



GRANTS PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do we apply for a grant?

Arts Program Area

The Arts program area is open for application. All organizations who wish to apply must submit a hard copy of the grant application via mail to our office. We encourage you to review our grants program guidelines to see if you are aligned with our program focus and eligibility criteria. To obtain a copy of the application please refer to the Foundation's website (<http://www.eandlmillerfdn.com/>) or contact us via email at info@eandlmillerfdn.com.

Health/Education Program Areas

Applications are accepted via invitation only this year. The Foundation will only review applications from those who have been invited to submit an application.

The Foundation anticipates opening the Health and Education application process in the future.

2. When can we apply?

The deadline for all application submissions is **February 28, 2017** (applications must be postmarked by this date).

3. When will we know if we are invited to apply for a Health or Education grant?

Invitations will be sent out in early January, and should be received by organizations by January 15, 2017. **Please note that an invitation to apply does not guarantee funding.**

4. What does the review process consist of?

Applications will be reviewed by Foundation staff and Trustees. The review process may also include a site visit. Final decisions will be announced in **June 2017**.

5. How can we strengthen our application?

Applications will be assessed based upon their alignment with our mission, program area focus, and grantmaking goals. We highly encourage you to review our overview of the Foundation's grants program to learn more about our grantmaking priorities, as well as the Foundation's review criteria that highlight the characteristics we value in the organizations we fund.

6. Will arts organizations that were past grantees of the Miller Foundation receive preferential treatment based on their history with the Foundation?

No. Funding decisions will be based solely on the merit and impact of the proposal in accordance with the grants program guidelines. Any previous partnerships will not bear influence in funding decisions for applicants.

7. What kinds of support do you provide?

The Foundation will consider requests for support for programs (new or existing), core operating, or capacity-building. Capital needs will not be supported unless they are directly tied to program delivery (e.g., supplies, equipment, technology, renovations) and submitted as a request for program support.

8. How much should we apply for?

Foundation grants vary. A moderate grant size has historically been between \$25,000-\$50,000. We encourage you to submit for an amount that reflects the core needs of your organization or program. A number of factors will be used by the Foundation to determine ultimate funding levels including project budget size, participation of other funders, and specific organization or program needs. If you are a past grantee, keep in mind that historical funding amounts will have no influence over funding levels for this year.

9. We were a past health or education grantee and didn't receive an invitation. Did our organization do something wrong?

Unfortunately the Foundation has finite resources and is unable to support all of the quality nonprofit organizations doing important work in greater Long Beach. One of the goals of the strategic planning process was to focus our grantmaking in a number of ways (including identifying a primary geographic constituency as well as focused program areas) in order to best leverage our funding for impact. Yet this also means that unfortunately, we cannot continue to support past grantees that are not well-aligned with our focus. Determinations regarding grant program invitations were solely based upon this measure of programmatic fit.

10. How can we learn more about the Miller Foundation's grants program and application process?

For more information please contact the Foundation's office at info@eandlmillerfdn.com or visit our website at <http://www.eandlmillerfdn.com/>.