International Initiative
Funding Guidelines

Program Goal

The goal of the International Initiative is to help women, girls, and their families overcome violence, poverty and other hardships in under-developed countries.

Program Guidelines

The Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation's International Initiative funds only international programs by domestic 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Programs must be new to your organization and within its first year of development or implementation to be eligible for funding. Programs in the following areas that aid women and children are of special interest.

1. **Education**: Programs that address the needs of at-risk youth.
2. **Environment, Conservation and Preservation**: Forestry projects and projects that preserve and protect the environment by using scarce resources wisely.
3. **Health**: Programs addressing mental health (including, chemical dependency and family planning).
4. **Economic Development**: Programs that support micro-lending, providing a source of capital to create better lives.

Priorities

The Foundation gives priority to programs that help women, girls, and their families overcome violence, poverty, and other hardships. We believe our focus on women and girls can enhance their natural desire to prosper and stimulate their entrepreneurship. An African proverb states, "If you educate a boy, you educate an individual. If you educate a girl, you educate a community." We also note that micro-lending programs appear to work best for women, because 90% of what an educated woman earns she reinvests in her family. We emphasize investing in women and girls for these reasons.

Eligibility

Organizations must be classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization who are directly involved in international programs. The Foundation will not fund U.S. organizations that do not have a significant oversight of operations abroad.

Grant Size

The average grant size for the Initiative is $25,000 or less.

Multi-Year Funding

The Foundation will support new programs for up to three years. While the Foundation will not commit funds for the second or third year without an annual review, it is our intent to continue funding successful programs. Because programs will not be funded for more than three years, you are encouraged to plan for the long-term sustainability of the program.

Organizations requesting second or third year funding for programs approved the previous year must continue to submit a Stage 1 Application by March 1 and Stage 2 Application by August 1 of each year. Organizations seeking second and third year funding from the Foundation and have submitted a Stage 1 Application and a grant report, will automatically be requested to submit a Stage 2 Application.

Restrictions

The Foundation will not consider proposals in the following areas:

- Ongoing projects or general operating support.
- Projects whose purpose is to create specific media, film, photography, or books.
- Capital projects, including land acquisition or the construction of buildings.
- Grants or scholarships to individuals.
- Projects that attempt to change behavior by education of the general public.
- Camps or cultural exchange programs.
- Lobbying prohibited by the Internal Revenue Code.
- Conferences.
- Endowments.
- Start-up costs for new organizations.
- Research projects.

Outcome-Based Assessment

The Foundation has a particular interest in measurable outcomes. Applicants are asked to clearly state program goals on the application and include a plan for an outcome-based assessment of the program activities. Applicants will be required to report on the program's success by providing metrics on the qualitative and quantitative outcomes at the end of each grant period.

Application Process

The Foundation has a two-stage application process. The Stage 1 Application, due March 1, requests information about the organization and the program funding is being requested for. The Stage 2 Application, due August 1, asks follow-up questions to the Stage 1 Application. You will be able to view the Stage 1 Application, but not make edits at the Stage 2 phase of the application process. A Stage 1 Application must be submitted to advance to Stage 2 and be considered for funding. Submission of a Stage 2 Application is by invitation only.

Foundation Process for Decision Making

The Foundation will review all Stage 1 Applications at their meeting in June. The Board of Trustees will make their decisions and notify applicants in July of the Board's decision to request a Stage 2 Application. Organizations seeking second and third year funding from the Foundation and have submitted a Stage 1 Application and a grant report, will automatically be requested to submit a Stage 2 Application.

Deadlines—March 1 / August 1

Stage 1 Applications will be accepted through March 1. The Foundation Board will consider your Stage 1 Application in June and will invite a Stage 2 Application to be submitted by August 1 to be considered by the Board in November. Funding will be available in December for the next year. In fairness to all applicants, the Foundation will strictly adhere to its deadlines.

Please note that the Stage 1 Application is closed after March 1 and will reopen again on January 1 for the subsequent year funding round.

Getting Started

The Foundation requires that all Stage 1 and Stage 2 Applications be completed via our online application system. The link to the online Stage 1 Application is provided below for this Initiative. If the Foundation invites a Stage 2 Application from your organization, a link to the Stage 2 Application will be provided at that time. Foundation staff are available to assist you with any problems in completing your application. Contact the office at wff@fidcouns.com.

All first time users of the on-line application system must create a login with a user name and password. This is the user name and password for your organization. All users from your organization must use the same log in.

Returning to an Application

Your application does not need to be completed in one session and can be returned to and edited until you formally submit the application. You can access your new application using the link provided in the email you receive upon opening a new application and your organization's user name and password. Saving the link as a "Favorite" provides quick access.

Budget Template

A program budget is a required document and must be submitted with the Stage 1 Application. The required template is available by clicking on the link below.

Uploading Required Documents

There are required documents that you must upload for the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Applications. Only one document can be uploaded per question. Documents will not appear as uploaded until you have hit SAVE.

Submitting an Application

Once you have completed and reviewed your application, you may "submit" the application for funding consideration. Please note that once an application has been submitted you will be able to view the application, but not edit or change it. Also note that submitting your application on the due date may take substantially longer to upload due to high volume. Please plan accordingly.

Start a New International Initiative Application

You must have your organization's tax exempt number ready when starting your application. A printer friendly version of the application is available online to allow you to review the application questions prior to starting. Remember to "Save & Finish Later" even if you have not added any new information.

Click here to start a new International Initiative Application, or copy/paste into your browser https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1805?SA=SNA&FID=35005. Please note this link is for all applicants, including those applying for second and third year funding.

Questions?

For technical support in submitting your application, please feel free to contact the Foundation at wff@fidcouns.com.