**Grant Title:** SOCIOLOGICAL INITIATIVES FOUNDATION - GRANTS TO SUPPORT SOCIAL CHANGE RESEARCH

**Funding Opportunity Number:** N/A

**Agency/Department:** Sociological Initiatives Foundation

**Area of Research:** Research that furthers social change, including language learning and behavior and its intersection with social and policy questions.

**Release and Expiration:** N/A


**Amount:** Grant sizes normally range from $10,000 to $20,000.

**Length of Support:** Not listed.

**Eligible Applicants:** Preference is given to providing support in areas that tend to be under-funded and for projects of a size where a Sociological Initiatives Foundation grant can make a difference. For nonprofits, grants are restricted to organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as "not a private foundation" under section 509(a). The Sociological Initiatives Foundation does not make grants directly to individuals for any purposes. SIF also welcomes applications from academic institutions and other qualified organizations wishing to sponsor research projects by individual scholars or practitioners. No awards are made for dissertation research, honoraria or political purposes. The Foundation does not provide operating support or capital grants.

**Summary:** The Sociological Initiatives Foundation was established to support research that furthers social change, including language learning and behavior and its intersection with social and policy questions. The Foundation specifically supports research that focuses on: Social policy objectives; institutional and educational practices; legislative and regulatory changes; linguistic issues (e.g. literacy, language loss and maintenance, language policy, language and national security, bilingualism, language and gender, language and law, language disabilities, language and health, language and education, different language cultures); development of community capacity and organization of previously unorganized groups. The Foundation supports projects that address institutional rather than individual or behavioral change. It seeks to fund research and initiatives that provide insight into sociological and linguistic issues that may be useful to specific groups and or communities. Look for projects that have an explicit research design and a concrete connection to public or community impact. It is not enough to just write a report or add a focus group to a social change project. The research should ideally build an organization or constituency’s potential to expand public knowledge, impact policy, and create social change. Some examples of desired applicants are: academic-community partnerships; advocacy or community groups that conduct research that can withstand challenge in academic and policy arenas; academics that organize or link to a constituency through their research.

**Detailed Information:** [http://comm-org.wisc.edu/sif/index.html](http://comm-org.wisc.edu/sif/index.html)