communities. Each business day the company will give a worthy organization $500 in promotional products to spread the word, recruit volunteers, thank donors, offer comfort to someone in need, or in some other way turn one thing into something much more.

Please note: successful applicants can select more than one product for a donation, totaling up to the value of $500. If an applicant's total amount exceeds the $500 donation, 4imprint will ask that you pay the difference.

Estimated Size of Grant:
$500 worth of company products

Term of Contract:
One year.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
In order to apply for a donation you must be employed by or be a member of the Board of Directors for a 501(c)3 organization, a school, a registered charity/society or a religious organization. And you must be at least 18 years of age.

Pre-Application Information:
Please submit your application a minimum of 2 months before you need the items. This allows the 4imprint committee enough time to review your application and get the items to you, should you be chosen for a donation.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
4care@4imprint.com
or
Contact the Coordinator via email at: http://onebyone.4imprint.com/contactus.aspx

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Faith Based Financial Assistance Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Homeless Housing International Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Sports Substance Abuse Technology Transportation Veterans Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth Travel & Tourism Pets/Animal/Wildlife

29. The Fidelity Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
The Fidelity Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants typically of $50,000 or more will be awarded to USA non-profit organizations to enable significant, transformative projects primarily in the areas of: Arts and culture, Community development, and social services. The second priority area is Health and Education. Proposals may be intended for regional or national impact. High-impact projects with potential to inform or influence the non-profit sector are of particular interest.
Not funded:
Operating support, sponsorships, galas or benefits, scholarships, corporate memberships, or video and film projects.

Estimated Size of Grant:
$50,000 or more

Term of Contract:
1 year

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Grants are generally made only to organizations with operating budgets of $500,000 or more.

Ineligible:

Start-up, sectarian or civic organizations; public school systems; disease-specific associations; or individuals.

Pre-Application Information:

-Typically the initial review process will take between four and six weeks. Applicants will be notified about inquiry decisions. Applications are by invitation only.

-The full review process requires a three-to-six-month period, which should be factored into the applicant's funding plan.

-For letter of inquiry requirements please see
http://www.fidelityfoundation.org/letterofinquiry/index.html

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Please email all correspondence, including: Letters of Inquiry; Interim Project Updates; and Post-Grant Evaluation Summary Forms to info@FidelityFoundation.org.

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Capital Funding Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Health and Medical Higher Education Homeless Housing Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Domestic Violence Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

30. The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation

Funding Source:

The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants to USA non-profit organizations that are working to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals, preferably non-profits that assist orphaned children and promote their adoption, and/or intervention programs geared towards troubled youth. However, funding is not restricted to the fields mentioned above, and the Foundation remains open to other areas of interest, so potential applicants with service in other areas should not be discouraged from applying or from bringing themselves to the attention of the Board.

As of the current date, the trustees of the Foundation have made a decision to give priority to projects

addressing critical and immediate needs. Therefore, projects involving medical research are unlikely to be funded at this time.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Pre-Application Information:
If you are interested in applying for a grant on behalf of your organization, please fill out the brief on-line grant inquiry form at: https://sites.google.com/site/ralphandeileenswettfoundation/grant-inquiries

In an attempt to minimize the amount of time spent on application procedures, one of the Foundation's trustees will contact your organization (with a letter for a denial for a formal application or a phone call for an official invitation to apply) within 21 days of the submission of the on-line form. If your organization is invited to participate in the formal application process, the Foundation will provide the application at this time.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Darlene Zubkus
Email: Dzubkus@swettfoundation.org

Jeffrey Swett
Email: jeffreyswett@mac.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Elementary Education Health and Medical Higher Education Homeless Housing

Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Sports Substance Abuse Technology Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth

31. Transformative Education Grants

Funding Source:
Versal Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Grants of up to $25,000 will be awarded to USA, Canada, & international individuals, non-profits, and NGOs to develop online, impactful interactive courses that either provide individuals worldwide with core knowledge or transformative courses that teach people skills. Courses must be at least one hour in length and be made available online for free, forever.

Courses providing core knowledge must focus on the following areas: basic literacy, arithmetic, science, and related topics.

Transformative courses are those that will have a profound potential for improving people's lives, "courses for the betterment of humankind". An example would be teaching villagers how build a clean water system in impoverished desert regions with locally available materials.

Selection criteria include:
* Does the proposed course fit within the selected category?
* How is the applicant uniquely qualified to teach the proposed course?
* Who will benefit from learning your material?
* How long will it take you to finish creating the course?
* How long will it take a student to complete a course?
* What size grant are you requesting, and does it reflect the value of your time to create the course and its value to the audience?

Estimated Size of Grant:
$1,000 to $25,000

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Single entities
Individuals, non-profit organizations and NGOs with domain expertise.

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Arts and Culture Economic Development Environment Financial Assistance Health and Medical Housing International Literacy Nutrition Other Preservation Science Technology Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth Teachers Students Pets/Animal/Wildlife Individual

32. Nonprofit Program

Funding Source:
YouTube [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Free services are being offered to qualified nonprofits to help them reach donors, improve operations, raise awareness, and develop resources throughout the U.S. Qualified applicants will be able to tell their organization's story through videos on YouTube to connect with supporters, volunteers, and donors. Additionally, assistance will be given in developing premium branding capabilities and increasing uploading capacity. The services are intended to make locating information on the nonprofit quick and easy through the option to drive fundraising through a Google Checkout "Donate" button, listing on the nonprofit videos page and the ability to place a Call to Action overlay on videos to raise money or find volunteers.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Philanthropic arms of educational organizations

Not Eligible:
Governmental entities and organizations
Hospitals and health care organizations
Schools, childcare centers, academic institutions, and universities

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Other Technology

33. Development Innovation Ventures Annual Program Statement (APS)

Funding Source:
USAID – Agency for International Development [Federal]

Deadline:
04/15/2014

Description:
Grants are available to USA and International businesses, individuals, non-profits, and others for a broad range of innovative solutions that will address a development challenge affecting a large population. Letters of Intent are due December 16, for proposals that will primarily benefit individuals in poverty or extreme poverty, and other vulnerable groups (including but not limited to women and girls, refugee or displaced communities, minority or indigenous groups, and the disabled).

DIV is interested in innovations that are expected to lead to transformative (as opposed to incremental) improvements to development outcomes that could ultimately scale across multiple

developing countries and, ideally, multiple sectors in these countries. Innovative solutions can include new technologies and new service delivery practices or novel or more cost-effective variations on existing practices. Solutions are expected to eventually scale up through the private sector, the public sector, or a combination of the two in order to reach sustainability without DIV support. To meet DIV's requirements, most successful applicants form a coalition of partners with diverse skills.

The DIV model emphasizes testing potential solutions and rigorously evaluating impact to identify what works well and what does not. Successful solutions that scale through the public sector will have gathered evidence of impact using a rigorous evaluation methodology, such as an experimental or quasi-experimental evaluation, to obtain legitimate measurements. At scale, successful private sector solutions will demonstrate commercial viability, as well as measure improvements in social outcomes or impacts related to the solution (such as improvements in health, education, income, empowerment, etc. of people in developing countries).

DIV uses a three-tiered staged finance model to maximize cost-effectiveness and minimize the risk of testing new ideas. The applicant chooses a stage level based on how far their project is in its development and to what extent they have previously gathered evidence of its success. In other words, the stage is not defined by the level of funding needed. Many DIV projects leverage funding from other sources.

DIV seeks to test promising solutions, and uses the staged financing approach to mitigate risk. The amount and rigor of evidence required increases as more resources are requested by an applicant. Stage-specific requirements are delineated below.

Stage 1: Proof of Concept
Stage 1 funding is intended to test the real-world viability of an innovative development solution. The application must describe how the solution is clearly linked to a specific development challenge, and how the solution has the potential to produce significant impact at eventual scale.

Stage 2: Scaling and Impact Evaluation
Stage 2 funding is provided to innovative solutions that have already demonstrated success at a small scale stage, and now require support to assess if the solution can achieve larger scale development impact and can be implemented successfully at a larger scale. Applicants must demonstrate at the time of application that they have already satisfied Stage 1 criteria. This may have occurred with DIV funds or with other sources of support.

Stage 3: Transitioning Projects to Large Scale
Stage 3 funding is reserved for innovative solutions that have already established credible evidence of development impacts at significant scale. Stage 3 projects will transition a solution from large scale implementation to widespread adoption in one country and/or replication in at least one additional country. In a country where the population is over 100 million the widespread adoption can be in a portion of the country. Applicants must have already satisfied Stage 1 and Stage 2 criteria. This may have occurred with DIV funds or with other sources of support.

Illustrative examples of innovative solutions that DIV may support include:

* New tools for more effective agriculture extension, and testing for the most effective way to reach

scale

* New approaches for sanitation demand creation and sanitation marketing

* Behavior change approaches drawing on insights from psychology and behavioral economics

* Solutions that advance equality between females and males, and empower women and girls to participate fully in and benefit from the development of their societies, producing concrete improvements (e.g. a program that significantly increases women's voting rates)

* New methods to reduce absenteeism among frontline health and education workers

* Testing proof of concept for a solar lighting system distributed by local entrepreneurs at a price/service point that induces wide adoption

* A rigorous evaluation for a larger scale innovative project that will itself be funded by other partners where the evaluation will demonstrate the magnitude of development outcomes and the cost effectiveness of the project, and such evidence will help the project reach scale

Estimated Size of Grant:

Stage 1 funding requests will typically not exceed $100,000 per project. Stage 2 projects will typically not exceed $1 million but are often significantly less. Stage 3 projects will typically not exceed $15 million but are often significantly less.

Term of Contract:

Stage 1 projects can propose activities for up to two years. Stage 2 projects can propose activities for up to five years, although they are generally shorter. Stage 3 projects can propose activities for up to five years.

Eligibility:

Faith-based Organizations
For profit organizations other than small businesses
Institutions of Higher Education; IHE(s)
Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Organizations)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
Regional Organizations
See RFP for full eligibility
Single entities
Small businesses
U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
Non-U.S. NGOs
Non-U.S. private businesses
Business and trade associations
International Organizations
Non-U.S. colleges and universities (public and private)
Civic groups
Foundations

All applicants must be legally recognized organizational entities under applicable law. The participation of foreign government organizations under this APS is possible only through an approved subaward agreement with a prime recipient.

Pre-Application Information:
Applicants can apply at any stage without being prior recipients of DIV funding. Stages are determined by the content of the project, not by the funding required.

Interested applicants must first submit an LOI. All LOI submissions must be submitted using the LOI form posted at www.usaid.gov/div. Only invited applicants will receive the Full Application form. The Full Application form will be provided to invited applicants with submission instructions attached. The Full Application form requests additional and more in-depth information than the LOI.

Letter of Interest or Intent Due:
12/16/2013

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
All communications and inquiries:
DIV@usaid.gov

All applications:
DIVApplications@usaid.gov

CFDA Number:
98.001

Funding or Pin Number:
APS-OAA-13-000004

Attached Files:
aps-oaa-13-000004.pdf
amendment_1_-_div_aps.pdf

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Faith Based For-Profits & Small Businesses Health and Medical Higher Education Housing International Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Refugee/Immigrant Research & Evaluation Science Secondary Education Domestic Violence Technology Transportation Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth Pets/Animal/Wildlife Individual Disaster Relief

34. Recovery Grants

Funding Source:
City Parks Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Grants ranging from $200 to $2,000 to New York City non-profit community groups that are dedicated to local parks, to provide capacity-building support for projects that are focused on recovering from the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. Examples of projects that are eligible for support include:

* Park clean-up projects (supplies such as tools, garbage bags, refreshments) engaging volunteers.
* Promotion and outreach materials (flyers, posters, etc.).
* Community Day in the park to promote available community resources and bring together community partners.
* Collection drive in the park to collect food and supplies for areas in need, or to collect donated supplies for the park.
* Replacing essential group supplies that were lost in the storm.

Estimated Size of Grant:

$200 - $2,000

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
Community groups whose projects take place on NYC Parks Dept. property are eligible to apply. Projects must engage the neighboring community and expand the group's capacity.

Groups must have 501(c)(3) status or a fiscal sponsor. If you have neither, please contact the City Parks Foundation.

Groups who have already carried out projects or who are currently carrying out projects that fit grant criteria may apply for reimbursement. Receipts must be included.

Priority will be given to:

* Areas most affected by Hurricane Sandy.
* Park-focused community groups that have a long-term commitment to their neighborhood park and/or street trees.
* Volunteer-run groups with small budgets and limited fundraising opportunities.
* Groups with a strong history of collaborative work with Partnerships, NYC Parks Dept., and/or City Parks Foundation.
* Efforts that combine storm-related park stewardship and the mobilization of assistance for individuals and communities harmed by the storm.

NOT ELIGIBLE:
* Materials that will be sold for profit
* Major capital improvements to parks
* Staff time. In special cases we can make grants to bring in outside consultants, such as educators, web designers, or performers, who provide a needed service or expertise. Exceptions are also made for intern stipends when an internship program builds the capacity of the group.

Pre-Application Information:

Grants are made on a rolling basis. Applications are considered in the order in which they are received, and grants are made as long as funds last.

Applications can be downloaded from the attached files (see below).

Alternatively, fill out the application on-line at: http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/partnerships-for-parks/grants/capacity-fund-grants/
For safety reasons, groups proposing clean-up or beautification projects must discuss their proposed project with the local park manager. Contact Channaly Philipp at (212) 676-1929 or Grants@CityParksFoundation.org to help you get connected to Parks staff.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Channaly Philipp
Phone: (212) 676-1929
Email: Grants@CityParksFoundation.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:

131632_Recovery-Grant-Application.doc
131632_Recovery-Grant-Guidelines.pdf

Geographic Focus:

New York

Categories:

Community Service Coordination Environment Other Preservation Disaster Relief

35. Sandy Fund Grants

Funding Source:

American Kennel Club Humane Fund [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants of up to $1,000 to qualifying USA dog clubs and non-profit organizations that conduct disaster relief activities on behalf of dogs as a result of Hurricane Sandy or other natural disasters. These grants are awarded for disaster relief purposes only. As such, funding may not be used by the applicant for fundraising purposes.

Estimated Size of Grant:

Up to $1,000

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Applicant must be: (1) an AKC licensed, sanctioned, or member dog club that conducts disaster relief activities, or (2) an organization that is exempt from Federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that conducts disaster relief activities on behalf of dogs as a result of Hurricane Sandy, or future natural disasters.

An applicant may not apply for an AKC Humane Fund Sandy Fund Grant if it has been awarded a grant from the AKC Humane Fund twice in the five calendar year period immediately preceding the application deadline.

Pre-Application Information:
Mail Completed applications to:
The AKC Humane Fund, Inc.
Attention: Sandy Fund Grant Review Committee
260 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Questions regarding The American Kennel Club Humane Fund should be directed to:

Daphna Straus
dxs@akc.org
(212) 696-8243

AKC Customer Care
(919) 233-9767
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
Monday through Friday (except holidays)

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
136797_AKCHFSandyFund_GrantApplication.pdf

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Other Pets/Animal/Wildlife Disaster Relief

36. The Sarah Scaife Foundation's Grant Program

Funding Source:
The Scaife Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to impact public policy in a variety of national and international issues. The goal of the foundation is to support policy changes to improve people's lives throughout the world. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support the efforts of qualified organizations working to change public policy pertaining to a particular issue of national or international interest.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Pre-Application Information:
After review of LOI, selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals.

The Foundation meets in February, May, September, and November to consider grants. However, requests may be submitted at any time and will be acted upon as expeditiously as possible.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Sarah Scaife Foundation
One Oxford Centre
301 Grant Street, Suite 3900
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-6401

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Conflict Resolution Disabilities Environment Health and Medical International Justice & Juvenile Justice Other Refugee/Immigrant Special Education Women Workforce

37. Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association (SBCA) Foundation

Funding Source:
Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association (SBCA) [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Individuals and companies in the consumer-based satellite video and broadband industry are eligible to apply for grants for programs and projects that benefit communities throughout the nation. The goal of the funding is to support activities that fill a particular need such as disaster relief or assistance to veterans. The Foundation will emphasize health, welfare and education projects that benefit specific communities and populations where the consumer-based satellite industry has a presence.

The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that focus on:
1. Needs of at-risk populations, such as the homeless, hungry, children, veterans or similar groups.
2. Rural and disadvantaged communities where satellite video and data services provide a vital link to information, education and entertainment programming.
3. Organizations supporting populations where English is a second language.

Grants will be made to eligible non-profit organizations on behalf of the individual and/or company involved. Requests will be accepted from any individual or company.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Eligibility is open to: individuals and companies in the consumer-based satellite video and broadband industry. Grants will be made to eligible non-profit organizations on behalf of the individual and/or company involved.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Applications may be submitted to the following:
1. Email: Martin Esteves mesteves@sbca.org
2. Mail: SBCA Foundation, 1100 17th St NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20036
3. Fax: 202.349.3621

Questions?
E-mail: info@sbca.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Children Disabilities Health and Medical Homeless Literacy Nutrition Other Refugee/Immigrant Domestic Violence Technology Veterans Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth

38. Amie's Place Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Amie's Place Foundation [Emphasis is given to proposals from New York City]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to non-profits that provide programs that meet the needs of community members for pet-care assistance during times of crisis. The purpose of these grants is to provide financial support to programs that: (a) provide pet-care assistance to help people through times of medical necessity to ensure they will not sacrifice their own health care needs because of concerns for the well-being of their pets; (b) promote attention to the vital role that responsible companion-animal ownership plays within society and help overcome barriers limiting access to their pets when they most need each other; and (c) support awareness of the unique and healing bond a beloved pet and its human companion share and commitment to help preserve this bond.

Amie's Place Foundation is dedicated to supporting people who are at risk of losing their pets at times of crisis due to lack of support, and provides grants and/or matching funds with the possibility of renewal based upon the Board's review of semi-annual and year-end reports.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Amie's Place Foundation
Church Street Station
P.O. Box 1799
New York, NY 10008
Email: info@amiesplacefoundation.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
application2011.pdf

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Disabilities Health and Medical Mental Health Other Veterans Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth Pets/Animal/Wildlife

39. The Safeway Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
The Safeway Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Grants ranging of up to $25,000 to non-profits across the United States with innovative programs that strengthen selected communities in the areas of: health and human services, hunger relief, education, and helping people with disabilities. The Foundation provides funding in three different categories:

1. Requests localized in a single City or State: projects that have a positive impact in local communities and fulfill one or more of the above-mentioned funding priorities. Requests to support events and requests for food donations are also considered in this subset. Grant requests are typically between $2,500 and $10,000. In DC, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware, the grant amounts vary between $1,000 - $5,000.

Please note: All Southern California requests must be sponsored by an employee. Requests without a sponsor will not be considered. In Northern California, it is strongly recommended that you secure an employee sponsor prior to submitting an application.

2. Requests supported by a Corporate Employee: grant requests in this area are typically localized to the San Francisco Bay Area and range from $2,500 to $10,000.

3. Requests that are National or Regional in scope: the Foundation likes to fund projects and does not supply overhead or operating support. The Foundation prefers to see its money invested directly in the community. Grant requests are evaluated based on the organization's efficiency, if the program fits with the Foundation's funding priorities, and if the effects directly impact the community. Grant requests are typically up to $25,000.

Estimated Size of Grant:

Up to $25,000

Eligibility:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
The Safeway Foundation generally does not fund:
* Individuals or for-profit organizations
* Political organizations or activities
* Religious organizations for religious purposes
* Capital or building campaigns
* Advocacy programs
* Meetings, conferences, or workshops
* Sports teams or athletic competitions
* Other foundations or granting organizations
* Fundraising dinners, galas and events. We generally do not sponsor these events because the sponsorship is not fully deductible and because we prefer that our funds go directly to program services rather than offsetting event expenses.

Pre-Application Information:

All applications must be received online. Please click here to apply:
https://safeway.versaic.com/Login.aspx .
If you have any questions filling out the form, please email: safeway.foundation@safeway.com.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Contact the Safeway Foundation at: http://www.safewayfoundation.org/our-foundation/contact-us.html

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Disabilities Elementary Education Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Nutrition Other Preschool Refugee/Immigrant Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth Teachers Students

40. The Annenberg Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
The Annenberg Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants ranging from $10,000 to $250,000 to non-profits located in multiple U.S. states that develop and implement a wide range of innovative, high-quality programs that address the areas of: arts, culture & humanities, animal welfare, civic & community development, environment, education, human health & wellness, and assistance for military veterans. The purpose of these grants is to provide financial assistance to non-profits that are working to improve the quality of life for community residents.

The Annenberg Foundation places the highest priority on non-profits serving constituents in the five-county region of Greater Los Angeles. Agencies that serve the Greater LA region but are headquartered elsewhere can apply for a grant; however, the likelihood of receiving funding is significantly reduced.

Equal consideration is given to applications for awards for general operations or program support. Requests for capital campaigns (building construction) and multi-year commitments are discouraged.

Estimated Size of Grant:
Up to $250,000

Term of Contract:
One year.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

The Annenberg Foundation places the highest priority on non-profits serving constituents in the five-county region of Greater Los Angeles. Agencies who serve the Greater LA region but are headquartered elsewhere can apply for a grant; however, the likelihood of receiving funding is significantly reduced.

What the Foundation Does Not Fund

* Grants to individuals
* Grants to nonqualified agencies
* Grants that fall outside the guidelines set by the board of directors

Pre-Application Information:
For a step-by-step application process, see: http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
2000 Avenue of the Stars
Suite 1000 S
Los Angeles, CA 90067
Phone: (310) 209-4560
Fax: (310) 209-1631
info@annenbergfoundation.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education

Environment Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Special Education Veterans Youth/Out-of-School Youth Teachers Students Pets/Animal/Wildlife

41. Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation General Operating Support Grant

Funding Source:
Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Grants will be awarded primarily in Maryland and Israel to non-profit organizations for programs that assist financially disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals and families. The Foundation's focus areas are: Older Adults, Workforce Development, Basic Human Needs & Health, Disabilities, Education, Children, Youth & Families, and General Community Support. Funds for general operating grants are for the overall operating costs of an organization that meets basic needs and promotes economic security.

Not funded:
Supplemental grant funding to cover unexpected construction costs
Debt reduction
Annual appeals and fundraising events (in most cases)
Endowments (in most cases)
Publications
Arts and culture
Academic or health research
Scholarships for higher education
Think tanks

Estimated Size of Grant:

The size of a grant depends on the budgetary needs of a particular organization or project and the Foundation’s financial resources.

Eligibility:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
-Applicants must submit evidence of tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a governmental unit
-Applicants must carry on their work principally to serve lower-income individuals in the communities in which they reside
-Applicants must be committed to assisting vulnerable and at-risk populations
-The Foundation provides support for programs and direct services (including general operating grants) and capital projects that assist financially disadvantaged individuals primarily located in Maryland, Hawaii, northeastern Pennsylvania, Israel, and the Former Soviet Union.
-A capital project must meet the following criteria: The agency has raised at least fifty percent (50%) of the total capital project cost (signed pledges from reliable sources, other funding commitments, or cash in the bank which will not be used for other purposes). And,the agency has received value-engineered drawings or a signed contract with the builder, if applicable.

Ineligible:
Individuals or to colleges, universities, and cultural institutions such as museums or orchestras
Colleges and universities
Political action groups

Pre-Application Information:

-Analysis of grant requests may require several months.
-A site visit or a meeting at the Foundation after the review of the complete application package may be requested.
-The Foundation will confirm receipt of each LOI within 30 days. Then, within another 30 days, the

grant applicant will receive notification either that the LOI was declined or that the applicant is invited to submit a full grant proposal.
-The Weinberg Foundation does not fund more than thirty percent (30%) of the total cost.
-The Foundation supports direct service organizations with proven track records.
-Full grant proposals are submitted to the Weinberg Foundation by the applicant organizations on a rolling basis, approximately one to two months after being invited to submit a proposal.
-The majority of grants are awarded to organizations in Maryland and Israel.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation
7 Park Center Court
Owings Mills, MD 21117

410-654-8500
Fax: 410-654-3943
E-mail: grantsintake@hjweinberg.org

Please contact Nakia Gary, Gifts Administrator, at 410-654-8500, ext. 254 or ngary@hjweinberg.org, if you have any questions about the LOI process or the status of your LOI.

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:

LOI_general_operating.pdf

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development

Elementary Education Health and Medical Higher Education Homeless International Nutrition Other Secondary Education Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

42. Costco Wholesale's Grants

Funding Source:

Costco Wholesale [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants to U.S. non-profits in multiple states that provide a wide rage of innovative, high-quality programs that address the areas of children, education, and health and human services. The purpose of these grants is to promote the development and implementation of programs that help meet the

needs of populations such as the disadvantaged, the young, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Costco Wholesale's Committee meets approximately 6 times a year and makes decisions based on several factors, including: type of program; identified community need not otherwise available; indication that evidenced based data will establish measureable results of intended outcomes; community collaboration; broad base of financial support; project budget and operating expenses.

Costco's corporate sponsored campaigns are United Way, The Red Cross, and the Children Miracle Network. These campaigns allow Costco to reach a large number of agencies which address the needs of many within our Costco Wholesale communities.

Estimated Size of Grant:

Up to 10% of the total program budget

Term of Contract:

Costco Wholesale typically does not consider more than one grant request per fiscal year (September - August) for each organization.

Eligibility:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Examples of support which Costco Wholesale does not provide funding:
* Individuals
* Capital campaigns, building projects, or equipment
* Transportation and travel expenses
* Political organizations
* Religious organizations for religious purposes
* Salaries
* Government agencies
* Loans or investments
* Research studies
* Athletic teams, events, or sponsorships
* Animal related programs, including shelters
* Merchandise for fundraisers and auctions
* Symposiums, conferences, conventions, professional association meetings
* Individual primary and secondary schools
* Merchandise promotions, partnerships or advertising
* General awareness campaigns
* Development or production of books, films, videos, television programs, or websites
* Parties, celebrations, parades, festivals and raffles
* Deficit funding

Pre-Application Information:

For Costco Wholesale's Grant Application, please click here:
http://www.costco.com/wcsstore/CostcoUSBCCatalogAssetStore/Attachment/GrantApplication090413.pdf
Mail completed grant application and supporting documentation to:

Costco Wholesale
c/o Corporate Community Relations Department
999 Lake Drive
Issaquah, WA 98027

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Costco Wholesale
c/o Corporate Community Relations Department
999 Lake Drive
Issaquah, WA 98027

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Disabilities Elementary Education Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS International Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Special Education Youth/Out-of-School Youth Students

43. May & Stanley Smith Charitable Trust Grants

Funding Source:
The May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to U.S. and international non-profit organizations that provide a variety of projects and services that benefit the following populations: children and youth, the elderly, the disabled and critically ill, and disadvantaged adults and families. The purpose of these grants is to fund organizations that provide direct services to individuals and families in need, with priority given to organizations that strive to achieve a long-term, sustainable difference in the lives of the people they serve.

The Trust prioritizes organizations that exhibit the following characteristics:
* Meet a demonstrated need
* Offer innovative programs and services
* Provide direct services to individuals
* Offer sustained services to clients that have long-term, lasting impact
* Have a proven track record of success
* Have an experienced and engaged staff and an active and committed board of directors
* Have a system in place to measure efficacy and success in meeting desired objectives
* Operate on a balanced budget and have sufficient cash for operating needs
* Maintain reasonable overhead expenses
* Receive broad support from a variety of community, institutional, and individual donors
* Partner with other community organizations to meet client needs and avoid duplication of effort

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
The Trust supports organizations serving people in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, the Bahamas, and Hong Kong.

The May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust makes grants to non-profit organizations that are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and not classified as a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code, and to non-U.S. organizations that can demonstrate that they would meet the requirements for such status.

Organizations can also submit applications through a sponsoring organization if the sponsor has 501(c)(3) status, is not a private foundation under 509(a), and provides written authorization confirming its willingness to act as the fiscal sponsor.

Permitted Uses of Trust Funds:
* General operating support
* Capacity building
* Program support

The Trust Does Not Fund:
* Organizations which are not, or would not qualify as, a 501(c)(3) public charity
* Hospitals or hospital foundations, medical clinics, or services
* Scientific or medical research
* Building funds or capital projects
* Schools and universities except those receiving less than 25% of their operating funds from families and those serving a 100% disabled population
* Endowment funds
* Individuals
* Organizations or programs operated by governments or receiving significant funding from government sources
* Film or media projects
* Start-up programs or organizations
* Evangelical organizations*
* Public policy, research, or advocacy
* Public awareness, education, or information campaigns/programs
* Debt reduction
* Conferences or benefit events
* Projects that carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, or to conduct, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive
* Organizations that pass through funding to an organization or project that would not be eligible for direct funding as describe above

Please note: The Trust will consider requests that fit within its funding guidelines from religious or faith-based organizations, provided that services offered are inclusive, nondiscriminatory, do not promote specific religious doctrine, and do not involve proselytizing or religious activities.

Pre-Application Information:
The May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust has a two-stage application process: an online letter of inquiry (LOI) submission followed by an invited full proposal submission. Processing a grant application from receipt of the LOI to funding notification generally takes between four and six months.

Complete LOI instructions can be accessed on-line at: http://www.adminitrustllc.com/may-and-stanley-smith-charitable-trust/for-grantseekers/
Applicants should not send a proposal unless invited to do so by Trust staff. When an applicant is invited to submit a full proposal, details about the proposal requirements will be provided. An invitation to submit a proposal does not imply that your request will be funded, only that the Trust is interested in a more in-depth consideration.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Janet Ferraiolo
Grants Manager
Email: grantsmanager@adminitrustllc.com or jferraiolo@adminitrustllc.com
Phone: 415-332-0166

2320 Marinship Way, Suite 150
Sausalito, CA 94965

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Health and Medical International Other Youth/Out-of-School Youth

44. Bemis Company Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Bemis Company Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to USA non-profits in multiple states that provide a wide range of successful and innovative approaches to effectively serve people, with a special focus on the following areas: social welfare and health, education, and cultural and civic affairs. These grants are intended to encourage organizations to better serve the needy in locations where the company operates. Special

consideration is given to those institutions that are supported by the Company's employees through their personal contributions of time and/or money.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Charitable grants are made only to organizations with tax-exempt status.

Bemis does not make grants to:
- Individuals
- Organizations for religious or political purposes, either for lobbying efforts or campaigns.

Pre-Application Information:
To apply for a Bemis Company Foundation grant, please complete the application in its entirety (see attached files below).

Any initial inquiries should be by email, not by telephone or personal visits, to Kim Wetzel, Foundation Consultant, kwetzel@bemis.com

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Kim Wetzel, Foundation Consultant
Email: kwetzel@bemis.com
Phone: 920-734-2707

Bemis Company Foundation
2800 Schaefer Circle
Appleton, WI 54915

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
BCF_Grant_Request_Form.doc

Categories:
Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education

Health and Medical Higher Education Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Special Education Youth/Out-of-School Youth

45. Community Grants - Henry E. Niles Foundation

Funding Source:
Henry E. Niles Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:

Ongoing

Description:

Grants starting at $3,000 will be awarded in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont to non-profit organizations to support humanitarian efforts, including faith-based endeavors. Funds are intended for programs in the following areas: Education, Economic Self-Sufficiency and Health & Independence.

The Foundation favors programs addressing long-term solutions to the causes of problems, as distinguished from programs that simply treat the symptoms.

Pilot initiatives are encouraged that test new program models as well as collaborative efforts among groups and organizations.

Not funded:
General fundraising drive

Estimated Size of Grant:

Grants may range from $3,000 to $100,000.

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
-All applicants must have tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.
-Organizations primarily in the Northeastern USA
-The applicant must have an active board of directors with policy-making authority. The board should demonstrate competence in the sound financial management of the organization.
-Applicants, if declined, may not reapply for at least one year from the date of the application unless the nature or circumstances surrounding the request changes significantly.

NOT ELIGIBLE:
Individuals
Government agencies
Organizations that subsist mainly on third party funding and have demonstrated no ability or expended little effort to attract private funding

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Henry E. Niles Foundation
Ashley C. Lantz, Administrator
Fogarty, Cohen, Selby & Nemiroff
88 Field Point Road
Greenwich, CT 06830

E-mail Ashley C. Lantz: alantz@fcsn.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education F aith Based Health and Medical Higher Education Mental Health Other Secondary Education Special Education Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

46. Lilly Endowment Grants

Funding Source:
Lilly Endowment Inc [Priority to Indianapolis and Indiana]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants are available to USA non-profits and universities (with priority to Indianapolis and Indiana organizations) for a variety of programs that improve quality of life. Proposals will be accepted for the following areas of interest: community development, education and religion. Also of interest are projects that benefit youth and that promote the causes of philanthropy and volunteerism. Community Development grant making focuses primarily on enhancing the quality of life in Indianapolis and Indiana. Funds are provided for human and social needs, central-city and neighborhood revitalization, low-income housing, and arts and culture in Indianapolis.

Education grant making revolves primarily around improving education in Indiana, with special emphasis on higher education and on programs designed to increase the percentage of Indiana residents with bachelor's degrees. A number of invitational grant programs are supported, many of which are aimed at Indiana's colleges' and universities' abilities to increase the state's educational attainment level.

Religion grant making is to deepen and enrich the religious lives of American Christians, principally by supporting efforts to encourage, support and educate a new generation of talented pastors and to strengthen current pastors in their capacities for excellence in ministry.

Youth grants support direct-service organizations in Marion County, Ind., build the capacity of intermediary organizations throughout the state, and provide professional development for the staffs and volunteer leadership of these organizations.

Regarding philanthropy, the Foundation seeks to support and nurture good stewardship among the trustees and executives of charitable organizations by providing occasional funding for research on the governance and effectiveness of nonprofit organizations. Also supported are efforts to advance philanthropy by supporting selective research projects and educational programs focused on charitable giving and fundraising.

Eligibility:
Community-based Organizations; CBO(s)
Faith-based Organizations
Historically Black Colleges and Universities; HBCU
Institutions of Higher Education; IHE(s)

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs).

Pre-Application Information:
If you believe your charitable organization has a request that fits within the Foundation guidelines, please send a preliminary letter of no more than two pages. The letter should tell about your organization, the project you have in mind and the amount of support you will need. All preliminary inquiries receive a written response. In cases that warrant further consideration, you may be asked to furnish a full proposal.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Dick Ristine
317-924-5471

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
2012SharedArtsCulturalOrganizationsGrantApplication.doc
2012SharedArtsCulturalOrganizationsProjectGrantAttachment.doc

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Faith Based Health and Medical Higher Education Housing Nutrition Other Research & Evaluation Veterans Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth

47. Ethyl Grant

Funding Source:
Foundation for Rural Education and Development [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Matching grants ranging from $500 to $2,500 to rural USA and Canada organizations, community groups, and residents that are involved with projects aimed at improving their communities. The two focus areas for this program are education and community development. Priorities for each of these areas are as follows:

1.) Educational Ethyl Grants may include projects that provide an upgrade to a school that can

benefit the students, teachers, or community. For example, installing a projector in a school auditorium for school assemblies or community functions, upgrading technology in computer rooms, expanding resources in the school library, building a new school playground, or improving educational tools in the classroom.

2.) Community Development Ethyl Grants may include projects that eliminate an eyesore, create jobs, beautify downtown areas, or renovate a historical building, park, monument, or other public area.

Preferred projects include those that can be completed with the Ethyl Grant and matched funding, rather than larger projects that require multiple sources of funding. Larger projects may be considered provided the project has at least 75% of the full funding committed. FRED will not disburse any funding until the project has 100% of its funding commitments.

Estimated Total Program Funding:
$16,000

Estimated Size of Grant:
$500 - $2,500

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
FRED programs are designated for rural communities, residents, and organizations in the USA and Canada.

Eligibility for the Ethyl Grant program is determined by the FRED Donor Circle list. If you are interested in applying, please contact one of the companies listed in the FRED Donor Circle, found at http://www.fred.org/donors.html.

Note: FRED will accept only one application from the same community or school per year.

Pre-Application Information:
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis at any time of the year. The program year runs from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Please mail all program applications to the following address:
Foundation for Rural Education and Development
Attn: Melissa Korzuch, Executive Director
4196 Merchant Plaza
Suite #803
Lake Ridge, VA 22192

Ethyl Grants must be matched at 100 percent by outside funds which may include other grants, donations, or fundraising dollars. Fifty percent of the matched funds must be monetary and up to 50 percent may be in-kind (such as volunteer hours, donated services, equipment, etc.). The submitted budget must assign a value for all in-kind contributions. Recipients have up to 60 days after the grant has been awarded to provide proof of matching funds. Ethyl grant checks will be issued after proof of matched funds has been received.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Please direct all questions to the FRED office at 202/660-2899 or melissa@fred.org.

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
136860_2014_ethyl_application_wpdf.pdf

Categories:
Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education Environment Higher Education Literacy Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Special Education Technology Youth/Out-of-School Youth

48. Stavros Niarchos Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Stavros Niarchos Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to USA and international non-profit organizations offering innovative, effective, and high-quality programs, projects, and/or services that focus on one or more of the following four program areas: arts and culture, education, health and medicine, and social welfare. Although the Foundation does not make grants to individuals or provide individual scholarships, individuals benefit through the numerous programs and actions of the non-profit organizations that it supports.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Non-profits around the world are eligible.

Pre-Application Information:
The Foundation receives grant inquiries throughout the year, and reviews them according to internal procedures. Applications are evaluated by the Programs Department and all inquiries will receive a written response.

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation cannot evaluate a new grant request from the same organization before at least one year has passed since the submission of the previous request.

Please Note: Due to the continuing crisis in Greece, there has been a significant increase in the number of requests to provide support. Consequently, the Foundation's time of response to applications has been extended, as the Foundation remains committed to evaluating every single proposal carefully and thoroughly.
Grant applications from organizations in Greece are reviewed by:

Stavros Niarchos Foundation
Programs Department
86A Vasilissis Sofias Ave.
11528 Athens
Greece

Grant applications from organizations in Europe (outside of Greece) and Africa are reviewed by:

FSN S.A.M.
Programs Department
George V
14 Avenue de Grande Bretagne
MC 98000
Monaco

Grant applications from organizations based in the Americas, Asia, and Australia are reviewed by:

SNF USA, Inc.
Programs Department
645 Madison Avenue
Suite 2200
New York, NY 10022
U.S.A.

Click here to fill out the online application form:
http://www.snf.org/index.php?ID=application_form_EN.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Email: info@SNF.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Health and Medical Higher Education Homeless Housing International Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Substance Abuse Technology Transportation Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

49. Emergency Grants for Arts organizations

Funding Source:

Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, and Lambent Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut non-profit arts organizations that suffered serious damages and losses due to Hurricane Sandy. These grants are intended to provide emergency relief to assist artists and organizations with repairing and rebuilding in the aftermath of the storm.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Non-profit arts organizations

Pre-Application Information:
Arts organizations should email the following information to the Warhol and Rauschenberg funds:
1. Describe the damage sustained as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Include the dollar amount of the damage and your method for determining the total.
2. Have you applied to other funds or organizations to cover this loss? If so, please indicate where and the status of the request (amount received, application pending, application declined).
3. Please include a brief description of your organization, its mission and budget.
Applications for visual arts organizations will be reviewed by the Warhol Foundation and all other applications will be reviewed by the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation.

Grants will be made on a regular rolling basis as funds are available.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Email: info@emergencygrants.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
Connecticut New Jersey New York

Categories:
Arts and Culture Financial Assistance Other Disaster Relief

50. USGA Alliance Grants

Funding Source:

National Alliance for Accessible Golf [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to make sports inclusive of people with disabilities. The mission of the Foundation is to broaden accessibility of golf for all people. The purpose of the available funding is to support the efforts of non-profits that provide services related to making golf accessible to those with disabilities. The Foundation is particularly interested in applications that demonstrate focus on inclusion of people with disabilities in programs that involve those without disabilities.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
grants@accessgolf.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New York

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Disabilities Financial Assistance Other Sports

51. New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Grants

Funding Source:
New York State Council on the Arts [State]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants of $2,500 or more for artistic expression in settings from classrooms, community centers to parks in: Architecture Facilities Planning & Design, Arts Education, Dance, Electronic Media & Film, Folk Arts, Individual Artists, Literature, Museum, Music, Presenting, Special Arts Services, State & Local Partnerships, Theater, and Visual Arts. Grants will be available to eligible New York State entities for artistic projects and services and are evaluated based on artistic excellence, cultural diversity, and the variety of public settings and contexts in which they will be presented. Projects funded reflect the diversity of the state, have broad public access, and are located in safe and accessible venues.

NYSCA believes in artistic excellence without boundaries and an evaluation process that embraces the widest variety of cultural and artistic expression being offered to the public in a broad array of settings and contexts from classrooms and community centers…to parks and open spaces…to more traditional venues. NYSCA considers four dimensions of artistic work when evaluating applications:
1. IDEA – the concept or artistic impetus behind the work.
2. PRACTICE – the effectiveness of how the work is put into practice and the impact it has on those experiencing it.
3. DEVELOPMENT – the contribution the work makes to the development of the artists involved, the art form, and the arts more widely.
4. CONTEXT – the context in which the work is being presented and the appropriateness of the work to that context.
Additional criteria include the organization's managerial/fiscal competence, governance, organizational management, and financial management.

As a public funder, NYSCA must ensure that its grants support a broad array of cultural activity that fully represents the diversity of the state and that the supported events are accessible to the broadest possible public in every region of the state. In addition, it must do its due diligence to ensure that the organizations and events supported comply with accepted safety and accessibility standards.
1. PROMOTION AND OUTREACH – the organization demonstrates that it makes significant efforts to reach a broad and diverse audience through marketing and public relations efforts.
2. AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT – the organization offers thoughtful and well-designed educational and interpretive activities that help build audience appreciation and understanding of the organization and the work being produced, presented, or exhibited.
3. AUDIENCE/VISITOR PARTICIPATION – the organization can demonstrate a public commitment to their programs and activities through attendance data (relevant to the population of the community served) as well as customer satisfaction surveys (if available and appropriate).
4. SAFETY & ACCESSIBLITY – the activities and events that support is being sought for will take place in venues that are fully accessible to the public and comply with all safety and accessibility standards.
5. DIVERSITY OF PROGRAMMING – programming reflects significant efforts to reach a broad array of artists and audiences.
6. COMMUNITY SERVICE – the organization demonstrates value to its community through partnerships with local businesses and schools, free and low-cost events, and in other appropriate ways.

Not funded:
* Major expenditures for the establishment of new organizations
* Accumulated deficits
* Debt reductions
* Programs of public universities (CUNY or SUNY) or of New York State agencies or departments
* Programs of public school districts or their components or affiliates
* Operating expenses or fellowships at professional training schools that are not open to the general public
* Activities restricted to an organization's membership (funded activities must be open to the general public and promoted as such)
* Programs that are essentially recreational, rehabilitational, or therapeutic
* Operating expenses of privately owned facilities, such as homes or studios
* Requests that are greater than an organization's total operating expenses minus total operating

income
* Those components of an organization's budget that are not directed toward programs in New York State
* Competitions or contests
* Out-of-state travel expenses
* Hospitality or entertainment costs for receptions, performance or museum openings, or fundraising benefits

Estimated Size of Grant:
Minimum: $2,500; up to 50% of projects budget and no more than 25% of any organization's budget in the case of requests for General Operating Support or General Program Support.

Term of Contract:
1 year; Some grants are renewable annually, up to a maximum of three years, subject to approval of the Council.

Eligibility:
Agency of the county or other local government
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
Nonprofit incorporated in New York State
Indian tribes
Individuals and unincorporated groups may only apply through an eligible nonprofit organization as fiscal sponsor
Applicants must:
* Have a Federal Employee Identification Number
* Register with the Charities Registration Bureau at the NYS Attorney General's Office www.charitiesnys.com. Educational and religious institutions may be exempt from this requirement.

Some disciplines and some funding categories have additional eligibility requirements. Please read the application guidelines carefully and speak with staff before you begin the application process.

Ineligible:
Public colleges and universities. Applicants with close public college or university affiliations will be examined on a case-by-case basis to determine eligibility. Applicants must demonstrate a purpose that is broader than the exclusive support of a public college or university or any component, and whether the applicant supports an institution related to, but is not a full component of, a public college or university.

Pre-Application Information:
Each NYSCA grant request has two deadlines: a registration deadline and an application deadline.

To apply for NYSCA funding, all organizations are required to complete an Organization Info Form, Organization Budget Form, and a Cultural Data Project Funder Report. Organizations are strongly urged to complete these forms well in advance of registration and application.

New applicants should:
1. Set up an organizational profile immediately. If this has not been done yet, go to www.nysca.org and click on “First Time Users Start Here!” to set up an on-line account and receive a

username/password.
2. Consult with the Council's Program Staff in preparation for registration and grant submission. Staff consultation will assist organizations in determining eligibility and choosing the correct program and category for grant requests.

Before registration opens, new applicants can update their NYSCA organizational profile, and complete the reports for the Cultural Data Project at www.nysculturaldata.org. NYSCA encourages new and returning applicants to begin working on the Cultural Data Project reports as soon as possible. A lot of time will be needed to accurately and completely compile the required financial and programming information.

Additional information can be found here: http://www.nysca.org/public/email/2012-03-26_To_Applicants.html

Frequently asked questions: http://www.nysca.org/public/grants/faq.htm

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
New York State Council on the Arts
175 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014-4604
General Information (212) 627-4455
Fax (212) 620-5911
Email: info@nysca.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New York

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education Faith Based Other Secondary Education Special Education Technology Veterans Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth

52. KeyBank Foundation

Funding Source:
KeyBank Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants are available to USA non-profit organizations for programming that increases an understanding of how economics work with an emphasis upon creating an economically sound

population in the following states: Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, and Washington.

Awards are also given to programs that enhance people's exposure to job opportunities as well as to programs that encourage the development of small businesses. The Foundation also seeks to provide employment opportunities for the disabled.

Priority will be given to the following:
- Programs that educate and prepare people to access and manage financial resources effectively
- Programs that foster savings and investments for low and moderate income people
- Career exploration, training, and placement programs
- Programs that encourage the growth and development of small businesses
- Vocational training and job placement for people with disabilities
- School-to-work readiness programs for underrepresented college students

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
800-KEY2YOU (539-2968)

key_foundation@keybank.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
GrantProposal.pdf

Geographic Focus:
New York

Categories:
Disabilities Economic Development Higher Education

53. Bristol-Myers Squibb Community Grants

Funding Source:
Bristol-Myers Squibb [communities where Bristol-Myers Squibb employees live and work]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Grants to USA non-profit organizations, including hospitals, government institutions, and schools in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Indiana, New York, California, Washington, and Connecticut that are working on developing and delivering innovative medicines that help patients prevail over serious diseases. The main areas of interest for these grants are:

* Addressing unmet medical needs.
* Reducing health disparities.
* Eliminating barriers to treatment, especially for patients with chronic diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS.
* Improving the quality of science and technology education in local schools.
* Providing essential services to people in need through civic and community programs.

Please note that Bristol-Myers Squibb prefers to support programs that will have a direct impact on local communities rather than fundraising galas and other requests for general assistance.

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
Bristol-Myers Squibb's Community Grants Program accepts applications online from IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that serve the communities where Bristol-Myers Squibb employees live and work. Tax-exempt organizations, including hospitals, government institutions, and schools within the service area may also apply.

Bristol-Myers Squibb accepts community grant requests from organizations located near these locations in the continental United States:
Devens, Massachusetts
Hopewell, New Jersey
Mount Vernon, Indiana
New Brunswick, New Jersey
New York, New York
Plainsboro, New Jersey
Princeton, New Jersey
Redwood City, California
San Diego, California
Seattle, Washington
Syracuse, New York
Wallingford, Connecticut
Waltham, Massachusetts
West Windsor, New Jersey

NOT ELIGIBLE:
* Capital campaigns
* Direct scholarships or grants to individuals
* Wish-granting campaigns
* Salaries for health care providers or administrative staff
* Organizations that are not tax-exempt
* Endowments
* Political, lobbying, fraternal or social organizations
* Religious organizations whose activities are primarily sectarian in purpose
* Non-profit organizations that discriminate on the basis or race, gender, creed, culture, age, national

origin, physical disability, sexual orientation, or status as a military veteran
* Loans or "life line" support for general operating expenses

Pre-Application Information:
Grant requests are accepted year-round; however, you are strongly advised to submit an application at least 12 weeks in advance of the date of required funding. Funding decisions are announced by letter to recipient organizations.

Click here to apply online:
https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_492/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35113&RL=

For technical support in the application submission process, you may reach a grant administrator from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET at 800-831-9008, selecting option one when prompted.

For FAQs, click here:
http://www.bms.com/responsibility/building_our_communities/apply_for_community_grants/Pages/faqs.aspx.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
For general questions, please contact Frederick Egenolf, Director, Corporate Communications and Community Affairs, at frederick.egenolf@bms.com.

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
California Connecticut Indiana Massachusetts New Jersey New York Washington

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education Health and Medical Other Science Secondary Education Technology Youth/Out-of-School Youth

54. Charles Lafitte Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Charles Lafitte Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to USA non-profit organizations that provide high-quality, innovative, and effective programs focusing on one of the following: children's advocacy, education, medical research and health

initiatives, and the arts. The Foundation prefers underwriting specific projects with distinct goals, and targets grants that will have a notable impact and make a material difference.

In addition, the Charles Lafitte Foundation:
* Promotes inclusiveness and diversity, and likes projects that remove barriers to full economic and/or social participation in society.
* Engages with its beneficiaries and requires follow-up reports and impact statements.
* Reviews financials carefully and prefers organizational overhead costs to account for less than 15% of annual expenses.
* Looks to empower organizations to achieve long term stability.
* Believes in a commonsense, business-like approach to addressing human problems.

Estimated Size of Grant:
Past grants have ranged from $5,000 to over $700,000.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Please Note: The Foundation does not usually support political organizations or religious-based programs.

Pre-Application Information:
The Charles Lafitte Foundation is unable to respond to unsolicited requests. Please complete the initial application and CLF will let you know if additional information is needed. No full application or request can be considered before an initial application is complete.

First Time Users
Begin the application process by clicking here:
https://www.foundationconnect.org/GrantsManager/pages/EligibilityQuiz.aspx?OrgID=00DA0000000CS3R&QuizID=a0LA0000006Rp0i.

Please note that you must complete the eligibility quiz, profile, and application name (via the above link) for your information to be retained. You may return later to edit the application only if the above is complete and saved.

Returning Users
Log in by clicking here:
https://www.foundationconnect.org/GrantsManager/pages/Login/Login.aspx?OrgID=00DA0000000CS3R.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Jennifer Vertetis
President and Executive Director
jennifer@charleslafitte.org

Foundation Mailing Address:
The Charles Lafitte Foundation

818 Linden Lane
Brielle, NJ 08730

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New York

Categories:
Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education

Health and Medical Higher Education Homeless Housing Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Research & Evaluation Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Youth/Out-of-School Youth

55. RGK Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
RGK Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants averaging about $25,000 each to USA non-profits, hospitals, educational institutions and governmental institutions that provide innovative and high-quality programs that address the broad areas of education, community and health/medicine. The Foundation's primary interests within each of these categories are as follows:

(1) Education programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy and higher education.

(2) Community: The Foundation supports a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention and youth development programs. Human service programs of particular interest to the Foundation include children and family services, early childhood development and parenting education. The Foundation supports a variety of Community Improvement programs including those that enhance non-profit management and promote philanthropy and voluntarism.

Youth development programs supported by the Foundation typically include after-school educational enrichment programs that supplement and enhance formal education systems to increase the chances for successful outcomes in school and life. The Foundation is also interested in programs that attract female and minority students into the fields of mathematics, science and technology.

(3) The Foundation's current interests in the area of Health/Medicine include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services and Foundation-initiated programs focusing on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Estimated Size of Grant:
The average Foundation grant is $25,000.

Term of Contract:
Most grants are awarded for a one-year period. Multiyear grants are rare.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Grants are made only to non-profit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply.

Organizations that have completed and filed Form 1023 but not yet received an IRS determination letter are not eligible to apply.

The Foundation does not make grants or loans to individuals.

As a general practice, RGK Foundation refrains from funding:
* Annual funds, galas, or other special-event fundraising activities
* Capital campaigns/renovation projects
* Debt reduction
* Emergency or disaster relief efforts
* Dissertations or student research projects
* Indirect/administrative costs
* Sectarian religious activities, political lobbying or legislative activities
* Institutions that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation in policy or in practice
* Loans, scholarships, fellowships, or grants to individuals
* Unsolicited requests for international organizations or programs
* Unsolicited requests for ALS research projects

Although there are no geographic restrictions to the Foundation's grantmaking program, the Foundation no longer accepts unsolicited requests for international agencies or programs. While the Foundation occasionally awards grants for operating expenses, capital campaigns, endowments, and international projects, such grants are infrequent and usually initiated by the Foundation.

Please note: organizations may submit one electronic Letter of Inquiry within a twelve-month period.

Pre-proposal Conference:
Grant Guidelines
http://rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines
History of Foundation
http://rgkfoundation.org/

Pre-Application Information:
RGK Foundation no longer accepts unsolicited grant proposals. All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the Web site as the first step.

RGK Foundation will entertain one electronic Letter of Inquiry (LOI) per organization in a twelve-month period. Organizations that submit unsolicited proposals will receive notification directing them to submit an electronic Letter of Inquiry via the website. After reading the complete application guidelines, you may click on this link to begin: http://www.rgkfoundation.org/loi

There is no deadline for submitting an electronic Letter of Inquiry. Foundation staff reviews electronic Letters of Inquiry on an ongoing basis and typically responds within two days, although the Foundation asks that you allow up to two weeks for a response. The Foundation will send an email message either declining your request or inviting you to submit a formal application packet for further consideration. If you are invited to submit an application packet, your message will include detailed instructions on how to apply. Please allow up to four months for proposals to be reviewed by staff. In some cases, a phone conference or site visit may be scheduled as part of the review process.

The Grants Committee typically meets four times each year to consider requests over $100,000 that have been recommended by staff for review. You will be notified if your proposal will be considered at one of the Grants Committee meetings or will take longer than four months to review.

Grants Committee Meeting Dates for 2013:

June 14, 2013
September 20, 2013

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

Jami Hampton, RGK Foundation
Phone: (512)474-9298
Fax: (512)474-6389
Email: jhampton@rgkfdn.org

1301 W. 25th St.
Suite 300
Austin, TX 78705-4236

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:

New York

Categories:

Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Higher Education Literacy Other Preschool Preservation Science Secondary Education Domestic Violence Substance Abuse Technology Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth Non-Profit Support Services

56. Quality of Life Grants Program

Overview
The Reeve Foundation awards Quality of Life grants up to $25,000 to nonprofit organizations that provide services to individuals with paralysis.

Quality of Life grants, conceived by the late Dana Reeve, are awarded to programs or projects that improve the daily lives of people with paralysis, with some emphasis on but not limited to paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries. She started the Quality of Life grants program to recognize and support organizations that help disabled individuals, their families and caregivers in ways that increase independence, day-to-day happiness, and access.

Funding is awarded twice yearly to nonprofit organizations that provide critical life-enhancing and life-changing programs and services that improve physical and emotional health. Funded projects offer a diversity of services and approaches: improving access; providing education and job training; sponsoring organized sporting opportunities; and more to individuals living with paralysis and their communities.

Quality of Life grants are funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Award #1U59DD000383-1).These grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations that address that needs of people living with paralysis caused by spinal cord and other injuries, diseases and birth conditions, including (but not limited to) stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral scleroses (ALS).

The Reeve Foundation gives special consideration to organizations that serve returning wounded military and their families, and to those that provide targeted services to diverse cultural communities.

Since 1999, the Reeve Foundation has provided 2,205 grants totaling $16.6 million to organizations worldwide that help improve opportunities, access and quality of life for individuals living with paralysis, their families and their communities. This program recognizes the unique and numerous needs of these individuals and the importance of providing services and programs that enable them to participate in all areas of life.

Who Should Apply?
The Reeve Foundation supports, through Quality of Life grants, nonprofit organizations that serve individuals with physical disabilities, particularly paralysis, and their families. The Foundation aids larger organizations in representing and protecting the individuals with physical disabilities on a national level as well as local groups in having an immediate and practical impact on individual lives.

The Reeve Foundation cannot award grants to individuals, but the Information Specialist Team at the Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) can help individuals identify resources that can provide financial assistance. Please call the PRC (800-539-7309) and request to speak with an Information Specialist.

Quality of Life grants are most often awarded to nonprofit organizations that have IRS 501(c)(3) status, but may also be awarded to community parks, schools, veterans hospitals, tribal entities, etc. Quality of Life grants are awarded to projects and programs within the United States of America. Reeve Foundation does not award funding outside of the United States of America.

For application information and guidelines, click here.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

Application Process and Requirements

There are two opportunities per year to apply for a Quality of Life grant. Applications are submitted online and reviewed in two periods, called Cycles, as listed below.

Program Timeline

- 1st Cycle online application submission period opens January 2
- 1st Cycle application submission deadline on about March 1
- 1st Cycle decisions announced (and checks mailed) in June
- 2nd Cycle online application submission period opens July 1
- 2nd Cycle application submission deadline on or about September 1
- Decisions announced (and checks shipped) January

Please note that deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday are moved to the next occurring week day. (For example, September 1, 2013 falls on Sunday, and September 2, 2013 is Labor Day, so the deadline is September 3, 2013). Applications are accepted up until 11:59 pm of the deadline date.

ALL APPLICANTS PEASE NOTE: When crafting your application, please be mindful of the Program Timeline above to ensure that the proposed project correlates with the program funding schedule.

STEP 1: Please start by reading the Quality of Life guidelines (PDF). Applications that do not adhere to the guidelines will be rejected without review. Further, before beginning the application, applicants are urged to review the documents below that were specially created to help you better understand what we want in the application.

1. People First Language Guide
2. A Quick Guide to Establishing Evaluation Indicators

STEP 2: Download the Quality of Life Grant Application form (doc) to your computer. When working on the application, please re-name the file and save as "Organization Name_City_State" (for example, Reeve_Short Hills_NJ). Detailed project budget instructions are included in the application guidelines, and must be followed. Prior grantees must include the final report on their most recent Reeve Foundation Quality of Life grant at the END of the Grant Application form DOC (final report forms can be downloaded here).

STEP 3: Using the information contained in your completed Quality of Life Grant Application, click here to access the online application and complete the requested information (this part of the application includes some repetitive information that needs to be collected for the grants database). The online application may be completed in multiple sessions. Prior to submitting the online application, you will be required to upload as attachments your completed Quality of Life Grant Application and a copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) Letter of Determination. Attachments may be submitted in Word or PDF format (Word preferred). Once you have started and saved online application, please access your saved application here. Should you have any questions, concerns or technical difficulties, pleases contact the Quality of Life department as soon as possible QoL@ChristopherReeve.org, dvalente@ChristopherReeve.org, rsultzbaugh@ChristopherReeve.org or call

57. Data for Communities Grants

Funding Source:
Captricity [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:

Grants in the form of in-kind services to USA non-profit organizations, public schools, and local governments offering projects or programs in the areas of education, environment, health, social services, open data, and open government, that would benefit significantly, and in a definable way, from access to digitized data. This program offers up to 10,000 pages of digitization to organizations positioned to use structured, digital data to serve local and global needs.

Estimated Size of Grant:

Up to 10,000 pages of digitization.

Eligibility:

See RFP for full eligibility
To be eligible:
* Organizations must be classified as a 501(c)(3), be under the fiscal sponsorship of a 501(c)(3), or be a program of a 501(c)(3), or be a public school or local government.
* Organizations must have a mission that supports one of the following areas:
- Education — Strengthening the public education (pre-K and K-12) system or enhancing the educational success of students.
- Environment — Preserving and restoring the environment or caring for animal welfare.
- Health and Social Services — Improving people's physical or emotional health and/or providing social services to those who have been unable to participate fully in the social and economic life of the community.
- Open Data – Be working to provide access to knowledge, insight, and information through open data platforms or programs.
- Open Government – Programs and projects that improve the way that citizens and government interact.

Pre-Application Information:

Organizations are encouraged to apply at any time, and Captricity will respond to your grant request within 30 days.

Apply online at: http://captricity.com/dfc/application/.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Kuang Chen
Email: kuang@captricity.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:

New Jersey New York

Categories:

Children Community Service Coordination Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Literacy Mental Health Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Special Education Technology Youth/Out-of-School Youth Non-Profit Support Services

58. Calvert Foundation Loans

Funding Source:
Calvert Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Large loans to established USA community development organizations and social enterprises, including CDFIs, loan funds, microfinance institutions, and affordable housing developers. Through these investments, the Foundation intends to provide loan capital and pre-development funding to qualifying organizations to help them continue providing quality services.

Applicants should note that the Calvert Foundation is not a grant-making institution, and is unable to consider grant requests.

Estimated Size of Grant:
Principal Loan: $1-5 million. Loans are limited to 10% of applicant's total assets.

Term of Contract:
Typically one to five years.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Loan candidates should meet the following criteria:
* Three years of operating experience. Calvert Foundation does not typically lend to start-up organizations.
* A solid base of net assets or net worth with minimum total assets of $5 million. Loan candidates should have sufficient equity available to cover their desired loan several times over.
* Evidence of good operating performance. Loan candidates should demonstrate a minimum level of self-sufficiency by posting positive net income for the past two fiscal years. Self-sufficiency is defined as the percentage of on-going operating expenses supported by earned income.
* Audited financial statements. Loan candidates should be able to provide audited financial statements with notes for the past three years of operation.
* Debt capital. Loan candidates should have a track record of raising and repaying debt capital.
* Strong and seasoned management. Calvert Foundation works with organizations that demonstrate continuity at the management level, typically with a CEO in place for at least 12+ months.

Pre-Application Information:

Application Process

* Initial Request: Requests for funding are considered throughout the year, though Calvert Foundation's Investment Committee makes investment decisions quarterly.

* Approval to Proceed with Underwriting the Request: Staff will review all requests and make a decision as to whether to move forward with the underwriting process or to decline the request.

* Complete Application Requested and Underwriting Process: When a request is approved for further review, Calvert Foundation contacts the applicant regarding timing and next steps in the review process. The underwriting process is rigorous and requires an in-depth look at the applicant's organization. Review is timed to coincide with the applicant's receipt of an audited financial statement.

* Investment Committee Review and Decision: Final decisions are made by the Investment Committee or staff, depending on the size and risk of the transaction.

Click here to submit an initial application request: http://www.calvertfoundation.org/lending/apply.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
7315 Wisconsin Avenue
Suite 1000W
Bethesda, MD 20814

info@calvertfoundation.org
(phone) 800-248-0337
(fax) 301-280-6060

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New Jersey New York

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Economic Development Financial Assistance Housing Other

59. Toyota Motor North America, Inc. - New York, New York & Washington D.C. Grants

Funding Source:
Toyota Motor North America, Inc. - New York, New York & Washington D.C. [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to USA non-profit organizations providing high-quality programs/projects that are national in scope and address the areas of environment, safety, and education. Grants are also available to New York City area non-profits providing local, community-based programs that are focused on these three major areas, as well as other areas, including arts and culture, civic and community, health and human services, and leadership development.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
- Toyota does not make grants for publications, lobbying activities, advertising, capital campaigns, or endowments.

- Individuals are ineligible to apply.

- Toyota will not make grants to the following types of organizations:
* Those not recognized as 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service
* Those that practice discrimination by race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin
* Those that serve only their own memberships, such as fraternal organizations, labor organizations, or religious groups
* Political parties or candidates

Pre-Application Information:
Click here to access the online application:
http://www.toyota.com/tma/about/community/orgForm.do?tma.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Phone: 800-331-4331
Fax: 310-468-7814
Click here to send an email: http://www.toyota.com/support/#!/app/ask

Mailing Address:
Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
19001 South Western Ave.
Dept. WC11
Torrance, CA 90501

Mail-in applications are no longer being accepted.

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New Jersey New York

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Higher Education Literacy Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Special Education Transportation Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth

60. OceanFirst Foundation Grant

Funding Source:
Ocean First Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Provides major grants in four core priority areas: Health and Wellness, Housing, Improving Quality of Life and Youth Development and Education. In addition, grants are made to support emerging community needs and special initiatives consistent with the priorities of the Foundation.

Health & Wellness: supports nonprofit medical facilities and related services that provide essential care. OceanFirst Foundation also supports programs and projects that improve access to services, especially for vulnerable populations and the underserved.

Housing: supports programs that help create affordable housing, meet the housing needs of special populations including the disabled and provides support to emergency shelters that assist youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned and families affected by domestic violence. The Foundation also provides transitional housing and support services that prevent homelessness and increase self-sufficiency.

Improving Quality of Life: supports programs that meet the basic needs of families and individuals including food banks, senior services and behavioral health counseling; arts and cultural programs including live theater, music, and museums; as well as programs that preserve and protect our coastal environment.

Youth Development & Education: supports programs that enrich and improve life options for young people including those that provide education, work skills development, and mentoring; those that provide safe, affordable, supportive places to grow and learn; and programs that improve the health and well being of children.

Estimated Total Program Funding:
$1,200,000

Estimated Size of Grant:
$5,000 + for Major Grants

Eligibility:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Organizations must demonstrate a significant impact within the OceanFirst Bank Market Area.
http://www.oceanfirstfdn.org/pdfs/BankBranchLocations.pdf

Pre-Application Information:
The foundation provides support to organizations that can demonstrate a significant level of service within the OceanFirst market area. Organizations submitting applications should first check the OceanFirst Bank to view a list of bank locations to see if the organization falls within the market area. http://www.oceanfirstfdn.org/pdfs/BankBranchLocations.pdf

If a nonprofit organization is interested in applying for a Major Grant from OceanFirst Foundation, there are three simple steps to follow:
1. Call the Foundation office at (732) 341-4676 to discuss the program or project. Applicant will be advised whether the request fits within foundation guidelines. If the Foundation is interested in considering a full proposal, applicant will be provided with a password to access an online application.

2. Complete and submit the online application.

3. Mail the required supporting documents to the Foundation office. The applicant will be contacted by a Foundation representative if additional information is required.

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Ocean First Foundation
1415 Hooper Ave.
Suite 304
Toms River, NJ 08753
P: 732.341.4676
F: 732.473.9641
E: info@oceanfirstfdn.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New Jersey

Categories:
Arts and Culture Community Service Coordination Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Financial Assistance Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Homeless Housing Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

61. Human Services: Advancing the Effectiveness and Resilience of Multiservice Organizations

Funding Source:
The Kresge Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to non-profit and government organizations that provide a wide range of human services for United States residents. The purpose of these grants is to provide financial assistance to improve the organizational effectiveness of multi-service organizations that provide much needed services for poverty-stricken individuals and families.

The Kresge Foundation intends to accomplish this by investing in:
* Improving programs – For example, the design and implementation of tools that promote comprehensive service delivery or collective engagement in advocating policy reform.
* Enhancing infrastructure – Such as support for information technologies that improve access to knowledge and tools for effectiveness; performance assessment that facilitates learning, ongoing improvement and results; or added communications capacity to inform public attitudes and support.
* Bolstering people – Including the development of management and leadership skills that nurture and reward talent.

In addition, the Foundation invests in applied research projects that:
* Elevate the study of organizational effectiveness, resilience and sustainability for direct human-service organizations that serve low-income populations.
* Promote the study of strategic alliances on the resilience of direct human service organizations.
* Identify promising or best practices and models for co-located or integrated services.
* Explore broader systematic context, large-scale, or public programming.
* Inform public policy or catalyze public dialogue.

Term of Contract:
Some grants are awarded for a single year, others are for multiple years.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
* U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations with audited financial statements that are not classified as private foundations. Audits must be independently prepared following Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) or Government Auditing Standards (GAS). Financial statements prepared on a cash, modified cash, compilation, or review basis do not qualify.
* Government entities.

Priority for funding will be given to:

1. Direct-service organizations that:

* Employ an explicit multiservice, integrated approach to meet client needs and draw on promising practices known to help people move out of poverty.
* Have a record of working on systems and policy change and have documented program success in moving people out of poverty.
* Do work with the potential to inform national policy and/or practice.
* Are financially sound and have robust systems and controls for financial management in place.
* Have a formal, collaborative approach to working with other agencies.
* Are at a critical phase of growth (for example, annual budget of $1 million to $10 million).
* Can clearly articulate the rationale for their proposed interventions and outcomes their proposed activity would advance.
* Have leadership and personnel that are representative of the communities they serve.

2. Applied research projects and activities that:
* Are supported by a network of researchers, nonprofit organizations and engaged community members.
* Engage in applied social science research, including social policy on poverty and the effectiveness of anti-poverty human services organizations and networks.
* Involve researchers and organizations with track records of translating research into promising practices, promoting policy solutions and developing technical assistance tools (such as publications, curricula, training).
* Pursue applied research that attends to the broad systematic context, shapes large-scale or public programming, informs public policy, or stimulates public dialogue.

The following may not apply:
* Individuals.
* Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, citizenship status, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
* Organizations that require membership in certain religions or advance a particular religious faith. (Faith-based organizations may be eligible if they welcome and serve all members of the community regardless of religious belief.)
* Programs operated to benefit for-profit organizations.

Pre-Application Information:

The Foundation has a two-step application process that begins with an inquiry, submitted via an online application system.

Begin Part One online at: http://www.kresge.org/programs/education/apply-online-part-1. Applicants will first be required to fill out the preliminary application, which contains a data-entry component and several attachments, including a narrative.

Part two: If the activity the applicant describes fits one or more of the Foundation's strategic priorities, the Foundation will then request additional information. This will constitute Part 2 of the application process.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Phone: 248-643-9630
Email via the website at: http://www.kresge.org/contact-us/email-us

The Foundation asks that you either email OR call; but please avoid doing both.

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
New Jersey New York

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Economic Development Financial Assistance Health and Medical Homeless Housing Literacy Nutrition Other Substance Abuse Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

62. Taproot Foundation Offers Pro Bono Professional Services to Nonprofit Organizations

The Taproot Foundation offers pro bono professional marketing, human resources, information technology, and strategy management services to nonprofit organizations working within one of its program areas.

With a minimum value of $45,000, each Service Grant is delivered pro bono by a team of five to six business professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to nonprofit organizations in San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, or Washington, D.C.

To be eligible, applicants must be classified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service or be a public school, and work within one of the foundation's program areas, including the arts, education, environment, health, and social services. In addition, eligible organizations must have at least three full-time employees and an annual budget of $350,000 or more.

Each year, the foundation accepts applications on a quarterly basis (March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1).

WHY APPLY?

- Get tangible tools that help you deliver better programs, get more funding, and develop a high-performance organization.
- Receive professional services valued at $45,000 or more for each project—for free.
- Concentrate your limited time and resources on the content of the project, while we recruit, screen, and manage the pro bono team.

GET STARTED!

- Review our grant-making process and grant criteria.
- Walk through the stages of a typical project.
- Learn more about the grants we offer.

- Read about completed projects.
- Apply online for the grant that best meets your needs.

Visit the Taproot Foundation's Web site for complete program guidelines and application instructions.

Link to Complete RFP

SUBJECTS: PHILANTHROPY AND VOLUNTARISM
ORGANIZATION: TAPROOT FOUNDATION
GEOGRAPHIC FUNDING AREA: CALIFORNIA; ILLINOIS; NEW YORK; WASHINGTON, D.C.

63. Awesome Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
The Awesome Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants of $1,000 to organizations and individuals in various international countries who develop creative and innovative ideas for making the world a better place. Projects can include efforts in a wide range of areas including technology, arts, social good, and beyond. The Foundation provides these grants with no strings attached and claims no ownership over the projects it supports. It is, in the words of one of the Foundation's trustees, "a micro-genius grant for flashes of micro-brilliance."

Estimated Size of Grant:
$1,000

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Individuals with awesome ideas are eligible to apply as long as they are located in one of the Awesome Foundation's chapters.

Pre-Application Information:
Apply online at: http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/submissions/new

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Email: contact@awesomefoundation.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:

California Colorado Connecticut Florida Hawaii Illinois Louisiana Maryland Massachusetts Michigan New York Ohio Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island Texas Washington Washington, D.C.

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Health and Medical Higher Education Homeless Housing International Justice & Juvenile Justice Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Domestic Violence Special Education Substance Abuse Technology Transportation Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth Pets/Animal/Wildlife Individual

If you have questions please email Jonathan Vazcones at **jvazcones@mtb.com**

64. Responsive Grants and Organizational Capacity Building Grants

Funding Source:
The Retirement Research Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
05/01/2014 5:00 PM

Description:
Grants to USA non-profit organizations and others that are working to improve the quality of life for the elderly through projects focusing on one of the following four areas: Social change advocacy on issues that affect older Americans; Direct services and support for older adults; Professional education and training to increase the competency of professionals and paraprofessionals who serve older adults; and Research into causes and solutions to significant problems that effect older adults.

The Retirement Research Foundation also provides Organizational Capacity Building (OCB) Grants to support improvements in key management and governance functions within non-profit organizations that serve older persons in the Chicago area.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility

Please Note:
For the Direct Service category, grants are provided to non-profit organizations that are located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, or Florida.

Standard OCB Grants are provided to non-profit organizations that are:
- In operation for at least three years and have annual revenue of at least $75,000.
- Located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, or McHenry Counties in Illinois.

All other categories are open to non-profits in any USA state.

Pre-Application Information:
The Retirement Research Foundation acknowledges the time and effort needed to submit a proposal and invites interested applicants to submit a brief Letter of Inquiry (LOI). This step is optional, but may offer valuable feedback as you prepare a full proposal.

An LOI may be emailed to info@rrf.org as a Word or PDF attachment. To allow enough time for feedback, please submit LOIs at least six weeks prior to the application deadline (May 1).

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Phone: (773) 714-8080
Fax: (773) 714-8089
Email: info@rrf.org

Marcia Kunstler
kunstler@rrf.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington Washington, D.C. West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Community Service Coordination Disabilities Health and Medical Higher Education Justice & Juvenile Justice Mental Health Nutrition Other Research & Evaluation Transportation Workforce Non-Profit Support Services

65. The Laura J. Niles Foundation Grant

Funding Source:
Laura J. Niles Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants of up to $50,000 are available to USA non-profits to help animals (particularly dogs), improve education at all levels, assist disadvantaged and underprivileged individuals, and help people attain economic self-sufficiency. The Foundation seeks to fund programs that address long-term solutions to the causes of problems. In unique circumstances, the Foundation does consider a more significant grant for a program having a major impact in one or more of its areas of interest, which are:

Animals: The Foundation is seeking ways to benefit animals, particularly dogs, and is especially interested in efforts that help animals and people simultaneously. Target areas that include specific medical research, animal adoption, search & rescue, assistance dogs, and similar fields of interest.

Education: Included in this interest area are primary, secondary and higher education, and also special education, literacy and ethics.

Economic Self-Sufficiency: The encouragement and support of entrepreneurialism, mentoring, and job training initiatives, etc.

Disadvantaged Individuals: Interests here include assisting the underprivileged and individuals with disabilities.

Estimated Size of Grant:
Grants may range from a few thousand dollars up to $50,000.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Organizations must be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Generally Not Funded:
-Individuals
-General fundraising drives
-Endowments
-Government agencies
-Organizations that subsist mainly on third party funding and have demonstrated no ability or expended little effort to attract private funding.

The Foundation does not support spay/neuter programs.

Pre-Application Information:
Applications are accepted throughout the year. After evaluating an application, the Board will choose to: decline, approve, defer, request additional information, schedule a site visit, or invite the applicant in for an interview.

Applicants, if declined, may not reapply for at least one year from the date of the application unless the nature or circumstances surrounding the request changes significantly. The subsequent application should describe these changes in full.

Email Ashley C. Garan at AGaran@fcsn.com to receive application form.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
For additional information about applications, funding guidelines or other questions related to the Laura J. Niles Foundation, please contact:

Ashley C. Garan, Legal Assistant
Fogarty Cohen Selby & Nemiroff LLC
1700 East Putnam Avenue, Suite 406
Old Greenwich, Connecticut 06870

Phone: 203-629-7314
Email: AGaran@fcsn.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:

Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington Washington, D.C. West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Disabilities Elementary Education Higher Education Homeless Housing Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Secondary Education Special Education Women Workforce Pets/Animal/Wildlife

66. 2014 One Queens Grant - Request for Proposal

Release Date: February 21, 2014

Deadline for Submission: April 25, 2014

Background

The Queens Fellowship is a 10-month professional development and networking program for non-profit, faith, government and community leaders serving Queens. The Queens Fellowship is dedicated to

advancing Queens' diverse leaders and empowering them to become change agents to strengthen the borough. Through their shared experiences and participation in The Queens Fellowship, Fellows come to understand that through building, broadening, and strengthening ethnic, cultural, and religious ties in Queens, there is far more that unites us than divides us. Ultimately, the program enables the Fellows to come together to become more skilled leaders, discover how they can share resources, manage dynamic tensions, and collaborate on solving problems in Queens; thereby making them more effective advocates for their communities and for the borough as a whole. ***The One Queens Grant*** is coordinated by the Grant Making committee of The Queens Fellowship.

Purpose

The ***2014 One Queens Grant*** aims to promote the values of the fellowship by awarding grants up to $1,000 to support a Queens-based organization(s) that will empower youth in the areas of employment, community building service projects or health.

Eligible Applicants

- Queens-based non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status or organizations fiscally sponsored by a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.
- Organizations headquartered in Queens (or with a satellite office located in Queens) in operation or existence in the borough for at least one year.
- Organizations or programs with an annual operating budget of less than or approximately $250,000.
- Organizations not affiliated with a current participant in The Queens Fellowship.

Guidelines for Eligible Projects

Consideration will be given to projects and programs that:

- Demonstrate an efficient use of the funds for measurable impact and sustainable outcomes.
- Provide detailed marketing strategy to publicize the program in Queens.
- Foster collaboration between various neighborhoods throughout the borough
    - Collaborations can include other non-profits with 501(c)(3) status, private businesses, government agencies, faith-based or other community organizations.
- Will be implemented within 6 months upon acceptance of the One Queens grant.

Deliverables

- Written evaluation/report within 6 months of project implementation.
- Present outcomes and measurable impact to The Queens Fellowship 2014/2015 Cohort.

Mail: The Queens Fellowship
c/o Jewish Community Relations Council of New York
225 West 34th Street, Suite 1607
New York, NY 10122

Email: thequeensfellowship@gmail.com
Fax: (212) 983-4084

Twitter: https://twitter.com/EmpowerQueens
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OneQueens

Completed applications from eligible candidates must be received by 5pm on April 25, 2014.
Applications may be submitted by email, mail, or fax or completed online.
The application can be accessed online at: www.onequeens.org/grant/

67. Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Large multi-year grants to dedicated USA social entrepreneurs who are seeking funds to build strong and capable non-profit organizations. These unrestricted grants are intended to help start-up organizations to plan properly, hire well, and focus on their missions. The Foundation believes that if a leader can build a strong organization from the beginning, the organization has a much better chance at scaled and sustainable impact.

To that end, The Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation provides $300,000 in startup funding, paid over 3 years, to organizations that show extraordinary promise.

Estimated Size of Grant:
$300,000

Term of Contract:
Grants will be paid out over three years.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Experienced, dedicated social entrepreneurs with a developed idea for a non-profit organization based in the United States are invited to apply for the Draper Richards Kaplan grant.

The Foundation funds:
* Organizations by providing unrestricted dollars.
* Organizations at the beginning of their development. On average, organizations are 0-3 years old and the entrepreneur is prepared to execute an ambitious plan. Often there is a pilot operating, but not in all cases.

* Organizations based in the United States only.
* Organizations that are national or global in reach and social issue.

NOT ELIGIBLE:
* Local community-based organizations
* Research
* Scholarships
* Think tanks
* Conferences or one-time events
* Organizations planning to influence policy through lobbying
* Programs promoting religious doctrine

Pre-Application Information:

Click here for detailed proposals submission process information: http://www.drkfoundation.org/proposal-selection-process.html.

Click here for instructions on how to submit the proposal: http://www.drkfoundation.org/submit-a-proposal.html.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

California:
Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation
1600 El Camino Real
Suite 155
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Tel: 650-319-7808
Fax: 650-323-4060

Massachusetts
Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation
535 Boylston Street
7th Floor
Boston, MA 02116

Tel: 617-830-7122
Email: info@draperrichards.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):

See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:

New Jersey New York

Categories:

Aging/Seniors Arts and Culture Children Community Service Coordination Conflict Resolution Disabilities Economic Development Elementary Education Environment Financial Assistance

Health and Medical Higher Education HIV/AIDS Homeless Housing Justice & Juvenile Justic e Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Preservation Secondary Education Do mestic Violence Special Education Sports Substance Abuse Technology Transportation Wom en Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth Pets/Animal/Wildlife Individual

68. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Program Grants

Funding Source:
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants are available to non-profits in USA and Israel to assist poor and at-risk populations, and for activities that benefit these individuals in their communities. Awards will be made to support programs and organizations in the areas of seniors, workforce development, health and human services, disabilities, education, children, youth and families, general community loans, and grants for Maryland non-profits.

Certain restrictions apply to applicants from outside of the Maryland and Northeast Pennsylvania geographic focus. Program grants to USA applicants are restricted to older adult services and workforce development. Organizations from any USA State may apply for capital funding. Both program and capital grants to Israel applicants are only available for the areas of adult services, workforce development, disabilities, and education (only within the scope of children or youth-at-risk).

Term of Contract:
After one year, the grantee will submit an annual evaluation report.

Eligibility:
See RFP for full eligibility
Applicants must submit evidence of tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a governmental unit.

The Foundation does not fund:
-Individuals
-Debt reduction
-Annual appeals and fundraising events (in most cases)
-Endowments (in most cases)
-Publications
-Arts and culture
-Colleges and universities
-Political action groups

-Academic or health research
-Scholarships for higher education
-Think tanks

Pre-Application Information:

The Foundation accepts Letters of Inquiry (LOI) on a rolling basis and reviews them weekly. Non-profits may submit a LOI when they are ready to do so without any restrictive Foundation deadlines. The Foundation will confirm receipt of each LOI within 30 days. Then, within another 30 days, the grant applicant will receive notification either that the LOI was declined or that the applicant is invited to submit a full grant proposal.

E-mailed LOIs need to follow the suggested format and include two electronic signatures. If you cannot provide this in a Word document, you may scan the signatures and send as a PDF or fax the LOI. LOI's may be emailed to grantsintake@hjweinberg.org or mailed to the address below.

Note: If you previously submitted a Letter of Inquiry to the Foundation and the request was declined, please do not submit a second Letter of Inquiry for the same project unless there are substantial changes that would make a new submission appropriate.

Full grant proposals are submitted to the Weinberg Foundation by the applicant organizations on a rolling basis, approximately one to two months after being invited to submit a proposal.

The Foundation offers grants in three categories. Applicants should submit full proposals with the appropriate form:

1) General Operating Support. This funds the overall operating costs of an organization. A General Operating Grant is no restricted to a specific program. The Weinberg Foundation makes grants to meet basic needs and promote economic security.

2) Program Support. This is restricted to a specific program within an organization. The Weinberg Foundation makes grants to meet basic needs and promote economic security.

3) Capital Project. This grant supports the purchase, construction, or renovation of a building or the purchase of equipment. The Weinberg Foundation’s Charter sets out four primary requirements that must be followed for capital project grants.

Contact Information:

Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

For questions about the LOI process or the status of your LOI:
Nakia Gary, Gifts Administrator
410-654-8500, ext. 254
ngary@hjweinberg.org

Maryland Location:
Grants Intake Manager
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.
7 Park Center Court
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Fax: 410-654-3943
E-mail: grantsintake@hjweinberg.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
HJW-General-Op-App.pdf
HJW-Program-App1.pdf
Capital-Project-Grant-Application.pdf

Geographic Focus:
New Jersey New York Israel

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Children Community Service Coordination Disabilities Faith Based Financial Assistance Health and Medical Homeless Housing Literacy Mental Health Nutrition Other Preschool Refugee/Immigrant Domestic Violence Technology Veterans Women Workforce Youth/Out-of-School Youth

69. Fifth & Pacific Foundation Grants

Funding Source:
Fifth & Pacific Companies, Inc. Foundation [New York City; Hudson County, NJ; Los Angeles County]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants will be awarded to USA non-profits in New York City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and Los Angeles County, California that assist women, including those affected by domestic violence, to transition from poverty into successful independent living. Funding is intended to support long-term, broad-based solutions to poverty and improved access to economic opportunities for low-income and moderate-income women including multi-dimensional job readiness, adult education, vocational training, career advancement and enterprise development programs.

Preference is usually given to programs and projects that provide direct services.

Estimated Total Program Funding:
$1,400,000

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Organizations must be engaged in work that advances the Foundation's program priorities. Approval

of proposals from outside the Foundation's geographic focus is extremely rare.

The Foundation provides funding to a limited number of national initiatives.

The Foundation will not accept proposals for programs relating to the Arts or the Environment.

Contributions will not be made:
-to political, religious, fraternal, or veterans' organizations;
-to, or on behalf of, individuals, including educational assistance;
-for professional meetings, conferences, or symposia;
-for endowment purposes;
-for courtesy advertising or fundraising events; or
-for sponsorship of events, performances, or exhibits.

Pre-Application Information:
Guidelines can be downloaded at the following webpage:
http://fifthandpacific.com/web/guest/guidelinesfoundation

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Sheila Renovitch, Director
1441 Broadway
New York, NY 10018
212.626.5704

foundation@fnpc.com

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Attached Files:
2013_FNPF_Guidelines_Application_and_Reporting_Instructions.doc.docx

Geographic Focus:
California New Jersey New York

Categories:
Community Service Coordination Economic Development Financial Assistance Higher Education Homeless Mental Health Other Refugee/Immigrant Domestic Violence Women Workforce

70. Responsive Grants and Organizational Capacity Building Grants

Funding Source:
The Retirement Research Foundation [Foundation]

Deadline:
05/01/2014 5:00 PM

Description:
Grants to USA non-profit organizations and others that are working to improve the quality of life for the elderly through projects focusing on one of the following four areas: Social change advocacy on issues that affect older Americans; Direct services and support for older adults; Professional education and training to increase the competency of professionals and paraprofessionals who serve older adults; and Research into causes and solutions to significant problems that effect older adults.

The Retirement Research Foundation also provides Organizational Capacity Building (OCB) Grants to support improvements in key management and governance functions within non-profit organizations that serve older persons in the Chicago area.

Eligibility:
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Please Note:
For the Direct Service category, grants are provided to non-profit organizations that are located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Wisconsin, or Florida.

Standard OCB Grants are provided to non-profit organizations that are:
- In operation for at least three years and have annual revenue of at least $75,000.
- Located in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, or McHenry Counties in Illinois.

All other categories are open to non-profits in any USA state.

Pre-Application Information:
The Retirement Research Foundation acknowledges the time and effort needed to submit a proposal and invites interested applicants to submit a brief Letter of Inquiry (LOI). This step is optional, but may offer valuable feedback as you prepare a full proposal.

An LOI may be emailed to info@rrf.org as a Word or PDF attachment. To allow enough time for feedback, please submit LOIs at least six weeks prior to the application deadline (May 1).

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Phone: (773) 714-8080
Fax: (773) 714-8089
Email: info@rrf.org

Marcia Kunstler
kunstler@rrf.org

URL for Full Text (RFP):
See the full text of this grant

Geographic Focus:
Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington Washington, D.C. West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Community Service Coordination Disabilities Health and Medical Higher Education Justice & Juvenile Justice Mental Health Nutrition Other Research & Evaluation Transportation Workforce Non-Profit Support Services

71. Jewish Funders Network Accepting Applications for Workforce Development Programs

Application Deadline - April 30, 2014

The Jewish Funders Network, in partnership with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, is accepting applications for a matching grant initiative designed to energize the philanthropic community in the area of workforce development.

The Workforce Development Matching Grant initiative will provide support to service providers, primarily in the United States and Israel, focused on career training and advancement. Specifically, this one-to-one matching grant program aims to increase the number of funders, as well as the amount of grant dollars, who are supporting organizations and projects that address unemployment and underemployment in both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

The program will match grants of up to $100,000 for up to three years.

To be eligible, an organization's primary mission must be workforce development. Organizations with a broader mission may receive program or capital support. Funders eligible to apply for matching funds must be members in good standing of the Jewish Funders Network.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, visit the Workforce Development Matching Grant initiative Web site.

Application Link: http://www.workforce-match.org/

72. Drucker Institute Invites Applications for 2014 Award for Nonprofit Innovation

Deadline: July 1, 2014

The Drucker Institute at Claremont Graduate University is accepting applications for the 2014 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation, an annual award that recognizes a nonprofit organization which best demonstrates Peter Drucker's definition of innovation: "change that creates a new dimension of performance."

The award, which includes an unrestricted cash prize of $100,000, recognizes an existing program that has made a difference in the lives of the people it serves and is granted to the nonprofit organization that best demonstrates innovation.

To be eligible, organizations must be considered tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Visit the Drucker Institute Web site for complete program guidelines, application instructions, and information about winners from previous years.

Link: http://www.druckerinstitute.com/project/nonprofit-innovation-award/

Application: http://www.druckerinstitute.com/link/awardapp/

73. The New York Community Trust's

How to Apply

To Whom Do You Make Grants?

We make grants primarily to nonprofit organizations located in the five boroughs of New York City. Our suburban divisions handle grants on **Long Island** and in **Westchester**. Only through our **national environment** and **social work profession** grants programs do we seek proposals from outside the New York metro region. Otherwise grants for programs outside our area are from funds designated for specific charities or have been made at the suggestion of donors and cannot be solicited through this proposal process.

When Can I Apply?

Our board reviews grants five times a year, and grant applications are accepted throughout the year.

However, for 2014, we have adopted a schedule of due dates. If you submit a Proposal Cover Sheet to The Trust by close of business on that date, followed by a full proposal in hard copy by mail postmarked within seven business days, we will inform you of a decision on the proposal by the dates specified below.

- **October 15, 2013** for decision on or before April 30, 2014
- **February 14, 2014** for decision on or before October 30, 2014
- **June 13, 2014** for decision on or before December 31, 2014
- **October 15, 2014** for decision on or before April 30, 2015

If applying in response to one of our **RFP**s, please follow its procedures and timelines.

How Do I Apply?

Applicants should begin by going to our **Grantee Application Hub** where you can read our Guidelines for Grant Applicants and start your application process by completing the Proposal Cover Sheet. Once you have filled out the Cover Sheet and submitted it to The Trust, you need to submit the full proposal within seven days, in hard copy to:

Mary Gentile
The New York Community Trust
909 Third Avenue 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10022

Grantee Application: https://proposals.nycommunitytrust.org/

Application Checklist

1. A cover letter, on your letterhead, signed by your director.
2. A copy of the **Proposal Cover Sheet** that you have submitted online.
3. A proposal (no more than ten pages) that includes:
    - Agency background (mission, major activities, and credentials for carrying out project)
    - Project description: Brief statement of problem to be addressed
    - Goals and objectives
    - Who is served
    - Project activities

- Expected outcome
- Staff (append their resumes)
- Plan for measuring project results
- Project budget (expenses & income)
- For renewal requests, an update on progress made through prior grant

4. Information about your organization
   - Agency operating budget
   - A list of the Board of Directors
   - Latest audited financial statement, or if not available, the Form 990
   - Current annual report (if available)
   - Affirmative action policy
   - *Note: Arts groups may submit cultural data project profiles in lieu of agency's latest audited financial statements and annual report. However, project budgets and current year agency operating budgets are still required.*

We Do Not Fund. . .

We do not make grants to individuals and rarely for endowments, building campaigns, deficit financing, films, general operating support, or religious purposes.

74. The Andrus Family Fund

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Application Deadlines:

In order to be considered for a particular meeting of the trustees, applicants should submit a letter of inquiry at least three months prior to the intended board meeting. In other words, to be considered at the February meeting, you should submit a letter of inquiry no later than November 1; for May, submit by February

Important Information for all AFF Partners and Applicant

Andrus Family Fund's grantmaking practice and strategy. :
http://www.affund.org/docs/images/pdfs/AFF%20Strategic%20Planning%20Letter_June%202013.pdf

Before Applying

Applicants should carefully review materials describing our programs and mission. In particular, applicants should pay special attention to AFF's overarching grantmaking theme of the Transition approach (For more information about the Transition Framework, see www.transitionandsocialchange.org).

Statement of Inclusion

All applicants are required to join AFF in agreeing not to discriminate in any way including, but not limited to, access to program participation or employment against any person or group on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation. If a program is designed for a specific population defined by any of these criteria, this policy shall be subject to appropriate adjustment in consultation with AFF.

Faith-Based Organizations

Faith-based organizations should carefully review the Advisory to Faith-Based Organizations on the "Applying for a Grant" page of this website and be sure to fill out the appropriate section of the grant application.

Proposal

The first step in applying for a grant is to submit an Online AFF Application, which includes an explanation of the project for which funds are sought. The letter should include: a succinct description of the application organization; a brief description of the project and how it accomplishes AFF's program strategies; information about the key participants, including staff members and beneficiaries; and a section on how you envision the Transition framework will be intentionally and consistently incorporated into your work.

AFF makes its best effort to conduct a preliminary review of an applicant's proposal within forty-five days of its receipt. After this initial review, AFF will either decline funding the proposal or the applicant may be asked to submit more information. In some cases, AFF may ask to meet with the applicant organization to further discuss the applicant's plans.

Formal Proposal

If a formal proposal is requested, AFF provides applicants with a detailed list of requirements including: description of the applicant organization, including its background, mission, and relevant experience in the area for which funds are sought; a statement of need for the proposed project; a complete description of the project, including your thoughts on how Bridges' Transition framework will enhance and be incorporated into your work; the plan of operation for carrying out the project; qualifications and experience of principal staff members involved; the amount of funds requested from AFF; the duration of the project; measuring success; an itemized project budget; plan for sustaining the project post-AFF; and a list of board members, advisors, and affiliates of the organization. Applicants are also required to attach copies of the organization's tax exemption notice and classification from the IRS, and most recent financial statements.

AFF notifies applicants of its decision on the formal proposal within ninety days of receipt of all materials.

Transition Coaching

While the willingness to intentionally and consistently pay attention to Transition throughout your project is a condition to being considered for funding by us, we recognize the challenges inherent in taking advantage of this theory to enhance your practice. In order to help grantees face this challenge, each is assigned a Transition coach - an experienced consultant who has been trained extensively in managing Transition - who provides Transition training and Transition-related program development assistance to project staff, stakeholders and beneficiaries. The costs for this consultation will be added to a successful applicant's grant budget

75. Cigna Foundation World of Difference Grants

The Cigna approach to service is built on interactions with people as individuals—on listening to them; on finding out what makes them unique; and then on working with them to discover the path to health that best suits those personal strengths.

Now the Cigna Foundation—through its World of Difference Grants program—is looking for nonprofit organizations who share this approach, to closely collaborate on projects that address four health focus areas. Pilot grants of $75,000-$125,000 will cover the initial year of this collaboration. After that pilot period, projects that meet established objectives may be offered either development or program grants at appropriate funding levels.

Program Requirements

- A pilot (or early stage) multi-year project that directly serves the needs of individuals in the health focus area under consideration
- A focus on a specific health challenge or related group of challenges being faced by those individuals
- An innovative approach that stresses the importance of engaging the individuals being served in meeting the health challenges related to project objectives
- Opportunities for volunteer involvement by the Cigna team
- Potential to expand to additional geographic areas (special consideration will be given to projects that provide or have the potential to provide services globally)
- A fiscally-sound development plan with strong emphasis on metrics, analysis and reporting

Please note: the success of the Cigna Foundation World of Difference Grants depends on your cooperation. We ask that you thoroughly review the information in our Grant FAQs and this Guidelines section—and that you only submit applications relevant to the topic areas outlined in the Guidelines Health Focus Area section. We cannot guarantee that any application falling outside those basic guidelines will be acknowledged. Thank you!

All organizations requesting funding must be current 501(c)(3) public charities.

Organizations seeking funding from the Cigna Foundation should follow these procedures:

1. Become thoroughly familiar with the contributions program of Cigna and the Cigna Foundation. Relevant information is available in the About Us/Community section of www.cigna.com.
2. For first-time users: click here to register online.
3. Once successfully registered and before going on to complete the application process, fully review the steps required to apply for a World of Difference Grant, which call for a large amount of detailed information.
4. Fully complete and submit the application form. (You may save incomplete applications and return to them as many times as you wish before submitting a final application.)
5. Be patient! While we strive to respond to all applications within four weeks of submission, response times vary and could be considerably longer than our four-week target. Unless we require further information, we will not contact you between the time we receive your application and our final response.

Please understand that the grants program of the Cigna Foundation is highly selective and grant opportunities are limited. While we are always interested in learning about creative new programs that positively impact the health of individuals and families and the well-being of our communities, we can only support a few such projects in any year. Potential grantees should keep this limitation in mind before proceeding to apply for a Cigna Foundation grant.

III – Government Grants

1. City Council Discretionary Funding

Funding Source:
New York City Council [State]

Deadline:
Ongoing

Description:
Grants to fund programs or projects benefiting the residents of New York City. It is strongly recommended to submit the prequalification application by March 31st. Programs should be city-wide and may include: initiatives that meet the local needs of an applicant's community, services for seniors or youth, or agency programs that benefit underserved communities or populations.

Eligibility:
Community-based Organizations; CBO(s)
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
See RFP for full eligibility
Social service providers are also eligible to apply.

Pre-Application Information:
All organizations that wish to receive discretionary funding must submit a Council organization qualification application (OQA).

Organizations receiving funding under an initiative may not be required to submit the Council application if they have been pre-qualified for discretionary funding by the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (see below). Any organization that has received pre-qualification approval in a previous year does not need to re-apply for pre-qualification, but will be required to certify as to the accuracy of information in their original pre-qualification submission as of the date of their contract in subsequent years. Additional information and pre-qualification status is available on the MOCS website (www.nyc.gov/mocs).

There is no deadline for the Prequalification Application; the Prequalified List for City Council funding remains continuously open to all applicants. However, to expedite your inclusion on the Prequalified List prior to budget adoption and avoid delays in contract processing, it is strongly recommended that the Prequalification Application be submitted by March 31.

Prequalification: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/html/resources/pql_discretionary_contracts.shtml
See FAQ: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/downloads/pdf/pql_faq_and_instructions.pdf

Contact Information:
Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.
Any questions about Prequalification can be directed to PQLHelp@dycd.nyc.gov.

Attached Files:
DiscretionaryFundingPoliciesFY12.pdf

Geographic Focus:
New York

Categories:
Aging/Seniors Capital Funding Other Refugee/Immigrant Women Youth/Out-of-School Youth

2. FY 2012 Disaster Relief Opportunity

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Posted Date:	Mar 28, 2012
Funding Opportunity Number:	EDAFY12DISASTERRELIEF	Creation Date:	Mar 28, 2012
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2012 Disaster Relief Opportunity	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 27, 2015 Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received.
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary		
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant		
Category of Funding Activity:	Disaster Prevention and Relief Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)	Current Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 27, 2015 Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received.
Category Explanation:	EDA announces general policies and application		

	procedures for this Disaster Relief Opportunity. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic redevelopment strategies through a variety of construction and non construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic development challenges in regions impacted by a major Federally declared disaster that was designated between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Please read the FY 12 Disaster Relief Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) carefully for all of EDA's eligibility and program requirements under this announcement. The FFO is provided as an attachment to this synopsis and a link to the FFO is provided below.	Archive Date: Estimated Total Program Funding: Award Ceiling: Award Floor:	Apr 26, 2015 $200,000,000
Expected Number of Awards:			
CFDA Number(s):	11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance		
Cost Sharing or Matching	Yes		

Requirement:

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
Private institutions of higher education
City or township governments
County governments
Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
State governments
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility: Pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA), an eligible applicant for and eligible recipient of EDA investment assistance under this announcement include a(n): (1) District Organization; (2) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (3) State, city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (4) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (5) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. EDA is not authorized to provide grants to individuals or to for-profit entities seeking to start or expand a private business. Such requests may be referred to State or local agencies, or to non profit economic development organizations.

Additional Information

Agency Name: Economic Development Administration

Description: Through this Disaster Relief Opportunity, EDA intends to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress as a result of natural disasters that were declared as major Federal disasters between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications for Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) investments under PWEDA. The EAA program provides recipients with flexible tools to develop and implement regionally based long term economic development strategies in response to major Federally declared disasters. The EAA program provides a wide range of technical, disaster recovery, economic recovery planning, and public works assistance. It responds adaptively to pressing economic recovery issues and is well-suited to help address challenges faced by regions affected by natural disasters.

	Through this program, EDA can support the development of disaster recovery strategies and recovery implementation, including infrastructure improvements and by using revolving loan funds (RLFs). EDA recognizes that urgent infrastructure rebuilding needs exist throughout disaster impacted regions. In EDA's experience with post disaster recovery, the most effective long-term rebuilding efforts are based on long-term development or redevelopment strategies. For this reason, EDA encourages the submission of applications based on long-term, regionally oriented and collaborative economic development or redevelopment strategies that foster economic growth and resiliency. EDA will regard applications that are substantively supported by such strategies as more competitive, while applications for rebuilding damaged infrastructure that are not demonstrably supported by a long-term plan for economic growth and resilience will not be considered competitive. To be competitive, applications must clearly incorporate principles for enhancing the resiliency (as defined in section I.C. of the FY 12 Disaster Relief FFO) of the relevant community/region or demonstrate the integration of resiliency principles into the investment itself. The incorporation of disaster resiliency is an essential aspect of mitigating the potential for future losses and adverse economic impacts for communities. The inclusion of resiliency principles in the project is a necessary step to improve the capacity of the region to recover more quickly in the future. In addition, applicants must demonstrate a clear nexus between their proposed project scope of work and disaster recovery and resiliency efforts. The strength of the nexus to the disaster is drawn from the consequences of the disaster(s) that made the community eligible and the intended project outcomes. As noted above, please read the FY 12 Disaster Relief FFO carefully for all of EDA's eligibility and program requirements under this announcement. The FFO is provided as an attachment to this synopsis and a link to the FFO is provided below.
Link to Additional Information:	FY 12 Disaster Relief FFO
Contact Information:	If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact: Josh Barnes joshua.j.barnes@eda.gov

3. Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program

Program Information

Program Number/Title (010): 14.157 Supportive Housing for the Elderly

Popular Name (020): (Section 202)

Federal Agency (030): Office of Housing- Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Authorization (040):

The Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program is authorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q), as amended.

Objectives (050):

To expand the supply of multifamily housing with supportive services for very low income elderly persons.

Types of Assistance (060):

DIRECT PAYMENTS FOR A SPECIFIED USE

Uses and Use Restrictions (070):

Capital advances may be used to finance the development of housing through new construction or rehabilitation of a structure or portion of a structure, or for the acquisition of a a structure to provide supportive housing for the elderly, which may include the cost of real property acquisition, site improvement, conversion, demolition, relocation and other expenses of supportive housing for the elderly. Project rental assistance is used to cover the difference between the HUD- approved operating cost per unit and the amount the tenant pays, 30% of their adjusted income.

Eligibility Requirements (080)

Applicant Eligibility (081):

Eligible Sponsors include private nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives. Eligible Owner entities include private nonprofit corporations, nonprofit consumer cooperatives, and if the proposed project involves mixed- financing, for- profit limited partnerships with a nonprofit entity as the sole general partner. Public bodies and their instrumentalities are not eligible Section 202 applicants.

Beneficiary Eligibility (082):

Beneficiaries of housing developed under this program must be elderly (62 years of age or older) and have very low- incomes.

Credentials/Documentation (083):

The Sponsor/Owner must receive certification of eligibility from HUD. The Owner must submit financial documents to support its ability to provide a minimum capital investment of 1/2 of 1 percent of the HUD- approved capital advance amount, up to a maximum of $25,000 for national Sponsors or up to $10,000 if not a national Sponsor. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A- 87.

Application and Award Process (090)

Preapplication Coordination (091):

Preapplication coordination is required. An environmental impact assessment is required for this program. This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

Application Procedures (092):

This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A- 102. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A- 110. A Notice of Fund Availability is published in the Federal Register each fiscal year announcing the availability of funds to HUD Field Offices. Applicants must submit a Request for a Fund Reservation, using Form HUD- 92015- CA, Section 202 application for capital advance, in response to the Notice of Fund Availability (or a Funding Notification issued by the local HUD Field Office). The application for capital advance is used to determine the eligibility of the applicant and proposed project as well as the acceptability of the site and market, correctness of zoning and the effect on environment. All applications must be submitted via www.grants.gov.

Award Procedure (093):

Applications are reviewed and selected for funding within the funding allocation area. Those selected for funding must meet basic program requirements including, but not limited to: eligibility as a private nonprofit organization, commitment to provide the minimum capital investment and prior experience in housing or related supportive service activities. The request for Capital Advance Financing, using Form HUD- 92013, is reviewed to update the determination of acceptability of project site and market, correctness of zoning, and effect on environment, as well as to determine the value of site, total development cost, and financial feasibility.

Deadlines (094):

Contact the headquarters or regional office, as appropriate, for application deadlines.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time (095):

At the fund reservation stage, the Sponsor usually is advised of the decision within 4 to 5 months from the end of the application period.

Appeals (096):

From 1 to 15 days. During the period of competition, Sponsors whose applications are rejected by the HUD Office due to noncompliance with program requirements, have the right to appeal the rejection within 14 calendar days from the date of HUD's written notice of rejection.

Renewals (097):

> 180 Days. Project Rental Assistance Contract payments may not exceed 3 years. However, contracts are renewable for up to a one- year term based on availability of funds.

Assistance Consideration (100)

Formula and Matching Requirements (101):

This program has no statutory formula.

This program has no matching requirements.

MOE requirements are not applicable to this program.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance (102):

The capital advance is not repayable so long as the project is available to very low income elderly for 40 years. Projects are expected to start construction within 18 months of the date of the fund reservation, with limited provision for extensions. Funds will be advanced on a monthly basis during construction for work in place. See the following for information on how assistancea is awarded/released:. See the following for information on how assistance is awarded/released: Based on percentage of construction completion.

Post Assistance Requirements (110)

Reports (111):

All Owners will be required to submit form HUD- 96010 Program Outcome Logic Model to HUD on an annual basis. All Owners will be required to submit a financial statement. HUD 60002, Section 3 Summary Report, Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low- Income Persons (OMB No. 2529- 0043) – For each grant over $200,000 that involves housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction, the prime recipient must submit Form HUD 60002 (24 CFR sections 135.3(a) and 135.90). No expenditure reports are required. No performance monitoring is required.

Audits (112):

In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A- 133 (Revised, June 27, 2003), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non- Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that expend financial assistance of $500,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program- specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than $500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A- 133. HUD reserves the right to audit the accounts of the Owner in order to determine compliance and conformance with HUD regulations and standards.

Records (113):

Regular financial reports are required. Owners must service and maintain records in accordance with acceptable mortgage practices and HUD regulations. Owners also must supply those records necessary to indicate compliance with the project rental assistance contract.

Financial Information (120)

Account Identification (121):

86- 0320- 0- 3- 371.

Obligations (122):

(Direct Payments for Specified Use) FY 11 $411,247,318; FY 12 est $0; and FY 13 est $0

Range and Average of Financial Assistance (123):

Capital Advance: $816,000 to $15,275,500.

Initial PRAC: $64,500 to $2,067,600.

Program Accomplishments (130):

Fiscal Year 2013: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2014: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2015: No Current Data Available

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature (140):

24 CFR 891; HUD Handbooks 4571.3 REV- 1 and 4571.5; and Notice H 96- 102, as extended.

Notice H 2009- 10 and Notice H 2011- 18.

Information Contacts (150)

Regional or Local Office (151) :

See Regional Agency Offices. The HUD Multifamily Hub structure consists of 18 Multifamily Hub Offices. Each Hub administers multifamliy housing programs based on its geographical jurisdiction. For a listing of all Multifamily Hub Offices and their associated local Multifamily Program Center(s) (local HUD Office) please visit http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/mfbroch/hubs_pcs.cfm

Headquarters Office (152):

Alicia Anderson, 451 7th St SW Room 6152, Washington, District of Columbia 20410 Email: alicia.anderson@hud.gov Phone: (202) 708- 3000.

Website Address (153):

http://www.hud.gov and www.grants.gov

Related Programs (160):

14.181 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities; 14.195 Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program_Special Allocations

Examples of Funded Projects (170):

Fiscal Year 2013: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2014: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2015: No Current Data Available

Criteria for Selecting Proposals (180):

Not Applicable.

4. Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

Summary:
Through the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program, HUD provides funding to develop and subsidize rental housing with the availability of supportive services for very low- and extremely low-income adults with disabilities.

Purpose:
The Section 811 program allows persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible in the community by subsidizing rental housing opportunities which provide access to appropriate supportive services.

Type of Assistance:

The newly reformed Section 811 program is authorized to operate in two ways: (1) the traditional way, by providing interest-free capital advances and operating subsidies to nonprofit developers of affordable housing for persons with disabilities; and (2) providing project rental assistance to state housing agencies. The assistance to the state housing agencies can be applied to new or existing multifamily housing complexes funded through different sources, such as Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Federal HOME funds, and other state, Federal, and local programs. The last appropriation was appropriated for traditional 811 capital advances was made in FY 2011.

Capital Advances

HUD has traditionally provided interest-free capital advances to nonprofit sponsors to help them finance the development of rental housing such as independent living projects, condominium units and small group homes with the availability of supportive services for persons with disabilities. The capital advance can finance the construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition with or without rehabilitation of supportive housing. The advance does not have to be repaid as long as the housing remains available for very low-income persons with disabilities for at least 40 years.

HUD also provides project rental assistance contracts for properties developed using Section 811 capital advances; this covers the difference between the HUD-approved operating cost of the project and the amount the residents pay--usually 30 percent of adjusted income. The initial term of the project rental assistance contract is 3 years and can be renewed if funds are available.

Each project must have a supportive services plan. The appropriate State or local agency reviews a potential sponsor's application to determine if the plan is well designed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and must certify to the same. Services may vary with the target population but could include case management, training in independent living skills and assistance in obtaining employment. However, residents cannot be required to accept any supportive service as a condition of occupancy.

Nonprofit organizations with a Section 501(c)(3) tax exemption from the Internal Revenue Service can apply for a capital advance to develop a Section 811 project.

Project Rental Assistance

A new Project Rental Assistance program was authorized by the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010, and was first implemented through a demonstration program in FY 2012.

Under this program, state housing agencies that have entered into partnerships with state health and human services and Medicaid agencies can apply for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance for new or existing affordable housing developments funded by LIHTC, HOME, or other sources of funds. Under the state health care/housing agency partnership, the health care agency must develop a policy for referrals, tenant selection, and service delivery to ensure that this housing is targeted to a population most in need of deeply affordable supportive housing. This Section 811 assistance comes in the form of project rental assistance alone. No funds are available for construction or rehabilitation.

Eligible grantees are state housing agencies that have entered into partnerships with state health and human services and Medicaid agencies who then allocate rental assistance to projects funded by tax credits, HOME funds, or other sources.

Eligible Customers:
For projects funded by capital advances and supported by project rental assistance contracts (PRACs), households must be very low-income (within 50 percent of the median income for the area) with at least one adult member with a disability (such as a physical or developmental disability or chronic mental illness).

For projects funded with Project Rental Assistance, residents must be extremely low-income (within 30 percent of the median income for the area) with at least one adult member with a disability. States may establish additional eligibility requirements for this program.

Application:
Applicants must submit an application in response to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) posted on Grants.gov.

Technical Guidance:
This program is authorized by Section 811 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-625) as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-550), the Rescission Act (P.L. 104-19) the American Homeownership and Opportunity Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-569), and the **Frank Melville Supportive Housing Act of 2010**(P.L. 111–374). Program regulations are in **24 CFR Part 891**. To learn more about the Section 811 program, see Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (**HUD Handbook 4571.2**) and Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Conditional Commitment to Final Closing (**HUD Handbook 4571.4**) which are available on **HUDclips.**

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5. Assisted Living Conversion Program (ALCP)

Summary:
To provide private, nonprofit owners of eligible developments with a grant to convert some or all of the dwelling units in the project into an Assisted Living Facility (ALF) or Service-Enriched Housing (SEH) for elderly residents aging in place. An ALF must be licensed and regulated by the State (or if there is no State law providing such licensing and regulation, by the municipality or other subdivision in which the facility is located). Service-Enriched Housing is housing that accommodates the provision of services to elderly residents who need assistance with activities of daily living in order to live independently.

Purpose:
Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) are designed to accommodate frail elderly and people with disabilities who can live independently but need assistance with activities of daily living (*e.g.,* assistance with eating, bathing, grooming, dressing and home management activities) ALFs must provide support services such as personal care, transportation, meals, housekeeping, and laundry.

Service-Enriched Housing (SEH) is housing that is designed to accommodate frail elderly persons or elderly persons with service needs who are aging in place. Residents are able to live independently but need assistance with activities of daily living comparable to services typically provided in a licensed assisted living facility, such as healthcare-related services. These supportive services must be available through a licensed or certified third party service provider.

Type of Assistance:
Typical funding will cover basic physical conversion of existing project units, common and services space. The ALCP provides funding for the physical costs of converting some or all of the units of an eligible development into an ALF or SEH, including the unit configuration, common and services space and any necessary remodeling, consistent with HUD or the State's statute/regulations (whichever is more stringent). ALFs or SEH must have sufficient community space to accommodate provisions of meals and supportive services, as well as other requirements described in the NOFA.

Funding for the supportive services does not come from HUD but must be coordinated by the owners or residents, either directly or through a third party. Supportive services may include Medicaid services and programs provided by the State, an Area Agency on Aging, Money Follows the Person funds, State Home Health Care programs, State Assisted Living Services funds, Congregate Housing Services Program funds, Service Coordinator funds or similar programs.

Eligible Grantees:
Eligible projects must be owned by a private, nonprofit entity, and designated primarily for occupancy by elderly persons. Projects must have completed final closing and must have been in occupancy for at least five years from the date of the HUD approved form HUD-92485 (Permission to Occupy Project Mortgage). Eligible projects may only receive one grant award per fiscal year.

Eligible projects must also qualify as one of the following:

- Section 202 direct loan projects with or without Section 8 rental assistance;
- Section 202 capital advance projects receiving rental assistance under their Project Rental Assistance Contract (PRAC);
- Section 515 rural housing projects receiving Section 8 rental assistance;
- Other projects receiving Section 8 project-based rental assistance;
- Projects subsidized with Section 221(d)(3) below-market interest mortgage; or
- Projects assisted under Section 236 of the National Housing Act.

Eligible Residents:
For ALF, eligible residents who meet the admissions/discharge requirements as established for assisted living by State and local licensing, or HUD frailty requirements under 24 CFR891.205 if more stringent. The residents must be able to live independently but need assistance with activities of daily living (e.g., assistance with eating, bathing, grooming, dressing and home management activities).

Service-Enriched Housing is designed to accommodate elderly persons and people with disabilities with a functional limitation, meaning residents who unable to perform at least one activity of daily living.

Application:
Applicants must submit an application for funding, in response to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) published in the Federal Register each fiscal year that funds are available.

Technical Guidance:
The Program is authorized under Section 202b of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended by the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2010. HUD's Office of Multifamily Housing is responsible for administering the Assisted Living Conversion Program. For more information, please contact your local HUD office.

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6. Very Low-Income Housing Repair Loans and Grants Section 504 Rural Housing Loans and Grants

Program Information

Authorization (040):

Housing Act of 1949, Title V, Section 504, as amended, Public Laws 89-117, 89-754, and 92.310, 42 U.S.C. 1474.

Objectives (050):

Section 504 loans and grants are intended to help very low-income owner-occupants in rural areas repair their properties.

Types of Assistance (060):

DIRECT LOANS; PROJECT GRANTS

Uses and Use Restrictions (070):

Loan funds may be used to make general repairs and improvements to properties or to remove health and safety hazards. Grant funds may be used only to pay for the costs for repairs and improvements that will remove identified health and safety hazards or to repair or remodel dwellings to make them accessible for household members with disabilities. Loans and grants are typically used for repair or replacement of heating, plumbing or electrical services, roof or basic structure as well as water and waste disposal systems, and weatherization. Loans bear an interest rate of one percent and are repaid over a period up to 20 years. In addition to the above purpose, loan funds may be used to modernize the dwelling. Maximum loan amount cannot exceed a cumulative total of $20,000 to any eligible person and maximum lifetime grant assistance is $7,500 to any eligible person. The house must be located in an eligible rural area which does not exceed 10,000 population. Some places with populations between 10,000 and 25,000 may be eligible if not within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Assistance is available in States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana's and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands.

Eligibility Requirements (080)

Applicant Eligibility (081):

Applicants must own and occupy a home in a rural area; and be a citizen of the United States or reside in the United States after having been legally admitted for permanent residence or on indefinite parole. Loan recipients must have sufficient income to repay the loan. Grant recipients must be 62 years of age or older and be unable to repay a loan for that part of the assistance received as a grant. Applicant's income may not exceed the very low-income limit set forth in RD Instructions.

Beneficiary Eligibility (082):

Applicants must own and occupy a home in a rural area; and be a citizen of the United States or reside in the United States after having been legally admitted for permanent residence or on indefinite parole. Loan recipients must have sufficient

income to repay the loan. Grant recipients must be 62 years of age or older and be unable to repay a loan for the part of the assistance received as a grant. Applicant's income may not exceed the very low-income limit set forth in RD Instructions.

Credentials/Documentation (083):

Evidence of ownership and verification of income and debts. Grant recipients must provide evidence of age. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-87.

Application and Award Process (090)

Preapplication Coordination (091):

Preapplication coordination is not applicable. Environmental impact information is not required for this program. This program is excluded from coverage under E.O. 12372.

Application Procedures (092):

This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-102. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-110. Applicants must file an application form at the Rural Development field office serving the county where the dwelling is located.

Award Procedure (093):

Delegated to Local or Area Loan Approval Official.

Deadlines (094):

Not Applicable.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time (095):

From 30 to 60 days from time applications are filed if no backlog of applications exists. Applications for assistance far exceed available funding. There is generally a waiting list for funding.

Appeals (096):

Agency regulations providing customers with the rights for an informal review, mediation or alternative dispute resolution (ADR), or appeal to the National Appeals Division (NAD) are contained in 7 CFR Part 3550. NAD regulations are found at 7 CFR Part 11. Requests for an informal review, mediation and ADR must be received within 30 days from the date of the adverse decision. Requests for an appeal to NAD must be received within 30 days of receipt of the adverse decision.

Renewals (097):

Applicants may reapply at any time.

Assistance Consideration (100)

Formula and Matching Requirements (101):

This program has no statutory formula.

This program has no matching requirements. The following basic formula criteria are to allocate program loan funds to various States: (A x .50 + B x .50) x funds available = State basic formula allocation. Where "A" is State's percentage of national number of rural occupied units; and "B" is State's percentage of national number of rural households below 50 percent of area median income. The formula for grants is: (A x 1/3 + B x 1/3 + C x 1/3) x funds available = State basic allocation. Where "C" is State's percentage of national rural population 62 years of age and older. The data source for each of these criteria are based on the latest census data available.

MOE requirements are not applicable to this program.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance (102):

This assistance is available throughout the year by means of an established allocation system. Funds are usually released to borrowers/grantees as a lump sum payment for completed repairs or, as needed, for repairs in progress. See the following for information on how assistance is awarded/released: Contact regional office or headquarters as appropriate for additional information.

Post Assistance Requirements (110)

Reports (111):

No reports are required.

Audits (112):

No audits are required for this program.

Records (113):

Borrowers and/or grantees are not required to, but should retain copies of loan or grant-related documents.

Financial Information (120)

Account Identification (121):

12-2081-0-1-371; 12-4141-0-3-371; 12-2064-0-1-604.

Obligations (122):

(Direct Loans) FY 12 $9,998,400; FY 13 est $24,510,951; and FY 14 est $26,300,000 - Fiscal Year 2014 estimates are based on the President's Proposed Budget. (Project Grants) FY 12 $30,315,811; FY 13 est $26,800,575; and FY 14 est $25,000,000 - Fiscal Year 2014 estimates are based on the President's Proposed Budget.

Range and Average of Financial Assistance (123):

FY 2012 average loan amount is $5,341. FY 2012 average grant amount is $5,908.

Program Accomplishments (130):

Not Applicable.

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature (140):

7 CFR Part 3550, Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants. (no charge); Home Improvement and Repair Loans, PA-1184, no charge.

Information Contacts (150)

Regional or Local Office (151) :

See Regional Agency Offices. Consult your local telephone directory under Department of Agriculture for Rural Development county or district office numbers or visit the website http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app for a State Office listing.

Headquarters Office (152):

Myron L. Wooden, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, District of Columbia 20250 Email: Myron.Wooden@wdc.usda.gov Phone: (202) 720-4780.

Website Address (153):

http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.

Related Programs (160):

10.410 Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans

Examples of Funded Projects (170):

Not Applicable.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals (180):

Not Applicable.

7. Minority Business Resource Development

Program Information

Authorization (040):

Executive Order 11625, October 13, 1971, 15 U.S.C 1512.

Objectives (050):

The objectives of the overall program are to 1) provide financial assistance awards for projects that affect or contribute to the establishment, preservation and strengthening of minority business enterprises (MBEs) as directed by congressional mandate, and 2) promote the development of novel approaches to increasing the strategic growth and global competitiveness of MBEs through the administration of pilot or demonstration projects.

Types of Assistance (060):

Cooperative Agreements; Project Grants

Uses and Use Restrictions (070):

Program funds in this category are restricted to the uses stipulated by congressional mandate, or for the specific uses identified as part of a pilot or demonstration project. Funds must be used for program-related costs. MBDA is subject to the availability of funds.

Eligibility Requirements (080)

Applicant Eligibility (081):

Applicants eligible to provide services under pilot or demonstration projects are nonprofit organizations, for-profit firms, State and local governments, Native American Tribal entities, and educational institutions. Applicants for congressionally mandated projects are those specifically identified in applicable legislation.

Beneficiary Eligibility (082):

Congressionally mandated award beneficiaries are members of the minority business community. Pilot or demonstration project beneficiaries are minority business enterprises.

Credentials/Documentation (083):

Recipients are subject to the administrative requirements contained in 15 CFR Part 14 or 15 CFR Part 24, depending on the type of recipient. Eligible costs under the award will be determined in accordance with 2 C.F.R. part 220 (2007) (OMB Circular A-21, “Cost Principles for Educational Organizations), 2 C.F.R. part 225 (2007) (OMB Circular A-87, “Cost

Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments) and 2 C.F.R. part 230 (2007) (OMB Circular A-122, "Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations). OMB Circular No. A-87 applies to this program.

Application and Award Process (090)

Preapplication Coordination (091):

Preapplication coordination is required. Environmental impact information is not required for this program. This program is excluded from coverage under E.O. 12372.

Application Procedures (092):

OMB Circular No. A-102 applies to this program. OMB Circular No. A-110 applies to this program. Application packages will be made available on Grants.gov. Applicants must submit a program narrative, and applicable standard forms (SF) and Department of Commerce (CD) forms.

Award Procedure (093):

MBDA makes the funding recommendation to the Grants Officer. The Grants Officer will review the recommendation, process the funding request and execute the notice of award. Name checks, verification of academic credentials and pre-award audits may be required of the recipient prior to award. Electronic notification of award will be generated and forwarded to the selected recipient by the Grants Officer.

Deadlines (094):

Contact the headquarters or regional office, as appropriate, for application deadlines.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time (095):

From 120 to 180 days. Unsuccessful applicants shall be notified in writing within ten days of notification to the successful applicant.

Appeals (096):

All decisions are final. There are no administrative appeals, however, unsuccessful applicants may request debriefing from MBDA.

Renewals (097):

Renewals are not anticipated, but may be considered based on Agency priorities, funding availability and performance of recipients.

Assistance Consideration (100)

Formula and Matching Requirements (101):

This program has no statutory formula.

Matching Requirements: Congressionally mandated awards typically do not require matching funds. Pilot projects may require non-Federal cost-sharing in the form of in-kind contributions, cash and/or program fees. Cost share requirements are outlined in the applicable Federal Register, Federal Funding Opportunity announcement and Grants.gov.

MOE requirements are not applicable to this program.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance (102):

Congressionally mandated awards are typically funded for a one-year period. Pilot or demonstration projects may be funded as single-year or multi-year awards. See the following for information on how assistance is awarded/released: Monthly drawdown of funds available.

Post Assistance Requirements (110)

Reports (111):

Financial (quarterly and annual) and program compliance and/or performance (semi-annual and final) reports are required. Cash reports are not applicable. At a minimum, a cmprehensive final report is required. A completed SF-425 financial report is required quarterly. MBDA conducts periodic performance monitoring reviews.

Audits (112):

In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 27, 2003), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that expend financial assistance of $500,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than $500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133. In addition, audits may be conducted by the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General and by other authorized federal agencies.

Records (113):

Documents, papers and financial records of grantees or subrecipients relating to the award are required to remain available to the Federal Government for three years from the date of submission of the final financial status report.

Financial Information (120)

Account Identification (121):

13-0201-0-1-376.

Obligations (122):

(Salaries) FY 09 $0; FY 10 est $1,100,000; and FY 11 est $0

Range and Average of Financial Assistance (123):

Not applicable.

Program Accomplishments (130):

Not Applicable.

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature (140):

Not Applicable.

Information Contacts (150)

Regional or Local Office (151) :

See Regional Agency Offices. Contact the nearest Minority Business Development Agency Regional Office listed in Appendix IV of the Catalog.

Headquarters Office (152):

Office of Business Development, Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., , Washington, District of Columbia 20230 Phone: (202) 482-1940.

Website Address (153):

http://www.mbda.gov

Related Programs (160):

Not Applicable.

Examples of Funded Projects (170):

Not Applicable.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals (180):

Awards are made based on a panel evaluation of the applications. This evaluation includes such factors as capability and experience of staff assigned to the project, techniques and methodology, resources and costs.

V – National Voluntary organization Active in Disaster (NVOAD)

1. **ACTS World Relief** unites, trains, and equips responders in emergency response and community service, demonstrating the compassion of God, regardless of race and religion. ***Function Areas:*** Training, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal.
   Web: http://www.actswr.org Phone: 888-336-7119.

2. **Adventist Community Services -** is the humanitarian arm of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of North America. ACS Disaster Response (ACS DR) is a leading in-kind donations management organization in the U.S., specializing in the handling of undesignated donated goods. ***Function areas:*** Training, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Serving of Meals, Warehouse Management and Unaffiliated Volunteers. ACS DR operates under agreements with FEMA, the American Red Cross, the Aidmatrix Foundation, and over 40 states.
   Phone: 301-680-6438, Email: acs@nad.adventist.org

3. **All Hands Volunteers, Inc. -** provides hands-on assistance to survivors of natural disasters around the world, with maximum impact and minimum bureaucracy. By supporting volunteers with housing, meals, tools, and organized work at no charge, All Hands is able to provide free and effective response services to communities in need. Programs are directed by the needs of each community in which it works, ensuring a timely, relevant, and culturally sensitive response. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers, Muck-outs/Gutting, Debris Removal, Call Center Staffing and Database Management. Web: http://hands.org/ - Email: info@hands.org

4. **Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS)** - provide leadership and support to members and affiliates to advance the capacity of a standards-driven information and referral industry that brings people and services together. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Call Center Staffing and Database Management
   Web: http://airs.org/ Email: info@airs.org Phone: (703) 218-AIRS (2477)

5. **American Radio Relay League, Inc. -** is the national association for amateur radio with over 157,000 members in the U.S. For 100 years, amateur radio operators have provided communications when normal means are down or overloaded. Function areas: Training Communication Services Web: http://www.arrl.org/ Email: hq@arrl.org Phone: 860-594-0200

6. **The American Red Cross** is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement that provides relief to survivors of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. ***Function areas:*** Training, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Damage Assessment, Case Work, Serving of Meals, Sheltering, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers,

Case Management, Database Management, Financial Counseling and Financial Assistance
Web: http://www.redcross.org Phone: 800-733-2767

7. **Billy Graham Rapid Response Team** was established following the attacks of September 11, 2001, to train qualified volunteers as crisis chaplains and deploy them to effectively meet the emotional and spiritual needs of those suffering from major disasters. ***Functional areas:*** Training, Mental Health & Spiritual Care and Pastoral Counseling.
Web: http://www.billygraham.org/rrt_index.asp Phone: (704) 401-2432

8. **Brethren Disaster Ministries** restores hope for the most vulnerable disaster survivors by engaging volunteers to repair and rebuild storm-damaged homes, and by providing grants to support the disaster recovery efforts of faith-based partners. Children Disaster Services (CDS) meets the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe, and reassuring presence. CDS also educates parents and caregivers on how to help children cope. ***Function areas:*** Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Full Home Rebuild, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal. Web: http://www.brethren.org/bdm/ Email: bdm@brethren.org Phone: 800-451-4407

9. **Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation** is an international volunteer-led charitable organization that provides humanitarian aid, spiritual care, and medical services to individuals, families, and communities locally and internationally. Tzu Chi Foundation, U.S.A. focuses on four major areas: charitable, medical, education, and humanistic cultural services. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers. Function areas: Web: http://www.us.tzuchi.org/us/en Email: info@us.tzuchi.org Phone: 909-447-7799

10. **Catholic Charities USA** has a mission to provide services to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same. CCUSA local agencies' disaster relief and recovery services include emergency food, shelter, direct financial assistance, counseling, and support. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info Planning, Training, Case Work, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Donations Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers, Muck-outs/Gutting Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Financial Assistance. **Web: http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/** Email: info@catholiccharitiesusa.org Phone: 703-549-1390

11. **Churches of Scientology Disaster Response** provides spiritual care as well as assists with the unmet material needs of survivors, responders, and care givers who are affected by trauma, loss, upset, stress, and confusion after a disaster. This is accomplished in a variety of ways immediately following an incident. CSDR volunteers also assist other disaster organizations in need of volunteers to carry out their tasks. ***Function areas:*** Pastoral Counseling, Warehouse Management, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers Muck-outs/Gutting and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.volunteerministers.org/
Phone: (800) 435-7498

12. **Church World Service Emergency Response Program** has a mission to provide effective and compassionate response to the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of persons and communities affected by natural and human-caused disasters. CWS focuses on both immediate emergency assistance and long-term support that helps survivors take ownership of the recovery process. ***Function areas:*** Training, Pastoral Counseling and Financial Assistance. Web: http://www.churchworldservice.org/ Email: info@churchworldservice.org Phone: 800-297-1516

13. **City Team Ministries International Disaster Response** began after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake to shelter and care for survivors. City Team International is a non-denominational Christian organization. ***Function areas:*** Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers, Muck-outs/Gutting, Mold Remediation, Framing, Roof Repair and Repair/Rebuild Laborers. Web: http://cityteam.org/ Email: sanjose@cityteam.org Phone: (408) 232-5600

14. **Convoy of Hope** is a faith-based organization with a driving passion to feed the world through children's feeding initiatives, community outreach, disaster response, and partner resourcing. As an early response organization, Convoy of Hope is capable of rapid deployment during disasters. With a fleet of tractor-trailers, Mobile Command Center, and by utilizing multiple Points of Distribution models Convoy is an active and efficient disaster relief organization. During disasters we provide resources including water, food, ice, clean up kits, hygiene, and other supplies as needed during response. Convoy of Hope also does debris removal, volunteer coordination, and works with partners to provide spiritual and emotional care to survivors. In non-disaster times we provide preparedness training for public and faith- based organizations. ***Function areas:*** Training, Donations Management, Pastoral Counseling, Muck-outs/Gutting, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.convoyofhope.org/ Phone: 417-823-8998

15. **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship** is not a disaster relief organization but responds when major disasters strike through its own resources or partner organizations. The model for its disaster response ministries is a long-term presence to help communities recover and rebuild. When gift-in-kind donations are helpful in disaster relief, the Fellowship serves as a clearinghouse, matching a donor with a need in the disaster zone. It may establish a designated fund to which churches can financially contribute for a specific disaster. When volunteers are needed, the Fellowship invites individuals and groups to apply for service opportunities. ***Function areas:*** Donations Management, Reception Center Management and Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers. Web: http://www.thefellowship.info/ Email: contact@thefellowship.info Phone: 800-352-8741

16. **Episcopal Relief and Development** is an international relief and development agency serving on behalf of the Episcopal Church of the United States. When disaster strikes, it helps: deliver life-saving supplies such as medicine, blankets, and food for emergency shelters or camps; provide shelter along with trauma counseling and psycho-social services to survivors; repair and construct homes, schools, health clinics, roads, water systems, and community centers to replace those destroyed; residents restore the social and economic fabric of their communities

by providing educational opportunities and improving access to legal services and home ownership; and train and equip local churches to prepare for and respond to disasters. ***Function areas:*** Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Case Work, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Muck-outs/Gutting, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.er-d.org/ Email: er-d@er-d.org Phone: 855-312-HEAL (432

17. **Feeding America** has a mission to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and to engage in the fight to end hunger. Feeding America collects, transports, warehouses, and distributes food and personal care items through its national network of food banks. It prepositions emergency food and personal care items at strategically designated locations throughout the country and regularly cycles the inventory to ensure freshness and safety. ***Function areas:*** Planning, Donations Management, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals and Warehouse Management. Web: http://feedingamerica.org/ Phone: 800-771-2303

18. **Feed the Children** - is a Christian international nonprofit relief organization whose mission is to deliver food, medicine, clothing, and other necessities to families who lack these essentials due to famine, war, poverty, or natural disaster. ***Function areas:*** Donations Management, Mass Care and Database Management. Web: http://www.feedthechildren.org/ Email: ftc@feedthechildren.org Phone: 800-627-4556

19. **Habitat for Humanity International -** brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. ***Function areas:*** Foundation Work, Framing, Full Home Rebuild, Roof Repair and Repair/Rebuild Laborers. Web: http://www.habitat.org/ Email: disaster_response@habitat.org Phone: 1-800-HABITAT

20. **Headwaters Relief Organization** is a disaster relief collaboration of volunteers that support both the emotional and housing rehabilitation needs of families and communities ravaged by disaster. Their mission is to react with agility and compassion when disasters strike through practical aid; physical recovery assistance and mental health support to victims after the first responders have come and gone. ***Function areas:*** Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Muck-outs/Gutting, Volunteer Management and Debris Removal. Web: http://headwatersrelief.org/ Phone: 612-251-2853

21. **HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response -** provides comfort and encouragement through animal-assisted support to individuals affected by crises and disasters. ***Function areas:*** Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://hopeaacr.org/ Email: info@hopeaacr.org Phone: 877-467-3597

22. **Hope Coalition America (Operation Hope) -** helps clients recover financially from natural disasters, foreclosures, and other emergencies by providing financial guidance to victims of such disasters. Operation HOPE, an organization skilled at mobilizing volunteers from the financial services industry, through its Hope Coalition America division offers highly versatile and rapidly-

deployable resources to help people needing financial guidance before, during and after disasters. ***Function areas:*** Case Work, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Mold Remediation, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal and Case Management. Web: http://www.operationhope.org/ Phone: 213-891-2900

23. **HOPE worldwide, ltd -** is an international charity. It works with partners such as the American Red Cross to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies and keep hope alive, uses a large international volunteer base with centers on six continents, and takes steps to provide community-based, long term and sustainable assistance. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Case Work, Mass Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Mold Remediation, Framing, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers/Debris Removal and Case Management. Web: http://hopeww.org/ Email: hope.worldwide@hopeww.org Phone: 610-254-8800

24. **Humane Society of the United States -** Emergency Services Animal Rescue Team supports local animal control and humane organizations and government agencies in the rescue, transport, and emergency sheltering of animals if invited by local authorities who have been exhausted or overwhelmed by the disaster. Using trained staff and volunteers in an ICS-structured team, the Humane Society works cooperatively with other disaster response agencies to ensure that families and animals, and animals alone, are brought from harm and given care and shelter until they can be returned to their homes. ***Function areas:*** Training and Animal & Pet Services. Web: http://www.humanesociety.org/ Email: membership@humanesociety.org Phone: 202-452-1100

25. **ICNA (Islamic Cirle of North America) Relief USA** - seeks to alleviate human suffering by providing caring, compassionate, and practical assistance to survivors of natural and man-made disasters, in the United States. They strive to accurately represent Islamic values and compassion, serving humanity regardless of race, religion, or culture. ***Function areas:*** Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers. Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://icnarelief.org/ Phone: 718-658-7028

26. **Islamic Relief USA -** Since its inception, one of Islamic Relief's primary goals has been to provide rapid relief for disaster victims. Partnerships in some three dozen countries maximize Islamic Relief's ability to respond to urgent situations with speed and efficiency, as well as cultural sensitivity. Islamic Relief's emergency aid efforts often include the distribution of food, water and clothing; the construction of temporary shelters; and the administration of vital medical care. ***Function areas:*** Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous, Unaffiliated Volunteers, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal. Web: http://www.irusa.org/ Email: info@irusa.org Phone: 855-447-1001.

27. **International Critical Incident Stress Foundation Inc. (ICISF) -** is dedicated to the prevention and mitigation of disabling stress through the provision of education, training, and support services for all emergency services professionals; continuing education and training in emergency mental health services for the mental health community; and consultation in the establishment of crisis and disaster response programs for varied organizations and communities worldwide. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Financial Assistance. Web: http://www.icisf.org/ Email: info@icisf.org Phone: 410-750-9600

28. **International Relief and Development -** is committed to reduce the suffering of the world's most vulnerable groups and provide the tools and/or resources needed to increase their self-sufficiency. IRD Relief & Humanitarian Assistance teams are first responders. They respond to immediate needs and then continue support through critical recovery and rehabilitation phases. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Financial Assistance. Web: http://www.ird.org/ Email: ird@ird-dc.org Phone: 703-248-0161

29. **The Jewish Federations of North America -** is an umbrella organization that mobilizes financial and social resources through its philanthropic endeavors, strategic initiatives, and international agencies to strengthen the Jewish people. ***Functions areas:*** Outreach & Info, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Database Management and Financial Assistance. Web: http://www.jewishfederations.org/ Email: info@JewishFederations.org Phone: 212-284-6500

30. **Latter-day Saints Charities -** strive to provide immediate assistance following disasters. The Church provides food and other relief supplies as needed. ***Functions areas:*** Health, Mental Health, & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Case Management, Repair/Rebuild, Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.ldscharities.org/ Email: lds-charities@ldschurch.org Phone: 1-801-240-3544

31. **Lutheran Disaster Response -** promotes hope, healing, and wholeness for disaster survivors. ***Function areas:*** Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Case Management Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.ldr.org/ Email: disaster@elca.org Phone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2748

32. **Mennonite Disaster Service** is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds to those affected by disaster in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on clean up, repair, and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith, and wholeness. ***Function areas:*** Foundation Work, Framing, Full Home Rebuild, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://mds.mennonite.net/ Email: mdsus@mds.mennonite.net Phone: 717-735-3536

33. **Mercy Medical Airlift -** ensures that no needy patient is denied access to distant specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment for lack of a means of long-distance medical air transportation; and of urgent transportation in situations of compelling human need and homeland security emergencies. ***Function areas:*** Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care. Web: http://mercymedical.org/ Email: info@mercymedicalairlift.org Phone: 757-318-9174

34. **National Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC) -** is a professional organization of Jewish chaplains, promoting the highest standards of training, certification, and delivery of care. ***Function areas*:** Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling. Web: http://www.najc.org/ Email: info@najc.org Phone: 973-929-3168

35. **National Baptist Convention USA -** seeks to lessen the impact of disasters and potential catastrophic incidents by meeting the needs of communities through preparedness and mitigation, increasing a community's ability to respond when a disaster occurs while reducing the effects of unavoidable emergencies. ***Function areas:*** Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Warehouse Management, Full Home Rebuild, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.nationalbaptist.com/ Phone: 615-228-6292

36. **National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) -** champions dignity and compassion for victims of crime and crisis. It provides training for crime victim advocates and crisis responders in a trauma mitigation protocol as well as staffing a toll-free victim assistance telephone line and educating political leaders on policy issues. ***Function areas:*** Training, Health and Mental Health & Spiritual Care. Web: http://trynova.org/ Phone: 703-535-6682

37. **Nazarene Disaster Response** is Nazarenes mobilizing for disasters through readiness, response, and recovery. Local Nazarenes serve and remain with disaster victims in their own neighborhoods. In large-scale events the denomination can assist local efforts with the support of volunteers and donors from across the country and through partnerships with other disaster relief agencies. Nazarenes concentrate assist on the poor, elderly, and handicapped. ***Function areas:*** Training, Donations Management, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Warehouse Management, Muck-outs/Gutting, Mold Remediation, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal and Database Management. Web: http://ncmusacan.nazarene.org/NDR/tabid/665/Default.html Phone: 913-577-0500

38. **NECHAMA - Jewish Response to Disaster** is a voluntary organization providing cleanup and recovery assistance to homes and communities affected by natural disasters. Guided by the Jewish value of Tikkum Olam (repairing the world) through acts of goodness, NECHAMA (Hebrew for comfort) offers a helping hand in the spirit of goodwill and creating mutual respect among all people. NECHAMA volunteers assess storm damage; sandbag; chain saw and remove fallen trees; pump flood water from rooms and basements; remove contaminated building materials, appliances and personal effects; sanitize and dry surfaces to prevent mold growth; and otherwise prepare homes to be re-occupied by the owners so that fix-up and reconstruction may begin***. Function areas:*** Training, Volunteer Management, Muck-outs/Gutting, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://nechama.org/ Phone: 763-732-0610

39. **Noah's Wish -** has the singular mission to save animals during disasters with its rescue and recovery services and to mitigate the impact of disasters on animals through educational and outreach programs. *Function areas:* Training and Animal & Pet Services. Web: http://www.noahswish.org/ Email: info@noahswish.info Phone: 916-939-9474

40. **Operation Blessing** has a mission to demonstrate God's love by alleviating human suffering in the United States and around the world through core programs of disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, orphan care, water wells, and community development. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Training, Case Work, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Mold Remediation, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal, Full Home Rebuild and Financial Assistance. Web: http://www.ob.org/ Phone: 800-730-2537

41. **Points of Light -** Action Networks reach distinct groups with the tools and resources they need to engage people as change agents. These include: HandsOn Network, the largest network of 250 local volunteer centers across the country and around the world; generationOn, the youth service movement that ignites the power of kids to make their mark on the world; AmeriCorps Alums, the national service alumni network that activates the next generation of service leaders; and Points of Light Corporate Institute, our enterprise that enables companies to engage their employees and customers in volunteer service. ***Function areas*:** Reception Center Management, Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers and Financial Assistance/Grants. Web: http://www.pointsoflight.org/ Email: info@handsonnetwork.org Phone: 404-979-2900

42. **Presbyterian Church in America - Mission North America -** provides support to PCA churches in disaster-affected communities through a network of staff and volunteer damage assessment teams, first response teams, site managers, and key leaders. MNA recruits and mobilizes volunteers, receives and distributes supplies and equipment, brings awareness of specific needs, channels raised recovery funds, focuses prayer, and provides spiritual encourage to PCA families and their communities. ***Function areas:*** Training, Mass Care, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Full Home Rebuild, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal, Database Management and Financial Assistance. Web: http://pcamna.org/ Email: mna@pcanet.org Phone: 678-825-1200

43. **Presbyterian Church U.S.A.** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is an emergency and refugee program focusing on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities. Volunteer work teams help families rebuild and restore their homes or to do other disaster recovery work. ***Function areas:*** Training, Outreach & Info, Pastoral Counseling, Call Center Staffing, Database Management, Financial Assistance, Repair/Rebuild, Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda/ Phone: 800-728-7228

44. **Rebuilding Together** - brings volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners. It provides critical home repairs, extensive rehabilitation, modifications and improvements for America's low-income homeowners. Rebuilding Together rebuilds the homes and lives of the nation's most vulnerable homeowners and families at no cost to those served. ***Function areas:*** Mold Remediation, Foundation Work, Framing, Full Home Rebuild, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild and Laborers. Web: http://rebuildingtogether.org/ Phone: 800-473-4229

45. **Samaritan's Purse** - is a non-denominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. It specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, famine, and epidemics in the world's most troubled regions. ***Function areas:*** Volunteer Management, Donation's Management, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://www.samaritanspurse.org Phone: 828-262-1980

46. **Save the Children** - is the leading independent organization for children. When disaster strikes around the world, Save the Children is there to save lives with food, medical care, and education, and remains to help communities rebuild through long-term recovery programs. ***Function areas:*** Training, Planning and Childcare/Day Care. Web: http://www.savethechildren.org Phone: 203-221-4030

47. **Society of St. Vincent DePaul** - is a Catholic organization that embraces all works of charity and justice. Vincentians seek their personal holiness through works of charity. ***Function areas:*** Training, Case Work, Donations Management, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Warehouse Management, Reception Center Management and Case Management. Web: http://svdpusa.org Phone: 314-576-3993

48. **Southern Baptist Convention/ North American Mission Board -** is a Christ-centered partnership serving through the local church to bring help, healing, and hope to individuals and communities affected by disaster. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Training, Communication Services, Donations Management, Mold Remediation, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Muck-outs/Gutting, Framing , Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal, Call Center Staffing and Database Management. Web: http://www.namb.net/dr/ Phone: 770-410-6000

49. **The Salvation Army** - is an international movement and an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its disaster program consists of several basic services: food service, shelter, emergency financial assistance to individuals and families through casework specialists, donations management, emotional and spiritual care, emergency communications, disaster case management, clean-up and reconstruction, and partnerships. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Training, Communication Services, Case Work, Donations Management, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Sheltering, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Warehouse Management, Volunteer Management, Database Management and Financial Assistance. Web: http://disaster.salvationarmyusa.org Phone: 202-756-2600

50. **United Church of Christ** - through its Office of National Disaster Ministries provides assistance with acute and/or long-term effects of natural or technologically-caused disasters. ***Function areas:*** Training, Outreach & Info, Pastoral Counseling, Case Work, Full Home Rebuild, Mold Remediation, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers and Financial Assistance. Web: http://www.ucc.org Phone: 216-736-2100

51. **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** - has as its mission to alleviate human suffering, whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they

overwhelm a community's ability to recovery on its own. UMCOR offers disaster preparedness training, provides essential supplies and care – both physical and psychological – in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, and supports long-term rebuilding efforts and assists communities as they adapt. ***Function areas:*** Training, Case Work, Donations Management, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Warehouse Management, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management, Framing, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof Repair, Repair/Rebuild Laborers, Debris Removal and Financial Assistance. Web: http://www.umcor.org Email: umcor@umcor.org Phone: 212-870-3951

52. **United Way Worldwide** - improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good. United Way does not provide services directly but coordinates with United Way chapters and the 2-1-1 network. It coordinates and supports a 2-1-1 Disaster Response Team. ***Function areas:*** Outreach & Info, Call Center Staffing and Database Management. Web: http://www.unitedway.org Phone: 703-836-7112

53. **World Renew (Formerly Christian Reformed World Relief Committee)** - volunteers give their time and talent to help clear debris, assess needs, and rebuild homes after a disaster strikes. CRWRC partners with NVOAD and Church World Services. ***Function areas:*** Training, Health, Mental Health & Spiritual Care, Pastoral Counseling, Food Preparation, Serving of Meals, Reception Center Management,
Training of Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers, Muck-outs/Gutting, Roof RepairRepair/Rebuild Laborers and Debris Removal. Web: http://crwrc.org/ Phone: 800-55-CRWRC (27972

V – Other Grants and Resources

1. **ICNA Relief USA (ICNA Relief)**- provides domestic disaster relief and social services to underserved populations within the United States. Our clients consist primarily of immigrants

and minorities whose access to services has been obstructed by numerous hurdles, including language barriers and cultural misconceptions. ICNA Relief is multicultural community building organization which fulfills basic human needs and provides social services to the underserved. ICNA Relief operates under the principle that all people are created equal, and when given the right tools, will thrive and bring communities. We promote justice by creating the opportunities for the less fortunate to lead healthy and productive lives. Head Quarter is located at 87-91 144th Street, Jamaica, NY 11435 with more than 14 Field offices. More than 150 volunteers. We are a Muslim organization and feel the responsibility to help and support the needy as our religious responsibility. Website: http://icnarelief.org/site2/

2. **Procopio Fundraising** - addresses an unmet need in the non-profit community: a need to 'level the playing field' for leaner nonprofit organizations whose staff and volunteers are already stretched to their limits. Procopio Fundraising brings professional fund development processes and the assurance of a wider experience to your competitiveness for grant funds. Motivated by a sincere desire to lighten an organization's financial burden, we will work to help bring long-term sustainability to organizations like yours that do such important work for mankind. Contact information: contact@procopiofundraising.com Phone 570-259-1476 website: http://www.procopiofundraising.com/

3. **Network for Good** - Whether you are nonprofit raising money for your good cause, a corporation giving back to your communities or an individual raising funds for your favorite charity with family and friends, we can help. Network for Good powers more digital giving than any other platform. In our ten-year history, we've processed nearly $700 million for over 80,000 nonprofits. We are accredited by the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance and meet all 20 of its standards for charity accountability. http://www1.networkforgood.org/about-us or call us at 888.284.7978.
4. **NYDIS** - AMERICAN RED CROSS AWARDS GRANT TO NEW YORK DISASTER INTERFAITH SERVICES FOR SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY PROGRAMS
   STATEN ISLAND, July 2, 2013 - The American Red Cross has awarded a $2,968,424 grant to New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) to support long-term recovery services for people affected by Superstorm Sandy.
   Founded in response to 9/11, NYDIS is a faith-based federation of more than 80 service providers and charitable organizations that collaborate to provide disaster readiness, response and recovery services to New York City. NYDIS will use the grant both to administer the New York City Sandy Unmet Needs Roundtable and to distribute grant dollars through the New York City Unmet Needs Fund. The Unmet Needs Roundtable program is an established long-term recovery resource that customizes assistance for eligible Sandy clients in need. NYDIS will also use the grant to coordinate housing needs for volunteers travelling to New York City to assist in efforts to repair or rebuild homes in all five boroughs.
   "Superstorm Sandy wreaked havoc in our region and many people are still on the road to recovery," said Josh Lockwood, CEO, Red Cross Greater New York Region. "The Red Cross partnership with NYDIS will enable these individuals impacted by Sandy to have their outstanding needs met through the Unmet Needs Roundtable program. Unmet Needs Roundtables are used nationally as a tool for long-term disaster recovery, and we are fortunate to have NYDIS and other funding partners in this effort."

The New York City Sandy Unmet Needs Roundtable was established as a resource of last resort for eligible residents impacted by Superstorm Sandy throughout New York City's five boroughs. It will provide several forms of assistance, including emergency cash grants, sustainable recovery grants, loans and discounted, tax-free appliances, furniture and building supplies, through a partnership with Home Depot. In addition to the Red Cross grant, the United Way of New York City has provided a leadership grant to fund staff as well as cash assistance for the Unmet Needs Fund; these monies were awarded to NYDIS from the United Way Hurricane Sandy Recovery Fund. NYDIS has also received funding for the New York City Sandy Unmet Needs Fund from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Islamic Relief USA, Lutheran Social Services of New York Metro Baptist Church and others. The Salvation Army has also partnered with NYDIS to directly distribute its own unmet needs funds via the New York City Sandy Unmet Needs Roundtable.

The resources of the New York City Sandy Unmet Needs Roundtable can only be accessed by a Disaster Case Manager. Impacted families with unmet needs in New York City should contact their case manager to determine eligibility or to access this program. Those in need of disaster case management services should reach out to the New York State Disaster Case Management Program by calling 311 or 1-855-258-0483.

7- **NYDIS: Grants for Damaged Congregations-National Grid Tier 3 Grant** - Grant Opportunity for National Grid Customers. We were informed they will give grants to churches/congregations - up to $250,000 for structural damage/equipment so long as the place is a National Grid customer. Also $30-35 million dollars grant funding from National Grid still going for businesses. Please encourage folks to apply if applicable.

See link for more information, http://www.nationalgridus.com/aboutus/a3-1_news2.asp?document=7563

V –Grants Research and Trainings

A. Foundation Center

1. **The Foundation Center -** is the leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide. Through data, analysis, and training, it connects people who want to change the world to the resources they need to succeed. The Center maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. and, increasingly, global grantmakers and their grants — a robust, accessible knowledge bank for the sector. It also operates research, education, and training programs designed to advance knowledge of philanthropy at every level. Thousands of people visit the Center's web site each day and are served in its five regional library/learning centers and its network of 470 funding information centers located in public libraries, community foundations, and educational institutions nationwide and around the world. Website: http://foundationcenter.org/

2. **GrantWatch.com** - is the only website that provides a comprehensive listing of the most current funding opportunities: Federal, Foundation grants for nonprofits, for-profits, preschools, education, community, faith based organizations, universities, small businesses and government. Professional Grants Writers, Education & Health Consultants(PGWHC, Inc.) For more information contact Libby Hikind Libby@GrantWatch.com or call 347-210-5815 Website: http://www.grantwatch.com/

3. **Grants.gov** - is your source to FIND and APPLY for federal grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community. Learn more about Grants.gov and determine if you are eligible for grant opportunities offered on this site. Contact information: ◦Phone: 1-800-518-4726 (local toll free). For International callers, please dial 606-545-5035 to speak with a Contact Center representative. ◦Email: support@grants.gov website: http://www.grants.gov/

4. **Rural Assistance Center** - A product of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Rural Initiative, the Rural Assistance Center (RAC) was established in December 2002 as a rural health and human services "information portal." RAC helps rural communities and other rural stakeholders access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents. Phone: 1-800-270-1898, Fax: 1-800-270-1913, Email: info@raconline.org http://www.raconline.org/

This process is grounded in the conviction that a partnership should develop between the nonprofit and the donor. When you spend a great deal of your time seeking money, it is hard to remember that it can also be difficult to give money away. In fact, the dollars contributed by a foundation or corporation have no value until they are attached to solid programs in the nonprofit sector.

This truly is an ideal partnership. The nonprofits have the ideas and the capacity to solve problems, but no dollars with which to implement them. The foundations and corporations have the financial resources but not the other resources needed to create programs. Bring the two together effectively, and the result is a dynamic collaboration.

You need to follow a step-by-step process in the search for private dollars. It takes time and persistence to succeed. After you have written a proposal, it could take as long as a year to obtain the funds needed to carry it out. And even a perfectly written proposal submitted to the right prospect might be rejected for any number of reasons.

Raising funds is an investment in the future. Your aim should be to build a network of foundation and corporate funders, many of which give small gifts on a fairly steady basis and a few of which give large, periodic grants. By doggedly pursuing the various steps of the process, each year you can retain most of your regular supporters and strike a balance with the comings and goings of larger donors.

The recommended process is not a formula to be rigidly adhered to. It is a suggested approach that can be adapted to fit the needs of any nonprofit and the peculiarities of each situation. Fundraising is an art as well as a science. You must bring your own creativity to it and remain flexible.

FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND REPORTING

A long-term recovery organization/committee must assure its constituency of the responsible use of donated resources. Effective financial management and controls make it difficult or impossible for organizational funds to be used improperly and helps ensure regular and accurate reporting. Financial controls and systems are one of the first things a new entity should consider and implement; an identified process for receiving funds, disbursing funds, and reporting the use of funds will help guarantee donated dollars and materials. Key considerations:

1. Money-Handling Guidelines and Policies Form the Base

The Board/council should establish guidelines and policies addressing processes for deposits, spending authorities and limits, and check writing. Recommended policies include:

- Incoming-funds should be independently seen, recorded, banked, and accounted for by two or more persons.
- Someone other than the person who opens mail should compare each incoming check with issued receipts and with deposit paperwork.
- Expenditures should be approved by someone other than the person who signs checks.
- Someone other than the person who issues checks should do the monthly bank statement reconciliation.
- At least two signatures should be required on all checks.
- Checks should not be signed “ahead” by one or more of the signatures’.

2. Quality Reporting Supports Decision-making

- A Balance Sheet presenting the organization's assets and liabilities should be produced at least quarterly.
- A monthly Statement of Income and Expenses, with line item detail of project/program income and expenses, should compare the current period's fiscal performance and the year-to-date income and expense performance to the annual budget.
- In addition to demonstrating a level of leadership and vision, a simple analysis of budget variances (i.e. "why did we over- or under-spend in a particular area?") are helpful in keeping an organization on track and for future programmatic decision-making. Financial reports should present information in the same format in each reporting period.
- A written Budget should be developed as early as possible and, depending on the duration of the recovery, updated at least annually to give meaning to revenue and expense reports. Line item budgets designating expense projections that cannot be exceeded without board approval, help assure that organizational funds are not used for purposes other than authorized, and that spending stays within projected amounts.

3. The Audit Process as a Fundamental of Financial Management

- In the organizing stages, a recovery group should look to the community for a CPA (or professional bookkeeper) willing to serve as a consultant to the Board. An unbiased, trained set of eyes reviewing financial controls and procedures on a regular basis (perhaps as often as quarterly) during the formative stages of the organization may help ensure that a solid money-handling and reporting system avoids problems. Your CPA consultant may be willing donate audit services for the annual audit.
- Audits by certified public accountants assure the Board (who has ultimate responsibility) and donors that an organization has adequate controls, but an annual audit may be too late if proper controls have not been implemented early on.

4. Reporting to Donors and Contributors

- Reporting to donors and contributors is hard work that goes beyond the "asking" to include: 1) reporting the use of donated funds and goods; 2) interpreting that use in terms of the numbers of families assisted, the nature of the assistance provided that if not provided would have deterred reasonable recovery for the recipient, and on-going identification of emerging needs.
- Some donor organizations designate funds and/or require written or electronic reports at particular stages of expenditure. These requirements should be met in a timely manner.
- All donors or their representatives should receive regular reports (i.e. updates on emerging victim/survivor needs, funding needs, and monthly financial reports).
- All financial donors of substance should receive copies of annual audits, and a comprehensive closing report of finances and assistance programs.

5. Other Tips and Controls for Consideration

- A recovery group (Interfaith, Long-Term Recovery Organization, or a Long-Term Recovery Committee) receiving large quantities of in-kind material or equipment donations for its own use or redistribution should develop and implement a system of secure files for legal documents proving ownership and inventory.
- Train board members and staff on the financial management system in order to assure their understanding of the financial reports. The judiciary liability belongs to the Board!
- Staff may be able to better manage program budgets and project their casework needs if there is a transparent sharing of financial reports.
- Establish polices on retention of financial records in keeping with IRS and grantor's requirements.

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ELEMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS OF ADMINISTRATION AS A NONPROFIT

Any organization that solicits funds much be registered with the Secretary of State. If they anticipate raising several thousand dollars in goods, services or contributions in a calendar year, they must pay a fee to the Business Incorporation division of the Secretary of State and a fee to the Charities Division. What you should know about this is:

- You may not have to be a tax-exempt organization to solicit funds in certain states. Tax exempt is a federal tax opportunity for individuals and corporations who donate goods, services and money.
- The Secretary of State's Office may choose to expedite requests to form organizations addressing disaster related issues.
- There may be a required financial audit if you receive more than $100,000 in contributed income in a year. Check with your State to make sure you budget for this.

If you are not a 501©(3) as registered with the Internal Revenue Service, it will be very difficult to get grants to support your strategic vision. One way to address this is to work with another similar organization that is a tax-exempt group. This is called a fiscal agent relationship. Make sure it's an organization with a similar focus or mission. You should know that:

- Foundations typically require a tax-exempt 501©(3) letter from the IRS
- The IRS may expedite disaster related requests to form a nonprofit organization.
- There may be no financial audit requirement when filing your 990 forms (the end of year "tax information" form filed by any nonprofit whose budget exceeds $25,000)again check with your State.

Keep track of all time sheets for paid and, if not too onerous, volunteer workers: save all receipts to show that what you spent money on can be tracked every month, put internal controls into place to prevent fraud and capture stories about your efforts in writing and pictures. You need to show that the contributed money you received agrees with what you told the group/person who gave you the money you would spend it on.

Internal controls are systems that prevent one person from having all control over the income and expenditures. One tip to address this is that the bank statements are sent to the treasurer's house/work address and he or she can sign the checks. The board president can sign checks but not write them. A staff person or designated board member can write the checks and reconcile the bank statements but cannot sign checks. Make sure that the person who is gathering money, writing checks, paying bills, reconciling bank statements and creating reports is not all the same person.

The board of an organization is ultimately responsible for all operations of that organization. Make sure you have good reporting systems in place that inform them in terms of financial information(budget at the beginning of the year, balance sheet each meeting and budgeted items vs. actual items), activities for a particular period (in report forms) and minutes from any board meetings.

GRANT PROPOSAL PROCESS

Create you Need/Case Statement. The Need Statement (also known as the Case Statement) is the who, what, when, where and why of your funding proposal. Be prepared to discuss your community in demographic terms (race, gender, age, geographic place), your organization (descriptions about staff and their ability and the board of directors and who they represent), your constituents (those that you serve directly…especially in terms of what you are requesting the money to do), the needs of your constituents and why this need is important enough for someone to give you lots of money to create strategies to address this need. The needs assessment analyzes the extent of the problem and the conditions you wish to change. The statement of the problem or need is a representation of the reason for your proposal.

Establish Goals and Objectives. That Support the Need. Goals and Objectives support the Need or Case Statement and provide the guide to reach the mission of your organization. Goals are broad statements that look at the desired changes you want to see happen. It is recommended that you state just one or two goals in your application. Objectives take the goals and break them down into smaller parts that tell the person giving you money what you will do in terms of dates and measurable items. Program objectives specify the outcomes of your project the end product and can be evaluated. Process objectives are also measurable and are written to assure that the program objectives are carried out.

Develop Methods of Achieving Your Obstacles. This is something like a checklist that comes from looking at your objectives. For example, if your goal is to increase rental and home-owner properties an objective might be to build 500 home by September, 2012. Some of the methods to do this might include hiring a contractor to design homes, purchase or get donated materials, recruit volunteers to build the homes. Activities (methods) in a section of your application which will explain in detail how you are going to achieve the outcomes.

Evaluate Your Success. This is simply taking the objectives and examining them to see whether you did what you set out to do. If you are going to build 500 homes, how will you know you did it? Well, in this case , by keeping track on paper of the homes built. It gives you the opportunity to say yes or no to the objectives.

Create the Budget. It is important that you present a detailed budget which will express the objectives and methods in financial terms. So if you need to hire the contractor, how much will he cost? If you purchase materials, what do they cost? Are there costs associated with volunteers building the homes?

Having a good quality Strategic and/or Action plan is VERY helpful in writing grant proposals. It tells the funder that you have a vision and that this request will support that vision. It gives credibility to your organization and provides a road map so that when funding opportunities come up, you are prepared to match the money needs with the needs of the people who you are trying to serve.

GATHERING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The first thing you will need to do in writing the master proposal is to gather the documentation for it. You will require background documentation in three areas: concept, program, and expenses. If all of this information is not readily available to you, determine who will help you gather each type of information. If you are part of a small nonprofit with no staff, a knowledgeable board member will be the logical choice. If you are in a larger agency, there should be program and financial support staff who can help you. Once you know with whom to talk, identify the questions to ask. This data-gathering process makes the actual writing much easier. And by involving other stakeholders in the process, it also helps key people within your agency seriously consider the project's value to the organization.

Concept
It is important that you have a good sense of how the project fits into the philosophy and mission of your agency. The need that the proposal is addressing must also be documented. These concepts must be well-articulated in the proposal. Funders want to know that a project reinforces the overall direction of an organization, and they may need to be convinced that the case for the project is compelling. You should collect background data on your organization and on the need to be addressed so that your arguments are well-documented.

Program
Here is a check list of the program information you require:

- the nature of the project and how it will be conducted;
- the timetable for the project;
- the anticipated outcomes and how best to evaluate the results; and
- staffing and volunteer needs, including deployment of existing staff and new hires.

Expenses
You will not be able to pin down all the expenses associated with the project until the program details and timing have been worked out. Thus, the main financial data gathering takes place after the narrative part of the master proposal has been written. However, at this stage you do need to sketch out the broad outlines of the budget to be sure that the costs are in reasonable proportion to the outcomes you anticipate. If it appears that the costs will be prohibitive, even with a foundation grant, you should then scale back your plans or adjust them to remove the least cost-effective expenditures.

COMPONENTS OF A PROPOSAL

Executive Summary:	umbrella statement of your case and summary of the entire proposal	1 page
Statement of Need:	why this project is necessary	2 pages
Project Description:	nuts and bolts of how the project will be implemented and evaluated	3 pages
Budget:	financial description of the project plus explanatory notes	1 page
Organization Information:	history and governing structure of the nonprofit; its primary activities, audiences, and services	1 page
Conclusion:	summary of the proposal's main points	2 paragraphs

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This first page of the proposal is the most important section of the entire document. Here you will provide the reader with a snapshot of what is to follow. Specifically, it summarizes all of the key

information and is a sales document designed to convince the reader that this project should be considered for support. Be certain to include:

Problem — a brief statement of the problem or need your agency has recognized and is prepared to address (one or two paragraphs);

Solution — a short description of the project, including what will take place and how many people will benefit from the program, how and where it will operate, for how long, and who will staff it (one or two paragraphs);

Funding requirements— an explanation of the amount of grant money required for the project and what your plans are for funding it in the future (one paragraph); and

Organization and its expertise— a brief statement of the name, history, purpose, and activities of your agency, emphasizing its capacity to carry out this proposal (one paragraph).

THE STATEMENT OF NEED

If the funder reads beyond the executive summary, you have successfully piqued his or her interest. Your next task is to build on this initial interest in your project by enabling the funder to understand the problem that the project will remedy.

The statement of need will enable the reader to learn more about the issues. It presents the facts and evidence that support the need for the project and establishes that your nonprofit understands the problems and therefore can reasonably address them. The information used to support the case can come from authorities in the field, as well as from your agency's own experience.

You want the need section to be succinct, yet persuasive. Like a good debater, you must assemble all the arguments. Then present them in a logical sequence that will readily convince the reader of their importance. As you marshal your arguments, consider the following six points.

First, decide which facts or statistics best support the project. Be sure the data you present are accurate. There are few things more embarrassing than to have the funder tell you that your information is out of date or incorrect. Information that is too generic or broad will not help you develop a winning argument for your project. Information that does not relate to your organization or the project you are presenting will cause the funder to question the entire proposal. There also should be a balance between the information presented and the scale of the program.

Second, give the reader hope. The picture you paint should not be so grim that the solution appears hopeless. The funder will wonder whether an investment in a solution will be worthwhile. Here's an

example of a solid statement of need: "Breast cancer kills. But statistics prove that regular check-ups catch most breast cancer in the early stages, reducing the likelihood of death. Hence, a program to encourage preventive check-ups will reduce the risk of death due to breast cancer." Avoid overstatement and overly emotional appeals.

Third, decide if you want to put your project forward as a model. This could expand the base of potential funders, but serving as a model works only for certain types of projects. Don't try to make this argument if it doesn't really fit. Funders may well expect your agency to follow through with a replication plan if you present your project as a model.

If the decision about a model is affirmative, you should document how the problem you are addressing occurs in other communities. Be sure to explain how your solution could be a solution for others as well.

Fourth, determine whether it is reasonable to portray the need as acute. You are asking the funder to pay more attention to your proposal because either the problem you address is worse than others or the solution you propose makes more sense than others. Here is an example of a balanced but weighty statement: "Drug abuse is a national problem. Each day, children all over the country die from drug overdose. In the South Bronx the problem is worse. More children die here than any place else. It is an epidemic. Hence, our drug prevention program is needed more in the South Bronx than in any other part of the city."

Fifth, decide whether you can demonstrate that your program addresses the need differently or better than other projects that preceded it. It is often difficult to describe the need for your project without being critical of the competition. But you must be careful not to do so. Being critical of other nonprofits will not be well received by the funder. It may cause the funder to look more carefully at your own project to see why you felt you had to build your case by demeaning others. The funder may have invested in these other projects or may begin to consider them, now that you have brought them to their attention.

If possible, you should make it clear that you are cognizant of, and on good terms with, others doing work in your field. Keep in mind that today's funders are very interested in collaboration. They may even ask why you are not collaborating with those you view as key competitors. So at the least you need to describe how your work complements, but does not duplicate, the work of others.

Sixth, avoid circular reasoning. In circular reasoning, you present the absence of your solution as the actual problem. Then your solution is offered as the way to solve the problem. For example, the circular reasoning for building a community swimming pool might go like this: "The problem is that we have no pool in our community. Building a pool will solve the problem." A more persuasive case would cite what a pool has meant to a neighboring community, permitting it to offer recreation, exercise, and physical therapy programs. The statement might refer to a survey that underscores the target audience's planned usage of the facility and conclude with the connection between the proposed usage and potential benefits to enhance life in the community.

The statement of need does not have to be long and involved. Short, concise information captures the reader's attention.

This section of your proposal should have five subsections: objectives, methods, staffing/administration, evaluation, and sustainability. Together, objectives and methods dictate staffing and administrative requirements. They then become the focus of the evaluation to assess the results of the project. The project's sustainability flows directly from its success, hence its ability to attract other support. Taken together, the five subsections present an interlocking picture of the total project.

Objectives

Objectives are the measurable outcomes of the program. They define your methods. Your objectives must be tangible, specific, concrete, measurable, and achievable in a specified time period. Grantseekers often confuse objectives with goals, which are conceptual and more abstract. For the purpose of illustration, here is the goal of a project with a subsidiary objective:

Goal: Our after-school program will help children read better.

Objective: Our after-school remedial education program will assist 50 children in improving their reading scores by one grade level as demonstrated on standardized reading tests administered after participating in the program for six months.

The goal in this case is abstract: improving reading, while the objective is much more specific. It is achievable in the short term (six months) and measurable (improving 50 children's reading scores by one grade level). With competition for dollars so great, well-articulated objectives are increasingly critical to a proposal's success.

Using a different example, there are at least four types of objectives:

1. **Behavioral** — A human action is anticipated. **Example:** Fifty of the 70 children participating will learn to swim.
2. **Performance** — A specific time frame within which a behavior will occur, at an expected proficiency level, is expected. **Example:** Fifty of the 70 children will learn to swim within six months and will pass a basic swimming proficiency test administered by a Red Cross-certified lifeguard.
3. **Process** — the manner in which something occurs is an end in itself. **Example:** We will document the teaching methods utilized, identifying those with the greatest success.
4. **Product** — A tangible item results. **Example:** A manual will be created to be used in teaching swimming to this age and proficiency group in the future.

In any given proposal, you will find yourself setting forth one or more of these types of objectives, depending on the nature of your project. Be certain to present the objectives very clearly. Make sure that they do not become lost in verbiage and that they stand out on the page. You might, for example, use numbers, bullets, or indentations to denote the objectives in the text. Above all, be realistic in setting objectives. Don't promise what you can't deliver. Remember, the funder will want to be told in the final report that the project actually accomplished these objectives.

Methods

By means of the objectives, you have explained to the funder what will be achieved by the project. The methods section describes the specific activities that will take place to achieve the objectives. It might be helpful to divide our discussion of methods into the following: how, when, and why.

How: This is the detailed description of what will occur from the time the project begins until it is completed. Your methods should match the previously stated objectives.

When: The methods section should present the order and timing for the tasks. It might make sense to provide a timetable so that the reader does not have to map out the sequencing on his or her own....The timetable tells the reader "when" and provides another summary of the project that supports the rest of the methods section.

Why: You may need to defend your chosen methods, especially if they are new or unorthodox. Why will the planned work lead to the outcomes you anticipate? You can answer this question in a number of ways, including using expert testimony and examples of other projects that work.

The methods section enables the reader to visualize the implementation of the project. It should convince the reader that your agency knows what it is doing, thereby establishing its credibility.

Staffing/Administration

In describing the methods, you will have mentioned staffing for the project. You now need to devote a few sentences to discussing the number of staff, their qualifications, and specific assignments. Details about individual staff members involved in the project can be included either as part of this section or in the appendix, depending on the length and importance of this information.

"Staffing" may refer to volunteers or to consultants, as well as to paid staff. Most proposal writers do not develop staffing sections for projects that are primarily volunteer run. Describing tasks that volunteers will undertake, however, can be most helpful to the proposal reader. Such information underscores the value added by the volunteers as well as the cost-effectiveness of the project.

For a project with paid staff, be certain to describe which staff will work full time and which will work part time on the project. Identify staff already employed by your nonprofit and those to be recruited specifically for the project. How will you free up the time of an already fully deployed individual?

Salary and project costs are affected by the qualifications of the staff. Delineate the practical experience you require for key staff, as well as level of expertise and educational background. If an individual has already been selected to direct the program, summarize his or her credentials and include a brief biographical sketch in the appendix. A strong project director can help influence a grant decision.

Describe for the reader your plans for administering the project. This is especially important in a large operation, if more than one agency is collaborating on the project, or if you are using a fiscal agent. It needs to be crystal clear who is responsible for financial management, project outcomes, and reporting.

Evaluation

An evaluation plan should not be considered only after the project is over; it should be built into the project. Including an evaluation plan in your proposal indicates that you take your objectives seriously and want to know how well you have achieved them. Evaluation is also a sound management tool. Like strategic planning, it helps a nonprofit refine and improve its program. An evaluation can often be the best means for others to learn from your experience in conducting the project.

There are two types of formal evaluation. One measures the product; the other analyzes the process. Either or both might be appropriate to your project. The approach you choose will depend on the nature of the project and its objectives. For either type, you will need to describe the manner in which evaluation information will be collected and how the data will be analyzed. You should present your plan for how the evaluation and its results will be reported and the audience to which it will be directed. For example, it might be used internally or be shared with the funder, or it might deserve a wider audience. A funder might even have an opinion about the scope of this dissemination.

Sustainability

A clear message from grantmakers today is that grantseekers will be expected to demonstrate in very concrete ways the long-term financial viability of the project to be funded and of the nonprofit organization itself.

It stands to reason that most grantmakers will not want to take on a permanent funding commitment to a particular agency. Rather, funders will want you to prove either that your project is finite (with start-up and ending dates); or that it is capacity-building (that it will contribute to the future self-sufficiency of your agency and/or enable it to expand services that might be revenue generating); or that it will make your organization attractive to other funders in the future. With the new trend toward adopting some of the investment principles of venture capital groups to the practice of philanthropy, evidence of fiscal sustainability becomes a highly sought-after characteristic of the successful grant proposal.

It behooves you to be very specific about current and projected funding streams, both earned income and fundraised, and about the base of financial support for your nonprofit. Here is an area where it is important to have backup figures and prognostications at the ready, in case a prospective funder asks for these, even though you are unlikely to include this information in the actual grant proposal. Some grantmakers, of course, will want to know who else will be receiving a copy of this same proposal. You should not be shy about sharing this information with the funder.

THE BUDGET

The budget for your proposal may be as simple as a one-page statement of projected expenses. Or your proposal may require a more complex presentation, perhaps including a page on projected support and revenue and notes explaining various items of expense or of revenue.

Expense Budget

As you prepare to assemble the budget, go back through the proposal narrative and make a list of all personnel and non-personnel items related to the operation of the project. Be sure that you list not only new costs that will be incurred if the project is funded but also any ongoing expenses for items that will be allocated to the project. Then get the relevant costs from the person in your agency that is responsible for keeping the books. You may need to estimate the proportions of your agency's ongoing expenses that should be charged to the project and any new costs, such as salaries for project personnel not yet hired. Put the costs you have identified next to each item on your list.

Your list of budget items and the calculations you have done to arrive at a dollar figure for each item should be summarized on worksheets. You should keep these to remind yourself how the numbers were developed. These worksheets can be useful as you continue to develop the proposal and discuss it with funders; they are also a valuable tool for monitoring the project once it is under way and for reporting after completion of the grant.

A portion of a worksheet for a year-long project might look like this:

Item	Description	Cost
Executive director	Supervision	10% of salary = $10,000 25% benefits = $ 2,500
Project director	Hired in month one	11 months at $35,000 = $32,083 25% benefits = $ 8,025
Tutors	12 working 10 hours per week for three months	12 x 10 x 13 x $ 4.50 = $ 7,020
Office space	Requires 25% of current space	25% x $20,000 = $ 5,000
Overhead	20% of project cost	20% x $64,628 = $12,926

With your worksheets in hand, you are ready to prepare the expense budget. For most projects, costs should be grouped into subcategories, selected to reflect the critical areas of

expense. All significant costs should be broken out within the subcategories, but small ones can be combined on one line. You might divide your expense budget into personnel and non-personnel costs; your personnel subcategories might include salaries, benefits, and consultants. Subcategories under non-personnel costs might include travel, equipment, and printing, for example, with a dollar figure attached to each line.

Support and Revenue and Statement

For the typical project, no support and revenue statement is necessary. The expense budget represents the amount of grant support required. But if grant support has already been awarded to the project, or if you expect project activities to generate income, a support and revenue statement is the place to provide this information.

In itemizing grant support, make note of any earmarked grants; this will suggest how new grants may be allocated. The total grant support already committed should then be deducted from the "Total Expenses" line on the expense budget to give you the "Amount to Be Raised" or the "Balance Requested."

Any earned income anticipated should be estimated on the support and revenue statement. For instance, if you expect 50 people to attend your performance on each of the four nights, it is given at $10 a ticket, and if you hope that 20 of them will buy the $5 souvenir book each night, you would show two lines of income, "Ticket Sales" at $2,000 and "Souvenir Book Sales" at $400. As with the expense budget, you should keep backup worksheets for the support and revenue statement to remind yourself of the assumptions you have made.

Budget Narrative

A narrative portion of the budget is used to explain any unusual line items in the budget and is not always needed. If costs are straightforward and the numbers tell the story clearly, explanations are redundant.
If you decide a budget narrative is needed, you can structure it in one of two ways. You can create "Notes to the Budget," with footnote-style numbers on the line items in the budget keyed to numbered explanations. If an extensive or more general explanation is required, you can structure the budget narrative as straight text. Remember though, the basic narrative about the project and your organization belongs elsewhere in the proposal, not in the budget narrative.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION AND CONCLUSION

Organizational Information

Normally a resume of your nonprofit organization should come at the end of your proposal. Your natural inclination may be to put this information up front in the document. But it is usually better to sell the need for your project and then your agency's ability to carry it out.

It is not necessary to overwhelm the reader with facts about your organization. This information can be conveyed easily by attaching a brochure or other prepared statement. In two pages or less, tell the reader when your nonprofit came into existence; state its mission, being certain to demonstrate how the subject of the proposal fits within or extends that mission; and describe the organization's structure, programs, and special expertise.

Discuss the size of the board, how board members are recruited, and their level of participation. Give the reader a feel for the makeup of the board. (You should include the full board list in an appendix.) If your agency is composed of volunteers or has an active volunteer group, describe the function that the volunteers fill. Provide details on the staff, including the numbers of full and part-time staff, and their levels of expertise.

Describe the kinds of activities in which your staff engage. Explain briefly the assistance you provide. Describe the audience you serve, any special or unusual needs they face, and why they rely on your agency. Cite the number of people who are reached through your programs.

Tying all of the information about your nonprofit together, cite your agency's expertise, especially as it relates to the subject of your proposal.

LETTER PROPOSAL

Sometimes the scale of the project might suggest a small-scale letter format proposal, or the type of request might not require all of the proposal components or the components in the sequence recommended here. The guidelines and policies of individual funders will be your ultimate guide. Many funders today state that they prefer a brief letter proposal; others require that you complete an application form. In any case, you will want to refer to the basic proposal components as provided here to be sure that you have not omitted an element that will support your case. As noted, the scale of the project will often determine whether it requires a letter or the longer proposal format. For example, a request to purchase a $1,000 fax machine for your agency simply does not lend itself to a lengthy narrative. A small contribution to your agency’s annual operating budget, particularly if it is a renewal of past support, might also warrant a letter rather than a full-scale proposal.

What are the elements of a letter request? For the most part, they should follow the format of a full proposal, except with regard to length. The letter should be no more than three pages. You will need to call upon your writing skills because it can be very hard to get all of the necessary details into a concise, well-articulated letter.

As to the flow of information, follow these steps while keeping in mind that you are writing a letter to someone. It should not be as formal in style as a longer proposal would be. It may be necessary to change the sequence of the text to achieve the correct tone and the right flow of

information.

Here are the components of a good letter proposal:

- *Ask for the gift:* The letter should begin with a reference to your prior contact with the funder, if any. State why you are writing and how much funding is required from the particular foundation.
- *Describe the need:* In a much abbreviated manner, tells the funder why there is a need for this project, piece of equipment, etc.
- *Explain what you will do:* Just as you would in a fuller proposal, provide enough detail to pique the funder's interest. Describe precisely what will take place as a result of the grant.
- *Provide agency data:* Help the funder know a bit more about your organization by including your mission statement, brief description of programs offered, number of people served, and staff, volunteer, and board data, if appropriate.
- *Include appropriate budget data:* Even a letter request may have a budget that is a half-page long. Decide if this information should be incorporated into the letter or in a separate attachment. Whichever course you choose, be sure to indicate the total cost of the project. Discuss future funding only if the absence of this information will raise questions.
- *Close:* As with the longer proposal, a letter proposal needs a strong concluding statement.
- *Attach any additional information required:* The funder may need much of the same information to back up a small request as a large one: a board list, a copy of your IRS determination letter, financial documentation, and brief resumes of key staff.

  It may take as much thought and data gathering to write a good letter request as it does to prepare a full proposal (and sometimes even more). Don't assume that because it is only a letter, it isn't a time-consuming and challenging task. Every document you put in front of a funder says something about your agency. Each step you take with a funder should build a relationship for the future.

CONCLUSION

Every proposal should have a concluding paragraph or two. This is a good place to call attention to the future, after the grant is completed. If appropriate, you should outline some of the follow-up activities that might be undertaken to begin to prepare your funders for your next request. Alternatively, you should state how the project might carry on without further grant support.

This section is also the place to make a final appeal for your project. Briefly reiterate what your nonprofit wants to do and why it is important. Underscore why your agency needs funding to accomplish it. Don't be afraid at this stage to use a bit of emotion to solidify your case.

What Happens Next?

Submitting your proposal is nowhere near the end of your involvement in the grantmaking process. Grant review procedures vary widely, and the decision-making process can take anywhere from a few weeks to six months or more. During the review process, the funder may ask for additional information either directly from you or from outside consultants or professional references. Invariably, this is a difficult time for the grantseeker. You need to be patient but persistent. Some grantmakers outline their review procedures in annual reports or application guidelines. If you are unclear about the process, don't hesitate to ask.

If your hard work results in a grant, take a few moments to acknowledge the funder's support with a letter of thanks. You also need to find out whether the funder has specific forms, procedures, and deadlines for reporting the progress of your project. Clarifying your responsibilities as a grantee at the outset, particularly with respect to financial reporting, will prevent misunderstandings and more serious problems later.

Nor is rejection necessarily the end of the process. If you're unsure why your proposal was rejected, ask. Did the funder need additional information? Would they be interested in considering the proposal at a future date? Now might also be the time to begin cultivation of a prospective funder. Put them on your mailing list so that they can become further acquainted with your organization. Remember, there's always next year.

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Curso breve para escribir propuestas

Introducción

El tema de este curso breve es cómo escribir una propuesta. Pero la propuesta no se mantiene por si sola; debe formar parte del proceso de planificación e investigación, de reclutamiento y de cultivar a posibles fundaciones y donantes corporativos.

Este proceso está basado en la convicción de que debe desarrollarse una colaboración entre la organización y la fundación donante. Cuando ha pasado gran parte de su tiempo en la búsqueda de fondos, es difícil recordar que también puede ser difícil donar dinero. Es más, el dinero contribuido por una fundación o corporación no tiene valor hasta que se asigne a los programas sólidos en el sector no lucrativo.

Esto se considera una colaboración ideal. Las organizaciones tienen las ideas y la capacidad para resolver problemas, pero no el dinero con el cual implementarlas. Las fundaciones y corporaciones pueden tener los recursos financieros, pero no necesariamente los otros recursos necesarios para crear programas. Integre efectivamente los dos y el resultado será una colaboración dinámica.

Debe seguir un proceso paso a paso en la búsqueda de fondos privados. Toma tiempo y persistencia para tener éxito. Después de que haya escrito la propuesta, puede pasar un año o más para obtener los fondos necesarios para llevar a cabo su proyecto. Aun una propuesta perfectamente escrita, presentada a la posible fundación donante, puede ser rechazada por varias razones.

Recaudar fondos es una inversión hacia el futuro. Su objetivo debe ser crear una red de fundaciones y otros contribuidores, muchos de los cuales otorgan donaciones pequeñas de manera constante, y algunos pocos que brindan donaciones grandes y periódicas. Al perseverar en cumplir estos pasos del proceso, cada año usted puede retener a la mayoría de sus contribuidores regulares y encontrar el equilibrio con las idas y venidas de los donantes financieros más grandes.

El proceso recomendado no es una fórmula estricta por la que se debe regir. Es sólo una sugerencia de enfoque que se puede adaptar para ayudar con las necesidades de la organización y las exigencias particulares de cada situación. Recaudar fondos es un arte, no una ciencia. Usted debe contar con su propia creatividad y ser flexible.

Recopilación de información

El punto de partida para escribir una propuesta consiste en reunir la documentación adecuada. Para esto es importante recopilar antecedentes en tres sectores: concepto, programa y presupuesto.

Si esta documentación no está disponible, deberá elegir a la persona o equipo responsable de llevar a cabo dicha recopilación. Si usted es miembro de una pequeña organización sin fines de lucro que no cuenta con este tipo de apoyo, lo más fácil sería elegir a un miembro de su junta directiva. Si por el contrario, usted trabaja para una organización grande, es muy probable que haya personal capacitado que pueda brindarle el apoyo necesario en el área de desarrollo de proyectos y ejecución presupuestal. Una vez que sepa a quién le va a asignar esta responsabilidad, identifique todas las preguntas posibles que le ayudarán a desarrollar el proceso de documentación.

Este proceso permite que la redacción de la propuesta sea mucho más fácil y además, si incluye a otros miembros de la organización o de la junta directiva logrará que el proyecto se convierta en un trabajo de equipo, en el que se incorporarán otras personas de la institución y reconocerán su importancia.

Concepto

No sólo es importante que usted comprenda cómo encaja el proyecto dentro de la filosofía y misión de la organización, sino que además deberá contar con la documentación que responda a las necesidades identificadas. Es importante que estos conceptos de filosofía estén claramente expresados en la propuesta. Para las fundaciones es importante saber si el proyecto apoya el objetivo general de la organización y de esta manera, evaluar si vale la pena ser considerado. Con este fin, será necesario reunir datos precisos acerca de su organización y conocer exactamente las necesidades a las cuales su proyecto responderá. Esto le ayuda a fortalecer sus argumentos y contribuye al desarrollo de una propuesta sólida.

Programa

La siguiente es la lista de control de la información necesaria sobre el programa:

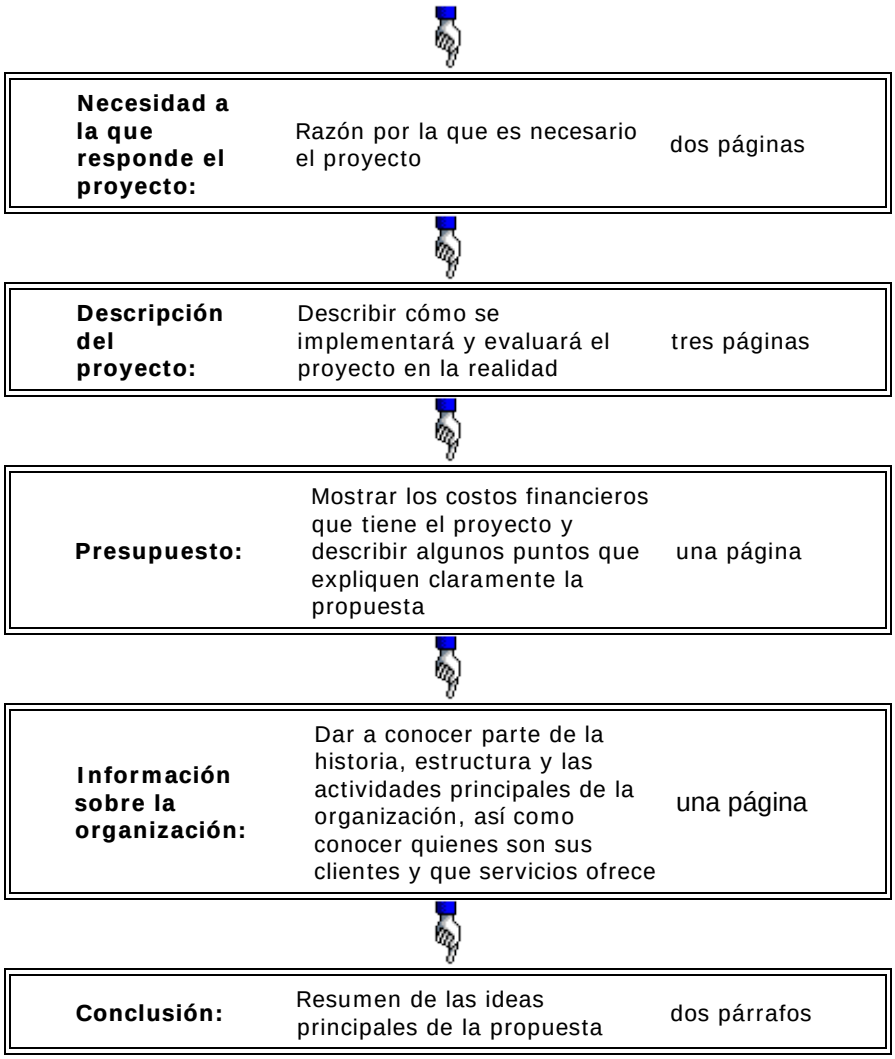
- Naturaleza del proyecto y método para ponerlo en práctica;
- Cronología del proyecto;
- Resultados esperados y método de su evaluación; y
- Requisitos de personal y voluntarios, incluyendo empleados actuales y nuevos.

Presupuesto

Una vez que haya definido el contenido del proyecto y establecido un plan de trabajo, podrá elaborar un presupuesto inicial que le indique con exactitud cuáles podrían ser los costos del proyecto. Por esta razón, se recomienda primero definir las necesidades y establecer las metas y alcances del proyecto, antes de preparar la parte financiera. Sin embargo, se aconseja hacer un bosquejo preliminar del presupuesto para cerciorarse de que haya una relación razonable entre costos y resultados anticipados. Si considera que los costos son muy altos, aun sabiendo que este presupuesto podrá ser financiado por una fundación, usted deberá replantearlo y reducir costos innecesarios.

Componentes principales para la elaboración de una propuesta

Resumen:	Presentación de la idea principal del proyecto y resumen de la propuesta	una página



Necesidad a la que responde el proyecto:	Razón por la que es necesario el proyecto	dos páginas
Descripción del proyecto:	Describir cómo se implementará y evaluará el proyecto en la realidad	tres páginas
Presupuesto:	Mostrar los costos financieros que tiene el proyecto y describir algunos puntos que expliquen claramente la propuesta	una página
Información sobre la organización:	Dar a conocer parte de la historia, estructura y las actividades principales de la organización, así como conocer quienes son sus clientes y que servicios ofrece	una página
Conclusión:	Resumen de las ideas principales de la propuesta	dos párrafos

Resumen ejecutivo

La primera página de la propuesta es la sección más importante de todo el documento. En ella, usted le proporciona al lector un resumen del mismo. Específicamente, es una síntesis de la información más relevante que ayuda a convencer al lector de que este proyecto sea considerado para su apoyo. Debe incluir:

El problema - Uno o dos párrafos breves sobre el problema o la necesidad que su organización ha identificado y que está preparada para enfrentar.

La solución - Una descripción breve, que no sobrepase dos párrafos, sobre el proyecto, que incluya: sus actividades, la cantidad de personas que se beneficiarán de este programa, cómo y dónde operará, por cuánto tiempo y el personal que lo implementará.

Los fondos requeridos- Una explicación breve, de un párrafo, sobre la cantidad de dinero requerido para la operación del proyecto y cuáles son sus planes para recaudar fondos en el futuro.

Una reseña sobre la experiencia de su organización- Escriba en un párrafo el nombre, la historia, la misión y las actividades de su organización, así como la capacidad que ésta tiene para llevar a cabo el proyecto.

Plantee la necesidad del proyecto

Si despues de leer el resumen, la fundación donante continua leyendo, ya despertó su interés. El próximo paso será reforzar este interés inicial describiendo el problema y cómo el proyecto podrá remediarlo.

El planteamiento de la necesidad le permitirá al lector conocer más a fondo los temas tratados. Presenta hechos y pruebas para apoyar la necesidad de desarrollar el proyecto, y establece que su organización sin fines de lucro entiende los problemas y los puede resolver de una manera razonable. La información utilizada para apoyar su caso puede provenir de expertos en el tema y de las propias experiencias de la organización.

La sección correspondiente al planteamiento de necesidad debe ser concisa aunque persuasiva. Para expresar sus buenas ideas, usted tiene que organizar primero todos los argumentos y después presentarlos en una secuencia lógica que convenza al lector de la importancia de abordar este proyecto. Para organizar sus argumentos, es importante que considere los seis puntos siguientes:

Primero, decida qué realidades o estadísticas apoyan mejor al proyecto. Asegúrese de que los datos que presente sean correctos. No hay nada tan penoso como una fundación donante que diga que la información es incorrecta o que está desactualizada. La información genérica o muy extensa no le ayudará a presentar un argumento triunfador para el proyecto. La información que no esté relacionada con su organización o con el proyecto, dará lugar a que la fundación donante cuestione la propuesta. Por lo tanto, es importante que exista un balance entre la información presentada y la capacidad del programa para desarrollar el proyecto.

Segundo, al lector hay que darle esperanzas. La imagen que usted presente sobre la situación no debe ser tan crítica como para que parezca que la situación no tiene solución. La fundación donante dudará si vale la pena invertir en una solución. He aquí un ejemplo contundente sobre el planteamiento de una necesidad: "El cáncer de seno mata. Sin embargo, las estadísticas demuestran que las revisiones periódicas pueden detectar los síntomas de cáncer en sus fases iniciales, reduciendo considerablemente la posibilidad de muertes por causa de esta enfermedad. Es así como un programa que promueva las visitas periódicas al médico puede ayudar a reducir el riesgo de morir a causa de cáncer de seno." Evite exageraciones o explicaciones muy emocionales.

Tercero, decida si quiere que su proyecto sirva de modelo. Esto ayudaría a ampliar la base de posibles fundaciones donantes. Recuerde que un modelo funciona solamente en ciertos tipos de proyectos. No trate de desarrollar un argumento alrededor de esta idea si verdaderamente no cabe dentro del proyecto. Las fundaciones donantes esperarán que su organización siga con un plan similar si lo presenta como un proyecto modelo.

Si decide hacer un modelo de este proyecto, debe documentarse sobre cómo este problema que está enfrentando ocurre en otras comunidades. Asegúrese de explicar cómo la solución que plantee puede servir también para otros.

Cuarto, determine hasta que punto es prudente mostrar que la necesidad que usted tiene es realmente grave. Usted le está pidiendo a la fundación donante que se interese en su propuesta ya sea porque el problema que usted plantea es más grave que los otros, o la solución que propone tiene mejor sentido y es más viable que otras. He aquí un ejemplo de un escrito contundente pero equilibrado: "El abuso de drogas es un problema nacional. Cada día mueren niños en todo el país a causa de una dosis excesiva. En el Sur del Bronx, el problema es más crítico. Más niños mueren aquí que en cualquier otro lugar, es como

una epidemia. Es por esta razón, que nuestro programa de prevención es más necesario en el Sur del Bronx que en cualquier otra parte de la ciudad."

Quinto, decida si puede demostrar que su programa integra las necesidades de una manera diferente, o está mejor estructurado que otros proyectos que lo han precedido. Es muy difícil describir la necesidad de su proyecto sin ser crítico con otras organizaciones con las cuales está compitiendo por los mismos recursos. En este caso, usted debe ser muy cuidadoso de no hacer esto. Criticar a otras organizaciones no está bien visto por las fundaciones donantes. Podría motivar al posible contribuidor a mirar más de cerca su proyecto e investigar por qué lo presentó desprestigiando a otras organizaciones. La fundación donante puede haber invertido dinero en los proyectos de estas organizaciones o haber comenzado a considerarlos viables para su apoyo, ahora que usted se los ha hecho notar.

Es mejor que aclare que usted tiene buenas relaciones con las otras organizaciones en el campo donde presta sus servicios. Recuerde, las fundaciones donantes hoy en día están muy interesados en crear alianzas para que haya colaboración entre las organizaciones. Es más, pueden preguntarle por qué no está colaborando con aquellos que usted considera como sus competidores principales. Entonces, lo mínimo que usted debe presentar es cómo el trabajo de su organización complementa y no duplica el trabajo de otros.

Sexto, evite el razonamiento circular. En este tipo de razonamiento, usted presenta la ausencia de una solución como el verdadero problema y luego ofrece su solución como una manera de resolver el problema. Por ejemplo, el razonamiento circular para la construcción de una piscina comunitaria podría presentarse así: "El problema es que en nuestra comunidad no tenemos piscina. Es por eso que la construcción de una piscina resolverá el problema". Una manera más persuasiva de presentar su caso es demostrar que una piscina puede ofrecer recreación, facilitar la realización de ejercicios físicos, y permitir la creación de programas de rehabilitación física, convirtiéndola en un recurso importante y necesario para la comunidad. Su presentación puede incluir una encuesta que resalte las expectativas de la comunidad sobre el uso de la piscina y concluir haciendo la conexión entre cómo se piensa utilizar este servicio y cuáles son los beneficios potenciales que podrían ayudar a mejorar la calidad de vida en la comunidad.

El planteamiento de la necesidad no tiene que ser largo ni extenso. Por el contrario, debe ser breve. La información concisa atrae la atención del lector.

La descripción del proyecto

Esta sección de su propuesta debe tener cinco subcategorías: objetivos, métodos, personal/administración, evaluación y sostenibilidad. Los objetivos y los métodos determinan los requisitos de personal y administración. Ellos son el centro de atención durante la evaluación y se encargarán de dar los resultados del proyecto. La sostenibilidad depende directamente de su éxito, y por eso su capacidad para atraer el apoyo de otras fuentes. Las cinco subcategorías muestran cómo están conectadas entre sí para desarrollar el proyecto.

Objetivos

Los objetivos son los resultados mensurables del programa. Ellos ayudan a delinear sus métodos. Sus objetivos tienen que ser tangibles, específicos, concretos, medibles y ejecutables en un período específico. Las organizaciones en busca de recursos a veces confunden los objetivos con las metas, éstas son más conceptuales y abstractas. Para ilustrar mejor este punto, he aquí un ejemplo de la meta de un proyecto con un objetivo secundario:

> **Meta: Nuestro programa después de las clases ayudará a los niños a leer mejor.**
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> **Objetivo: Nuestro programa después de las clases ayudará a cincuenta niños a mejorar su nivel de lectura ascendiendo este nivel a un grado superior al actual, según lo demuestran los exámenes de lectura realizados después de haber participado en el programa por un período de seis meses.**

La meta en este caso es abstracta: mejorar la capacidad en la lectura, mientras que el objetivo es más específico. Se puede lograr a corto plazo (seis meses) y evaluar (mejorar el nivel de lectura de 50 niños ascendiendo a un grado superior al actual).

Considerando que hay una gran competencia para recaudar fondos, los objetivos bien presentados son importantes para el desarrollo de una propuesta exitosa.

Utilizando otro ejemplo diferente, existen por lo menos cuatro tipos de objetivos:

1. **Comportamiento** - Se anticipa a una acción humana.

   Por ejemplo: Cincuenta de los 70 niños participantes aprenderán a nadar.

2. **Desempeño** - Un plazo de tiempo específico durante el cual ocurrirá una acción humana, y durante el cual se espera un nivel de destreza o conocimiento.

   Por ejemplo: Cincuenta de los 70 niños aprenderán a nadar dentro de los seis meses y aprobarán un examen de habilidad en natación que será supervisado por un socorrista especializado de la Cruz Roja.

3. **Proceso** - La manera en que se lleva a cabo el proceso es un fin en sí mismo.

   Por ejemplo: Documentaremos los métodos de enseñanza utilizando e identificando aquéllos que tuvieron los mejores resultados.

4. **Producto** - Habrá un resultado tangible.

   Por ejemplo: Se creará un manual que se utilizará en el futuro para enseñar natación a los niños de esta edad.

En todas las propuestas, usted habrá de definir uno o más objetivos de este tipo, dependiendo de la naturaleza de su proyecto. Asegúrese de presentar sus objetivos de una manera clara; que no sean confusos y que sobresalgan en la página. Usted puede utilizar números u otros tipos de subdivisiones que le ayuden a resaltar esa sección en el texto. Pero sobretodo, sea realista al establecer sus objetivos. No prometa algo que no pueda cumplir. Recuerde, la fundación donante va a querer que se le explique en el informe final del proyecto cómo se cumplieron los objetivos planteados.

Métodos

Al presentar los objetivos, usted le explicó a la fundación donante claramente los alcances del proyecto. En esta sección correspondiente a los métodos, usted describe las actividades específicas que se llevarán a cabo para cumplir dichos objetivos. Se considera de gran ayuda subdividir esta explicación sobre los métodos en los siguientes puntos: Cómo, cuándo, y por qué.

Cómo: **Descripción detallada sobre los hechos que sucederán desde que el proyecto comienza hasta que termina. Los métodos deben estar de acuerdo con los objetivos planteados anteriormente.**

Cuándo: **La sección de métodos debe presentar el orden y el tiempo**

que tomará cada labor. Puede tener sentido elaborar una cronología o plan de trabajo para que el lector no tenga que delinear la secuencia por si mismo...El plan de trabajo le dice al lector "cuándo" y provee otro resumen del proyecto que apoya el resto de la sección de métodos.

Por qué: **Usted necesita defender los métodos escogidos, especialmente si son nuevos o poco convencionales. ¿Por qué el trabajo planificado lo llevará a los resultados que anticipa? Usted puede responder a esta pregunta de diferentes maneras, valiéndose del uso de ejemplos de otros proyectos en funcionamiento y de opiniones de expertos en la materia.**

La sección de métodos permite al lector visualizar la puesta en práctica del proyecto. Debe convencer al lector que su agencia sabe lo que está haciendo y de esa manera establecer su credibilidad.

Personal / Administración

Al describir los métodos, usted habrá mencionado el personal que colaborará en el proyecto. Ahora necesita dedicar un par de frases a la discusión sobre la cantidad de personal, sus calificaciones y asignaciones específicas. Los detalles sobre los miembros individuales que participan en el proyecto se pueden incluir ya sea como parte de esta sección o como apéndice, dependiendo de lo extensa e importante que sea la información.

"Personal" se refiere a voluntarios o consultores, así como al personal de planta. La mayoría de los que escriben propuestas no preparan la sección de personal para el proyecto que se opera principalmente con voluntarios. Describir las tareas que los voluntarios desempeñan, sin embargo, puede ser útil para el lector de la propuesta. Esta información subraya el valor agregado por los voluntarios y los bajos costos del proyecto.

Para un proyecto con personal contratado, asegúrese de describir claramente qué personas trabajan a tiempo completo y quiénes trabajarán a tiempo parcial en el proyecto. Identifique al personal que está actualmente empleado por la organización y a el que tiene que contratarse para llevar a cabo el proyecto. ¿Cómo organizará el tiempo de un empleado que ya tiene otras asignaciones?

El salario y los costos del proyecto son afectados de acuerdo a las calificaciones del personal. Determine la experiencia práctica que necesita del personal clave, así como el nivel de experiencia y el perfil educativo. Si una persona ha sido seleccionada para dirigir el programa, resuma sus habilidades e incluya una biografía breve en el apéndice. Un buen director de proyectos puede influir en la decisión de la fundación donante.

Describa su plan para administrar el proyecto para el lector. Esto es especialmente importante si se trata de una operación grande, si más de una agencia colabora en el proyecto o si utiliza un agente fiscal. Debe quedar totalmente claro quién será la persona responsable de la administración financiera, de los resultados del proyecto y del informe final.

Evaluación

El plan de evaluación no debe considerarse únicamente cuando se haya completado el proyecto; debe formar parte del mismo. La inclusión del plan de evaluación en su propuesta indica que usted toma en serio sus objetivos y desea evaluar hasta qué grado los alcanzó. La evaluación es útil también en la administración. Como la planificación estratégica, ayuda a las organizaciones sin fines de lucro a refinar y mejorar sus programas. Una evaluación puede ser la mejor manera para que otros aprendan de su experiencia de cómo conducir un proyecto.

Existen varios tipos de evaluaciones formales. La primera mide el producto; otras analizan el proceso y las estrategias utilizadas en el proyecto. Casi todos los planes de evaluación se diseñan para poder determinar el efecto de un programa o proyecto sobre las personas que ese programa tiene como objetivo ayudar y para medir los objetivos mensurables de ese proyecto. Cualquiera de estas evaluaciones pueden ser apropiadas para su proyecto. La orientación que usted tome al respecto dependerá de la naturaleza del proyecto y de sus objetivos. Para cada tipo de evaluación, tendrá que describir la forma en que se recopilará la información a evaluarse y cómo se analizarán los datos.

La mayoría de las planes de evaluación incluyen tanto análisis cualitativos como cuantitativos. Usted debe presentar un plan detallando cómo se hará pública la evaluación y cómo se reportarán sus resultados. Por ejemplo, pueden utilizarse internamente o compartirse con la fundación donante, o pueden compartirse con un público más amplio. Es posible que la fundación donante opine acerca del alcance de la difusión de este documento. Muchas fundaciones también tendrán sugerencias acerca de quién debería realizar la evaluación, sea el personal de la misma organización o un equipo o consultores externos. Algunas fundaciones permiten que el costo de una evaluación externa se incluya en el presupuesto del proyecto.

Sostenimiento

Hoy en día, el mensaje más claro que expresan las fundaciones donantes es que las organizaciones tendrán que demostrar de manera concreta la viabilidad financiera del proyecto a largo plazo para el cual están solicitando apoyo, y también la viabilidad de la organización en sí.

No está de más decir que la mayoría de las fundaciones donantes no desean comprometerse a dar apoyo financiero de una manera permanente a una organización. Es más, ellos quieren que se les demuestre que su proyecto tiene un principio y un fin (con fecha de inicio y fecha de culminación); o si es para el fortalecimiento institucional de la organización (es decir, contribuirá con su futura autosuficiencia y/o permitirá aumentar servicios que produzcan ingresos); o hará que su organización sea más atractiva para otras fundaciones donantes en el futuro. Por las nuevas tendencias de adoptar principios de inversiones en el mercado dentro del sector filantrópico, presentar evidencia del sostenimiento financiero se convierte en un elemento de alta prioridad para una propuesta exitosa.

Es importante que sea muy específico sobre las actuales y futuras fuentes de recursos para la organización, tanto como ingresos adquiridos por medio de los programas y fondos recaudados; asimismo, tiene que presentar la base de apoyo financiero de su organización. He aquí un aspecto donde es muy importante tener estadísticas e informes financieros preparados en caso de que un futuro donante financiero los solicite, aunque usted no incluya esta información en la propuesta. Algunas fundaciones donantes, con mucha razón, querrán saber quien más recibirá una copia similar de esta propuesta. No tenga miedo de compartir esta información con la fundación donante.

El presupuesto

El presupuesto de su propuesta puede ser tan simple como un estado de cuentas de una página proyectando sus gastos. O su propuesta puede requerir una presentación más compleja, que muestre la proyección de donaciones e ingresos y datos concretos explicando los diferentes rubros para gastos o ingresos.

El presupuesto de gastos

Conforme vaya preparando el presupuesto, revise la propuesta y haga una lista de todas las actividades relacionadas con el personal y otras no relacionadas

con él. Asegúrese de enumerar no solamente los costos nuevos en que incurrirá si se aprueba el proyecto, sino también cualquier otro gasto que resulte de otras actividades asignadas al proyecto. Después, tome las cifras más relevantes de la persona responsable de la contabilidad de su organización. Es posible que deba calcular qué proporción de los gastos incurridus se deben cargar al proyecto y cualquier costo nuevo, como salarios del personal que aún no se ha contratado para el proyecto. Ponga los costos identificados al frente de cada actividad en su lista.

Su lista de los diferentes rubros del presupuesto y los cálculos que ha hecho para llegar a una cantidad estimada para cada rubro deben resumirse en una tabla de trabajo. Tenga estas cifras presentes para acordarse de cómo llegó a calcular el presupuesto. Estas tablas de trabajo pueden ser útiles para preparar la propuesta y discutirla con las fundaciones donantes; son también una herramienta valiosa para supervisar el proyecto una vez iniciado y para reportar sobre el mismo cuando lo haya completado.

Una parte de una tabla de trabajo para un proyecto que tendrá un año de duración puede reflejarse de la manera siguiente:

Rubro	Descripción	Costo
Director ejecutivo	Supervisión	10% de su salario= $10,000 25% de sus beneficios = $2,500
Director del proyecto exclusiva	Contratado en el primer mes	11 meses con dedicación con un salario anual $35,000 = $32,083 25% de sus beneficios = $8,025
Tutores	12 que trabajan 10 horas por semana durante 13 semanas	12 x 10 x 13 x $4.50= $7,020
Oficina	Ocupa el 25% del espacio disponible	25% x $20,000 = $5,000
Gastos generales	20% de los costos del proyecto	20% x $64,628 = $12,926

Con su tabla de trabajo a la mano, está listo para preparar el presupuesto. Para la mayoría de los proyectos, estos costos deben agruparse en subcategorías seleccionadas para reflejar los aspectos críticos de los gastos. Todos los gastos significativos deben separarse en rubros dentro de subcategorías, pero los gastos pequeños pueden ser combinadas en un solo renglón. Puede dividir sus gastos en dos rubros: gastos de personal y gastos no relacionados con el personal. La subcategoría de personal puede incluir salarios, beneficios y consultores. Las subcategorías bajo costos no relacionados con el personal pueden incluir gastos de viaje, equipos y gastos de imprenta, por ejemplo, con una cifra (en dólares) a la par de cada rubro. Los gastos administrativos o generales, también llamados costos indirectos, se deberían incluir en el presupuesto, ya que los proyectos no se llevan a cabo en aislamiento. De hecho, las fundaciones donantes podrían tener reglamentos limitando el porcentaje de gastos indirectos, en el caso de las fundaciones que ofrecen apoyo financiero con gastos indirectos incluidos.

Declaración de ingresos y donaciones

Para un proyecto en general, no es necesario presentar una declaración de ingresos y donaciones. El rubro de gastos dentro del presupuesto representa la

cantidad que se va a necesitar en donaciones. Pero si ya se recibió una donación para la ejecución del proyecto, o si espera que las actividades del proyecto generen ingresos, entonces el lugar adecuado para presentar esta información es la declaración de ingresos y donaciones.

Al detallar las donaciones en rubros, haga una lista con todas las destinadas para la realización del proyecto; esto va a sugerir cómo asignar las nuevas donaciones. El total de las donaciones ya comprometidas en el proyecto se deben restar del renglón "Gastos totales" en la parte de gastos del presupuesto para que le indique la cantidad de "Fondos a recaudar" o "Saldo solicitado."

Todo ingreso anticipado debe incluirse en la declaración de ingresos y donaciones. Por ejemplo, si espera que 50 personas asistan a su presentación durante las cuatro noches, con un costo de $10 por boleto, y si espera que 20 de ellos compren un libro de recuerdo por $5 cada noche, entonces debe mostrar dos renglones de ingresos en el presupuesto, "Venta de boletos" a $2,000 y "Venta de libros de recuerdo" a $400. Así como en el presupuesto de gastos, usted debe guardar una tabla con las cifras de respaldo para la declaración de ingresos y donaciones para que le ayuden a recordar cuáles eran los ingresos esperados.

Narrativa del presupuesto

La parte escrita del presupuesto se utiliza para explicar las partes que no son comunes en el mismo y que no siempre son necesarias. Si los costos son claros y las cifras hablan por si solas, entonces una explicación resultara redundante.

Si decide que es necesario proveer una explicación del presupuesto, puede estructurarla de una o dos formas. Puede crear "Apuntes sobre el presupuesto" con información al pie de página enunerando cada anotación con la cifra correspondiente. O, si hay una explicación más extensa o general, puede estructurar la narrativa del presupuesto dentro del texto. Sin embargo, recuerde, que la narrativa básica sobre el proyecto y su organización deben presentarse en otra parte de la propuesta, y no en la narrativa del presupuesto.

Información sobre la organización y conclusiones

Información sobre la organización

Normalmente el perfil de la organización debe ir al final de su propuesta. Su tendencia inicial será poner esta información al principio de la propuesta, pero, por lo general, es mejor vender las necesidades del proyecto y *luego*, la capacidad de la organización para llevarlo a cabo.

No es necesario abrumar al lector con datos acerca de su organización. Esta información puede presentarse fácilmente adjuntando un folleto u otra información breve que resuma a su organización, o invitando al lector a que visite su página web, si la tiene. En menos de dos páginas, cuéntele al lector cuándo fue fundada su organización, cuál es su misión, y cómo el contenido de la propuesta encaja dentro de la misión de la organización. Además, describa la estructura de la organización, sus programas y personal calificado.

Describa el tamaño de su junta directiva y explique cómo se reclutan a nuevos miembros y su nivel de participación. Ofrezca al lector un sentido de la composición de la junta. (Incluya la lista completa de la junta directiva en el apéndice.) Si su organización está compuesta de voluntarios o tiene un grupo

activo de voluntarios, describa sus funciones. Incluya detalles sobre el personal, tales como la cantidad de trabajadores de dedicación completa y a tiempo parcial y su nivel de experiencia.

Describa qué tipo de actividades desempeña el personal. Explique brevemente la asistencia que usted proporciona. Explique a qué público atiende, sus necesidades especiales, y la razón por la cual ellos necesitan los servicios de su organización. También cite la cantidad de personas que se benefician de sus programas.

Una vez terminada la información sobre la organización, explique qué tipos de servicios especializados provee, en particular, si están relacionados al contenido de su propuesta.

Carta propuesta

En realidad, no todas las propuestas se van a apegar a estas guías. Esto no debe sorprenderle. En algunos casos, un proyecto pequeño podría requerir una propuesta del mismo tamaño, o el tipo de solicitud podría no requerir todos los componentes de una propuesta en la secuencia que hemos recomendado en este libro. Las guías y políticas de diferentes fundaciones serán su guía final. Muchas fundaciones hoy en día prefieren una propuesta breve por carta; otras requieren que complete una solicitud. De todas formas, deberá consultar los componentes básicos de una propuesta para estar seguro no haber omitido ningún detalle que le pueda ayudar a defender su propuesta.

Algunas veces, el tamaño del proyecto determina si requiere solamente la presentación de una carta o del formato de propuesta más extenso. Por ejemplo, una solicitud para comprar una máquina de fax por $1,000 para su organización no requiere una propuesta extensa. Una contribución pequeña para los costos de operación de la organización, particularmente si se trata de una renovación de contribuciones anteriores, puede requerir solamente una carta en vez de una propuesta más completa.

¿Cuáles son los elementos de una carta/propuesta? En la mayoría de los casos, usted debe seguir el formato de la propuesta completa, excepto en lo largo del documento. La carta no debe tener más de tres páginas. Usted debe utilizar sus habilidades de redacción para escribir cuidadosamente todos los detalles necesarios en la carta de manera que ésta sea clara y concisa.

Con respecto a la fluidez en la información, siga estos pasos teniendo en cuenta que está escribiendo una carta. Trate de no ser tan formal en su estilo como la propuesta completa. Puede ser necesario cambiar la secuencia del texto para alcanzar el tono adecuado y la fluidez deseada en la presentación de información.

He aquí algunos elementos de una buena carta/propuesta:

- *Solicite la donación:* La carta debe comenzar haciendo referencia a contactos anteriores que se hayan tenido con la fundación donante, si los hubo. Escriba el motivo de esta carta y el monto de la donación que está solicitando a la fundación.
- *Presente la necesidad:* En una forma abreviada, explique a la fundación por qué es necesario este proyecto, o equipo de oficina, etc.
- *Explique lo que hará:* Así como lo haría en una propuesta completa,

presente suficientes detalles para despertar el interés de la fundación donante. Describa de manera precisa cuáles serán los resultados de la donación.

- *Presente datos sobre su organización:* Ayude al donante financiero a conocer más acerca de su organización incluyendo su misión, una descripción breve de los programas que ofrece la organización, la cantidad de personas que la organización atiende, y el personal, voluntarios y los miembros en su junta directiva, si es apropiado.
- *Incluya la información apropiada sobre el presupuesto:* Aun en una carta propuesta se puede incluir un presupuesto de media página. Decida si esta información debe estar incorporada en el cuerpo de la carta o en un documento aparte. Cualquiera que sea el método que elija, debe indicar los costos totales del proyecto. Únicamente mencione futuras donaciones si la ausencia de esta información podría suscitar dudas.
- *Concluya:* Así como en una propuesta larga, una carta propuesta necesita una conclusión contundente. Haga saber que está dispuesto a reunirse con la fundación donante y que puede proveer información adicional sobre su proyecto y su organización.
- *Adjunte cualquier otra información adicional requerida:* La fundación donante puede necesitar la misma información para una propuesta pequeña como para una más extensa: una lista de la junta directiva, una copia del documento de responsabilidad fiscal del IRS, documentación financiera y un curriculum vitae breve del personal clave.

El esfuerzo necesario para redactar una carta propuesta puede ser igual o mayor que el de una propuesta completa. No crea que no le tomará tiempo ni le resultará difícil por que se trate solamente de una carta. Cada documento que usted le entregue a una fundación donante dice algo sobre su organización. Cada paso que toma con el donante financiero debe crear una relación para el futuro.

Conclusión

Cada propuesta debe tener uno o dos párrafos de conclusión. Este es un buen lugar para brindar información sobre el futuro y qué se hará después que se concluya con el proyecto. Si es apropiado, conviene presentar algunas de las actividades complementarias que se podrían llevar a cabo y, de esta manera, preparar a la fundación donante para la próxima propuesta.

Esta sección también es donde usted puede apelar para que la fundación donante apoye el proyecto. Brevemente reitere qué es lo que quiere lograr su organización y por qué es importante hacerlo. Señale por qué su organización necesita fondos para lograr sus metas y objetivos. No tenga miedo en esta etapa de utilizar un poco de emoción para fortalecer su caso.

¿Qué pasará después?

La presentación de su propuesta no significa en absoluto el final de su participación en el proceso de concesión de propuestas. Los procedimientos para evaluar las propuestas varían mucho y el proceso para tomar la decisión puede tardar desde algunas semanas a seis meses o más tiempo. Durante el proceso de evaluación, es posible que la fundación pida información adicional directamente de usted o de los consultores externos o referencias profesionales. Invariablemente, este período es difícil para las personas que buscan una donación. Debe ser paciente, pero persistente. Algunas fundaciones describen sus procedimientos de evaluación en su informe anual o en las guías para hacer la solicitud. Si usted no está seguro del proceso, no dude en hacer preguntas.

Si logra una donación a través de su arduo trabajo, dedique un poco de tiempo a expresar su agradecimiento mediante una carta a la fundación que le brindó apoyo. Usted también necesita saber si la fundación tiene formularios, procedimientos y plazos específicos para reportar el progreso de su proyecto. Al aclarar sus responsabilidades como beneficiario de la fundación desde el principio, particularmente con respecto a los estados financieros, puede evitar malentendidos y problemas más graves en el futuro.

El ser rechazado tampoco significa necesariamente el final del proceso. Si no está seguro de la razón por la cual se rechazó su propuesta haga preguntas. ¿Necesita información adicional la fundación? ¿Podría interesarle considerar la propuesta en una fecha futura? Este puede ser un buen momento para iniciar una relación futura con la fundación. Incorporela en su lista de direcciones, para que pueda conocer mejor su organización. Recuerde, siempre hay un próximo año.

Las selecciones de este curso breve sobre la redacción de propuestas se extrajeron del libro: ***Guía para escribir propuestas,*** 4th ed. (New York: The Foundation Center, 2004), escrita por Jane C. Geever, presidenta de la firma de consultoria para el desarrollo, J.C. Geever, Inc.

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