

Grant Title: FORD FOUNDATION GRANTS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: The Ford Foundation.

Area of Research: Reducing poverty and injustice and to promote democratic values, free expression and human achievement.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: It is possible to apply for a grant by visiting the Grants section of the Foundation's website and submitting an online grant inquiry. There are no submission deadlines. Applications are considered throughout the year.

Amount: Not listed.

Length of Support: Not listed.

Eligible Applicants: Activities supported by grants and program-related investments must be charitable, educational or scientific, as defined under the appropriate provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations. Support is not normally given for routine operating costs of institutions or for religious activities. Except in rare cases, funding is not available for the construction or maintenance of buildings.

Summary: The Ford Foundation is committed to achieving lasting change that transforms people's lives. Through its grant making, the Foundation support innovative thinkers, leaders and organizations that are working to reduce poverty and injustice and to promote democratic values, free expression and human achievement. When making grants, Ford Foundation thinks about long-term strategies, knowing that lasting social change requires decades of effort. And because their mission is broad and our resources are limited, they carefully target our support so it can be used most effectively and leverage the greatest amount of impact. To that end, program teams working on each of our initiatives consult with practitioners, researchers, policy makers, current and potential grantees, and others to identify areas where the foundation's resources are needed most. The teams then pinpoint specific approaches grantees might undertake-program exploration, advocacy, litigation or capacity building, to name just a few-to help achieve the social change we have identified. The teams also determine key benchmarks for progress and the amount of funding to be dedicated to each approach. After the approaches, benchmarks and budget are set, the team begins to make grants within the agreed-upon parameters. When making grants, the team looks for new ideas and effective organizations that can help advance the work of a particular initiative, as well as for evidence that the people and organizations are likely to succeed in their project. Program teams regularly provide reports to the foundation's board of trustees about progress made on each initiative. The foundation directs its support to activities that are within its current interests and are likely to have wide effect.

Detailed Information: <http://www.fordfoundation.org/grants/organizations-seeking-grants>
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/pdfs/grants/grant-application-guide.pdf>