

The Wakerly Family Foundation

a private charitable foundation

Statement of Purpose

The Wakerly Family Foundation (WFF), a private foundation, provides financial assistance to qualified public charitable organizations, with a focus on the areas of social services, education, and economic development. We support organizations that receive the majority of their funding from private (non-governmental) sources.

During fiscal year 2003-2004, WFF stopped considering unsolicited proposals, and this policy is expected to continue indefinitely. The major service area of projects funded by WFF initially included the San Francisco Bay Area counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara. However, this focus changed in 2003-2004 for a number of reasons, including the death of WFF's founding president, Kate Wakerly, and the focus of most of the Foundation's remaining board members in areas outside of California. WFF may still invite "legacy" organizations that it supported before 2004 to make new proposals; such organizations may contact the Foundation's president.

WFF's board of directors is responsible for identifying charitable giving opportunities that are consistent with the foundation's purpose, and is especially interested in funding projects and programs which:

- benefit Catholic education, and assist faculty at Catholic schools, including retired faculty who are members of religious orders. Programs which enhance education in English and foreign languages, math and science curricula are also encouraged.
- support children in at-risk or economically disadvantaged households.
- help to provide additional low-income and very-low-income housing, especially owner-occupied housing.
- foster job skills training, especially for people who are unemployed or under-employed, with a goal of assisting workers toward full economic self-sufficiency. A particular focus is households that have experienced the loss of a parent and may be struggling financially.
- create new areas of employment through entrepreneurship. Projects that create new jobs for people who have difficulty finding traditional types of employment are encouraged.
- assist immigrants to the U.S. in the areas of education, employment, and housing.
- assist low-income populations with self-help projects including small, starter businesses which will employ members of those populations in their own communities.
- provide direct assistance or emergency aid to an economically disadvantaged population, with particular interest in programs that provide or facilitate access to quality, affordable health care for working, low-income individuals and families.
- promote individual responsibility and economic freedom.

Organizations and entities that are not eligible or not normally considered for funding by WFF:

- any organization which is not a 501(c)3 public charity
- government agencies, or entities receiving the majority of their support from government sources at the local, state, or federal level (including public schools)
- political parties and lobbying organizations

Grants available and funding cycle

Any WFF board member may invite a qualified organization to request a grant of up to \$10,000. Generally, grants will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and will be given for one year. Proposals will be reviewed by one or more board members, depending on the request size. Selected applicants may also request funding beyond \$10,000 for special projects, but these will definitely require additional consideration and review by WFF's full board of directors. WFF's total annual grant-making budget is on the order of \$250,000.

Organizations will be asked to apply for grants at various times throughout the year. WFF's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

When you are asked to apply for funding, please submit a brief proposal (1 to 2 pages is fine) describing your organization and the program or project for which funding is requested. Your proposal should address the following points as applicable:

- What is the program for which you are seeking support?
- What community needs will be served by this program? What challenges will this program help participants overcome?
- Who are the target populations (demographic, geographic) that will be served?
- What other organizations or agencies are serving your target population, and how will your project differ from the services currently offered? How will your organization work together with other entities for the benefit of your clients?
- What are the expected outcomes of your project or program? How and how often will you evaluate the effectiveness of your program?
- What are the expected consequences if your project/program is not implemented?
- What is the total cost of your project or program, and for what portion of that total are you requesting WFF support?
- You may also be asked to include one or more of the following: certification of your organization's status under IRS Section 501(c)3 (if not available at guidestar.org); names and affiliations of your board members; projected budget for the year for which you are seeking funding; your program ratio (percentage of funds that go directly to your cause); an overview of your financial statements including major sources and uses of funds.

After receiving your proposal and any supplemental materials required, one or more WFF board members will determine whether your project or program can receive funding in the current fiscal year. At that time, your proposal may be funded immediately, or additional information and/or a site visit may be requested. If your proposal is selected for funding or further consideration, a board member will generally respond within one month.

Solicited proposals can be submitted only by email and should be directed to:

John Wakerly, President, Wakerly Family Foundation
Email: <WFF's president's first name> at wakerly.com

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