



Grantseekers

Grantmaking at The San Francisco Foundation is strategic and responsive to the changing needs of the region: we reinforce communities through the thousands of grantees we support. By choosing only nonprofit organizations with exemplary records and promise for strengthening the Bay Area, we strive to make a greater impact, together.

Priorities and Strategies

We encourage you to learn about our priorities and strategies. These areas of focus are both for the near term in response to the economic downturn, and for the longer term to enhance our impact in community.



We support the Bay Area region through grants in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties. Our approach to grantmaking values the inherent strengths of local residents and their communities and looks for systemic solutions.

The Foundation serves communities traditionally excluded from positions of power and access to resources. We invest in the region's anchor organizations as well as supporting and building on innovative new efforts.

Applications

The San Francisco Foundation has a variety of special projects, mini-grant programs, and initiatives that may issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or invite proposals at different times of the year. These grantmaking efforts are narrowly tailored to address a particular issue or geographic area. RFPs are released and publicized periodically through our website and through targeted communications. We encourage all interested organizations to visit our [Program Area](#) pages periodically for RFP notices.

We also welcome unsolicited applications once a year during our Open Application Cycle. [In 2014](#), we are dedicating Open Application funding to grantees who were awarded grants in last year's 2013 Open Application Grant Cycle. The next Open Application Cycle, open to both new and existing grantees, will be in 2015.

Please read the [Grantseeker FAQ](#) to learn more about applying for a grant.

Program Areas

We evaluate incoming grant applications for their alignment with the Goals and Objectives of our five [Program Areas](#), listed below.

- [Arts and Culture](#)
 - [Community Development](#)
 - [Community Health](#)
 - [Education](#)
 - [Environment](#)
- See more at: <http://sff.org/grantseekers/#sthash.SbELUAbP.dpuf>

Programs & Initiatives

Our resources support immediate needs in the community, as well as the complex strategies and solutions that build a better Bay Area. We are an incubator for creative thinkers; our expert program staff uses their intimate knowledge of the region to cut quickly to the essence of issues affecting the community. As a catalyst for change, The San Francisco Foundation's mission extends beyond grantmaking. We harness our broad knowledge, local expertise, and extensive relationships to address complex issues facing the region. Through special projects and partnerships, we collaborate with community-based organizations, government, other foundations, and donors to create new approaches to meeting the Bay Area's ever-changing needs.

Core Program Areas

The strategic mission of the San Francisco Foundation is reflected in the depth of engagement in and degree of integration across our core programs. In all five issue areas we commit our resources, the expertise of our program staff, and our relationships throughout the five counties we serve to making a difference in the Bay Area today, and sustaining that impact for the future.

- [Arts & Culture >](#)
- [Community Development >](#)
- [Community Health >](#)
- [Education >](#)
- [Environment >](#)

Special Programs & Funds

We provide focused funding that targets our partners, including programs providing safety net, job training, and neighborhood preservation in direct response to the economic downturn and its collateral effects.

[Recession Recovery](#)

[Koshland Program](#)

[Disaster Preparedness](#)

[Multicultural Fellowship Program](#)

[FAITHS Program](#)

[Program Related Investments](#)

[Immigrant Integration Fund](#)

[Public Policy & Civic Engagement](#)

Multi-Agency Projects and Funding Collaboratives

We take a forward-looking approach to philanthropy, partnering with nonprofits, launching initiatives that address specific problems, and coordinating the most coherent multi-agency response to the pressing needs of our community.

[Bay Area Workforce Collaborative](#)

[One Nation Bay Area](#)

[Civic Engagement Fund](#)

[The partnership for Hope SF](#)

[Great Communities Collaborative](#)

[San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship](#)

[Healthy Food for All](#)

Awards Programs

Learn about the Community Leadership Awards, our Art Awards Program, and the Koshland Young Leader Awards.

[Art Awards](#)

[Koshland Young Leader Awards](#)

[Community Leadership Awards](#)

- See more at: <http://sff.org/programs/#sthash.wVlxS0u8.dpuf>