



Introduction

The Fox Family Foundation was established in 2017 to ensure capable and motivated people-in-need have the opportunity to thrive inside their schools, careers, and communities. With the most vulnerable and under-resourced populations in mind, we make investments in areas where we have historical knowledge and relationships.

Funding Priorities

The Fox Family Foundation prioritizes its investments through a portfolio of funds.

- **EARLY IMPACT FUND**
 - **Prevention and care**
 - vision and disease screenings
 - vision rehabilitation and treatment program support
 - **Transition programs for Blind and VI populations**
 - literacy programs (K-12). This includes instructional and therapeutic services for K-12 students who are blind and visually impaired.
 - transition and postsecondary programs
- **EXCEPTIONAL SCHOLARS FUND**
 - **Eye Health curriculum**
 - integration into K-12 CORE classes
 - skills-based micro-credentialing
 - **Expansion efforts**
 - Assistive technology resources
 - **Fox Scholars** (awarded by a partnering institution of learning or nonprofit partners, not individuals directly)
 - Fox Scholars are awarded on financial need and academic merit to individuals seeking to accelerate careers in Eye Health and Special Education fields. This includes university and other training programs for the teachers, rehabilitation specialists, orientation and mobility trainers, and other professionals and aides who serve blind and visually impaired populations.
 - **Fox Fellows** (awarded by a partnering institution of learning or nonprofit partners, not individuals directly)
 - Designed for blind and VI individuals (ages 16-to-45) who seek to develop skills for gainful employment across all industry sectors.
- **DATA FOR INCLUSION FUND**
 - **Open Research projects**
 - Plan and conduct research, demonstration projects and related activities to identify and develop methods, procedures and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with

- visual impairments.
 - Health & Function
 - Community Living & Participation
 - Assistive Technology
- **INCLUSIVE INNOVATION**
 - **Supports solutions that catalyze the creation of an inclusive society**
 - independent living programs and opportunities for meaningful work
 - assisted living and care facilities
 - assistive technology

Grant Cycles

The Fox Family Foundation accepts Letters Of Inquiry (LOI) on a rolling basis. We use a two-stage application process, beginning with the fulfillment of our pre-qualification application and receipt of your LOI. Qualifying organizations will be invited to fulfill a full grant application. Grants are generally awarded through our discretionary grantmaking cycle on an annual basis. If awarded, the grant is to be used solely to accomplish the Project's purpose as outlined in the LOI and full grant application as approved by the Fox Family Foundation. **We accept LOIs via email: info@foxgiving.org *Please do not send the Fox Family Foundation anything that you consider confidential.***

Eligibility

The Foundation will consider grant requests from eligible organizations serving vulnerable populations within California. Eligible to apply for funding are:

- tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations as defined under Section 501 (c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code;
- programs which use a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)3 tax-exempt status; and
- educational institutions

Please keep in mind that we do not make grants to:

- individuals
- projects providing equipment and services already covered by other publicly funded programs
- projects providing communications equipment and services for employees of the applicant. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is the employer's responsibility to provide reasonable accommodations for their employees.

Grant Guidelines

The Fox Family Foundation awards both **one-year grants** and **multi-year support** with funding thresholds ranging from \$5,000 to \$200,000 per year. While we may fund general operating costs, we are specifically interested in funding special programs in conjunction with other funders. Though awards may represent a one-time infusion of capital, we typically aim to support multi-year grants in amounts that do not exceed 15% of the organization's annual operating budget.

1. one-year grants

- current grantees may re-apply, however, there is no guarantee that continued funding will be granted

2. multi-year support

- funding for two and three-year projects is available

LOI criteria

LOIs should be no more than three pages in length and should include the following:

- Overview of your Organization
 - mission and year founded
 - tax-exempt status
 - staff size, experience and capacity
- Overview of what you do
 - programs & services
 - numbers served
 - geographic focus
 - target & beneficiary populations
- Your request of Fox Family Foundation
 - nature, purpose and amount of requested funds
 - impact measurements and outcomes reporting descriptions

Financial information should be attached separately, including:

- size of operating and program budget(s)
- amount of cash reserves
- current funding sources, including those secured or being approached

Grant Reporting Requirements

If a grant is awarded, the grantee will enter into a contractual agreement with the Fox Family Foundation and shall be required to submit a **Progress Report** at the mid-point of the project, unless the project requirements have been specified differently. Multi-year projects or projects that are requesting an extension of the performance period are expected to submit additional Progress Reports. A full **Final Report**, detailing the results of the project and including a complete accounting and documentation of expenditures, will be due 30 days after the completion of the project.

Outside of formal reporting, Fox Family Foundation staff will engage with grantees through scheduled check-in calls, (all grantees) and site visits (approximately 1/3 of grantees)

We are committed to ensuring that grant-seekers, grantees, and the public have access to clear and up-to-date information about the Fox Family Foundation and its programs. In



almost all cases, the Foundation will highlight our grantees on our web portal (currently in development). Your organization will have the opportunity to review and editorialize this content. The Fox Family Foundation supports creative innovators and effective institutions that are deeply committed to partnership. During the course of the project or upon completion of the project, the Grantee may be asked to provide additional feedback or information in the form of surveys.

We look forward to partnering with you and making a difference together!