Grant Title: PUBLIC WELFARE FOUNDATION

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A


Area of Research: Supports efforts to ensure fundamental rights and opportunities for people in need.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: Applicants should submit letters of inquiry four to six weeks before proposal deadlines. Proposal deadlines: March 25, July 22, and November 18 annually.

Amount: Grants range from $1,000-500,000.

Length of Support: Most grants cover a period of one year, however the Foundation accepts requests for funding renewals and also makes multi-year grants.

Eligible Applicants: The Public Welfare Foundation does not accept requests to fund scholarships, graduate work, individuals, government projects, academic research of foreign study. They also do not award grants to individuals, and generally do not fund government agencies.

Summary: For criminal and juvenile justice, the Public Welfare Foundation makes grants to support: reform of sentencing, parole and probation systems, including the use of alternative sanctions; promotion of laws and policies that assist people leaving prison from being re-incarcerated by helping them successfully re-enter society; an end to the practice of trying and incarcerating juveniles as adults; expanded use of alternatives to youth incarceration by juvenile justice systems; and development of innovative strategies to reduce over representation, throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, of racial and ethnic minority youth, inmates, probationers and parolees. For workers' rights, the Foundation makes grants to support: advocacy, policy analysis, research, litigation, and public education to establish, at the federal and state levels, new labor and employment standards for workers. For projects focusing on enforcement, we seek to fund policy developments, such as laws increasing civil and criminal penalties or empowering workers to act as private attorneys general, rather than enforcement agreements with state or federal agencies, which can be temporary and contingent on labor-friendly administrations. The Special Opportunities Program supports initiatives reflecting the Foundation's underlying values, including its longstanding commitment to racial equity and justice. These often represent extraordinary initiatives that do not fit within the above program areas. At times this program serves as a laboratory for new ideas. It also entertains proposals that combine objectives of more than one Foundation program. Grants made under this program are rare and must be especially compelling. The President's Discretionary Fund offers grants of up to $25,000 to advance the Foundation's priorities. The application process is streamlined, and the grants are typically given for needs that occur between Board meetings. There is a high demand for such grants, and relatively few are given.

Detailed Information: http://www.publicwelfare.org/ApplyGrant/Guidelines.aspx