



## **GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES**

### **MISSION**

The Frankel Family Foundation supports organizations that assist people who are disempowered to live their lives with dignity, security and opportunity. We are particularly interested in programs promoting peace, education and wellbeing, both locally and around the world. Through our work we seek to demonstrate our concern for the environment and respect for cultures and people of different backgrounds.

### **FOUNDATION PRIORITY AREAS**

The Frankel Family Foundation supports organizations both nationally and internationally. The Foundation funds organizations that are working **in and across** the following issue areas:

- ◆ Refugees/Displaced Persons
- ◆ Jewish/Israel
- ◆ Environment/Conservation

### **REFUGEES/DISPLACED PERSONS**

The Foundation defines a refugee/displaced person as one who is forced to flee his or her home and is unable to return home due to armed conflict, human rights abuses including but not limited to political, cultural or religious persecution, environmental degradation or disaster.

The Foundation seeks to support efforts that both directly improve the lives of refugees/displaced people who are waiting to return home or to settle in another country as well as promote improvements in refugee policy and practice.

We support advocacy as well as innovative and successful programs related to:

- ◆ Livelihoods
- ◆ Psychosocial Support
- ◆ Education and Training
- ◆ Leadership Development

We are particularly interested in programs that integrate a larger reform agenda into their work, using their knowledge on the ground to influence broader policy and practice.

Because the Foundation recognizes that a majority of the world's refugee population is women and children, we are particularly interested in work that ensures that their unique needs are being addressed.

## **JEWISH/ISRAEL**

The Foundation is interested in promoting peace in Israel and in preserving a homeland for Jews. The Foundation is also interested in combating hate and bigotry against Jews, and all peoples, by promoting pluralism around the globe.

The Foundation focuses its Jewish/Israel funding in two strategic areas:

- ◆ Coexistence between Jewish and Arab citizens in Israel, including:
  - Ensuring equal access to education, healthcare, information and overall services and opportunities
  - Strengthening Israeli government accountability to its Arab citizens
  - Providing opportunities for Jews and Arabs to come together in meaningful ways
- ◆ Anti-Semitism, including:
  - Programs that bring people of different faiths and backgrounds together in pursuit of a common goal
  - Activities that address anti-Semitism connected to anti-Zionism

Because the Foundation recognizes the importance of and critical need for evaluation related to anti-Semitism programming, we are particularly interested in supporting work that includes an evaluation component.

## **ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION**

The Frankel Family Foundation believes that the future health of our planet and all its inhabitants requires that we protect the delicate balances that exist in nature. The rate and scale of ecosystem degradation is significantly weakening the ability of the natural world to regulate the climate, purify air and water, provide home to native species, and provide medicines and protection from natural disasters.

We seek to support work that preserves native, carbon rich and biologically diverse environments and promotes a balanced relationship between local peoples and these unique and increasingly rare natural areas.

We support a range of activities including:

- ◆ Promoting local stewardship and governance
- ◆ Aligning regulatory and economic incentives with ecosystem stewardship
- ◆ Developing sustainable economic alternatives
- ◆ Action research that informs local solutions and policy reform

## **STRATEGIES AND ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES**

The Frankel Family Foundation is informed by Jewish values and the concept of “tzedak” meaning justice or what is right. We are required and privileged to engage in the work of improving the world and addressing injustice.

The Foundation seeks to support organizations that reflect the population that is being served, incorporating their experiences, assets and input into organizational and program design and, where possible, its leadership. The Foundation seeks to support organizations which display sensitivity to gender and diversity.

## **TYPES OF GRANTS AND AMOUNTS**

The Frankel Family Foundation awards grants ranging from \$5,000 - \$50,000. Multi-year requests will be considered when rationale is provided.

The Frankel Family Foundation provides the following types of grants:

- ◆ General Operating
- ◆ Project or Program
- ◆ Capacity Building
- ◆ Capital Campaigns

The Frankel Family Foundation does not fund:

- ◆ Campaigns to elect candidates for political office
- ◆ Grants to individuals or non 501(c)(3) organizations
- ◆ Debt reduction

## **GRANT CYCLES**

The Frankel Family Foundation has one grant cycle per year in the fall. **The Foundation only accepts invited proposals which must be received by the date and time specified in an invitation letter.**

Grant decisions are made in October.

## **THE LETTER OF INQUIRY**

The Frankel Family Foundation only accepts invited proposals. If your organization, project or program is aligned with our guidelines, we accept brief Letters of Inquiry (LOI) on a rolling basis. We will consider these LOIs throughout the year and will select the group of organizations to invite to submit full proposals at the beginning of each annual grant cycle. If your organization, project or program is aligned with our guidelines and you would like to submit a Letter of Inquiry, review the grant application process on the Foundation website, [www.frankelfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.frankelfamilyfoundation.org), and submit an application.

## **GRANT REVIEW AND REPORTING PROCESS**

Every year the Foundation will invite proposals from a small group of organizations. They will be due on a date which will be specified in the invitation letter. Once received, proposals will be reviewed and then phone interviews and sites visits will be conducted with a smaller group of organizations. Grantmaking decisions are made in October and organizations will be notified about the status of their proposal prior to the end of the year.

At the conclusion of the grant, funded organizations will be expected to submit a financial and program report. Specific information regarding reporting requirements will be outlined in grant award letters.

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