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**GRANT GUIDELINES**

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**1. KIMMEL FOUNDATION FUNDING OBJECTIVES**

To support innovative ideas which promise substantial impact and which may encourage others to make similar or larger grants. We seek ideas which provide leadership in the field, and which contribute in a major way to the organization's mission and service to its constituents. Highest priority is given to proposals for funding in **EDUCATION, ARTS, AGRICULTURE, HUMAN SERVICES** and the **HUMANITIES**.

**2. KIMMEL FOUNDATION FUNDING PRIORITIES**

- A. **Education:** Our highest priority is focused on educational programs of broad impact in Business, Art and Agriculture.
- B. **Arts:** Our highest priority is focused on improving art education, art appreciation and art exhibition.
- C. **Agriculture:** Our highest priority is focused on teaching and the study of

significant changes in agriculture which have a broad effect on agriculture. Emphasis shall be given to the area of horticulture.

- D. **Human Services:** Our highest priority is focused on improving areas of greatest need which are supported by the communities and have a broad impact. We also value collaborations among organizations, elimination of unnecessary duplication and programs designed to markedly improve the awareness and use of human service programs.
- E. **Humanities:** Our highest priority is focused on improving the areas of teaching and learning of the humanities and increased accessibility by under-served audiences. We look for interdisciplinary approaches, application of new research and collaborations among organizations.
- F. **Grant Making Area:** All grants are made to Qualified Organizations operating within the States of Nebraska and/or Iowa, with emphasis placed on organizations located and operating in Nebraska City, Nebraska, and Otoe County, Nebraska.
- G. **Type of Funding:** Most grants are for program funding. A low priority is assigned to general operating support.
- H. **Grant Amounts:** Most grants are for amounts less than \$25,000.00. Approval of amounts greater than \$25,000.00 reflects a high correlation with our priorities and proven community need.

3. **GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES:**

- A. **Problem Definition:** It is essential that a convincing case is presented for the proposed project, why it is needed and how it will meet the needs identified. Brevity and clarity are important.
- B. **Applicant Qualifications:** The applicant must first be a Qualified Organization. The applicant must then present evidence of the organization's experience, expertise and qualifications to undertake the proposed project.
- C. **Financial Qualifications:** Evidence must be presented of financial ability, stability and planning. We are interested in the size and capacity of the organizational budget in relationship to the project budget, the development plan in relation to existing and proposed needs, appropriate levels and use of reserve funds and the ability to sustain the project after the grant period. Accuracy is important.
- D. **Collaboration:** Collaboration, when appropriate, generally strengthens an

application. The roll of, commitment by and benefit to each organization and to the objective must be identified.

- E. **Evaluation:** An evaluation strategy must be presented defining a rational criteria, and method of measuring the proposal's effectiveness during the grant period.
- F. **Model Programs:** The way in which a program will serve as a catalyst or blueprint for others and how funding and management will be sustained beyond the grant period must be demonstrated. Simply stating that a program can be replicated is not sufficient.

4. **GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- A. **Submission Schedule:** Inquiries about our priorities, the application process, and the review schedule should be made well before the beginning of the project. Although the board meets quarterly, applications are not reviewed at every meeting. Accepted applications are generally reviewed within 1 to 3 months of receipt.
- B. **Payment Schedule:** Grant checks generally are issued four times a year: April, July, October and December. Applications must indicate when funds will be needed.
- C. **Re-application:** We do not accept applications from organizations which have had proposals approved or declined in the preceding 12 months. This policy applies to the lead organization, but not to the cooperating organizations, in a collaborative proposal.

**COMPLETE AND ACCURATE SUBMISSION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL IN ALL REQUESTS. INCOMPLETE GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**