

Grant Application 2005

Mission

The Chahara Foundation's mission is to support radical grassroots non-profits run by and for low-income women in the Greater Boston area. We especially seek to amplify women's voices as they fight to shape public opinion and policy around the issue of economic oppression.

Criteria

During 2005, the Foundation is particularly interested in providing general operating support to organizations that are addressing the challenges of inequity. The Foundation seeks to support 501(c)(3) organizations of Greater Boston that have many if not all of the following qualities:

- Grassroots, community based constituency driven organization.
- Provides service, outreach, advocacy and/or organizing training with particular emphasis on women/girls who have known and are trying to move out of poverty
- Addresses the particular needs of women of color, immigrant women and single mothers
- Affords women/girls the opportunity to access the tools needed for social change through amplified voices
- Works to impact public policy as it pertains to the rights and economic welfare of women, girls and families
- Organizations that have limited access to more mainstream funding pools
- Organizations that emphasize leadership development
- Organizations that embrace and represent the cultural, ethnic, ability, sexual preference and age diversity of their female constituency

- 2 individuals of the organization must attend a mandatory 3-day Undoing Racism Workshop within our January – December fiscal year.

Application Procedure

Organizations interested in applying for a grant are invited to submit a proposal of one to three pages in length. If your first language is not English and you would prefer to submit in your first language, please do so. The following questions should be addressed:

- Why does your organization do the work it does on behalf of the poor?
- What is your organization's analysis for why people are poor?
- How do you effectively encourage strength, conviction and positive self-image in your constituents?
- In what ways do you see your organization growing in the next two years?
- What are the obstacles that your organization encounters that keep you from doing your best work? (not including financial resources)
- What other sources of funding are you pursuing?
- What is the amount of your grant request?
- How do you evaluate progress within your organization?
- Is your facility/offices/building All Access?
- Organizational budget, financial/income statement for the most recent fiscal year.
- Board list including names, addresses, board office and occupations
- Diversity of board, staff and constituents

These last three items are to be submitted on separate sheets from the three-page narrative.

Additional information could be requested at a later date for clarity. A small pool of money is available for organizations not having tax-exempt status. Technical assistance grants are also available. Grant requests not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Application Check List

- 1-3 page narrative
- Budget
- Copy of 501(c)(3) documentation
- Financials
- Board list
- Diversity breakdown

Submission Guidelines

Please submit proposal postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2005 by fax or e-mail by mail it must be post dated with this date. Proposals will not be accepted after this date. Send proposals to:

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