



Eddie C. and C Sylvia Brown Family Foundation

TYPICAL GRANTS

\$2,500

DEADLINE

Given the current economic climate, The Brown Family Foundation will not award new grants in 2009, though it will honor prior grant commitments. The family's funding priorities continue to focus on the arts, education, and health (HIV/AIDS and cancer). Grant applicants are encouraged to apply for funding in 2010. Please check the website in early 2010 for the next proposal deadline. We join the Browns in wishing you continued success in your work.

DESCRIPTION

Focuses its grantmaking in three general areas: the arts, education, and health (HIV/AIDS and cancer).

ELIGIBILITY

Organizations (or their fiscal agents) serving the Baltimore area that qualify as public charities under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Requests are reviewed on an annual basis and prior funding does not guarantee future funding. Commencing in 2006, an organization may be funded for up to three consecutive years. Once an organization has been funded for three consecutive years, it may not apply for funding for the next two years.

BACKGROUND

Eddie and Sylvia Brown are active philanthropists in the Baltimore metropolitan area. The Brown Family Foundation was established at the Baltimore Community Foundation in 1994 as a vehicle for the family to support charitable organizations addressing needs in the areas of health, the arts, and education.

The Brown Family Foundation will consider grants that have direct impact on the African American community in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

GUIDELINES

The Brown Family Foundation will focus its grantmaking in three general areas: the arts, education, and health (HIV/AIDS and cancer). The foundation's grantmaking will support programs that:

- Provide opportunities for youth involvement in meaningful art experiences. This can include support for arts organizations or youth serving organizations that have developed programs which expose young people to the arts. Programs that infuse the arts as a tool for leadership development, academic enrichment, and are built on strong youth development principles are encouraged to apply;
- Provide access to educational opportunities for disadvantaged children and youth. This can include local organizations that work to improve PreK-12 public education and to offer enhancement and enrichment opportunities to Baltimore City students. Educational opportunities are defined in the broadest sense to include, but are not limited to: afterschool programs, mentoring, alternative education, computer technology, scholarship support, as well as traditional in-school K-12 programs;
- Address the impact of HIV/AIDS on the African American community. Programs that provide direct services and intervention including testing and counseling, case management strategies, and access to treatment will be considered; and
- Address the prevention and treatment of cancer. This can include local organizations that provide cancer screening, prevention education, and treatment modalities.

Arts and education programs that serve a core group of children and/or youth over an extended period of time rather than a large number of youth for a short period of time are encouraged to apply. Organizations with a proven track record and clear programmatic outcomes will be competitive.

The Foundation does not make grants for:

- Start-up organizations or new programs within established organizations.
- Capital campaigns, building construction, renovations or other capital projects
- Individuals
- Multiple years
- Institution of higher education
- Organizations outside the Baltimore region

HOW TO APPLY To apply to the Eddie C. and C Sylvia Brown Family Foundation, please follow these steps:

1. Read the guidelines carefully, and make sure you meet the criteria.
2. Submit a full proposal by September 25th to the address below.

Maya Smith
Program Administrative Assistant
Brown Family Foundation
Baltimore Community Foundation
2 East Read Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Your proposal should include the following information:

- Tell us about your organization. What are its mission, activities and accomplishments? How does it fit in the broader community? Include your organization's budget, a list of board members, and evidence of its 501(c) (3) status.
- What need will the proposed project address?
- What are the project's specific objectives? How will these objectives be reached?
- What is the project's budget? What amount are you asking for from the Brown Family Foundation? What are the project's sources of long- and short-term funding?
- What is the project's timetable?
- Are other agencies collaborating with you on this project? Name them, and describe their role or contribution.
- If you have submitted requests to other foundations for this project, please name them; list the amount of your request and the status of each request.
- Are other foundations supporting this project? Name them and list their contribution.
- To help us and you think ahead to evaluating your completed project, explain how you will know if your project is a success.
- If you have received support in the previous year from the Brown Family Foundation, submit reports as stipulated in the grant agreement.

3. Once you have submitted a proposal, our staff will review it and contact you if additional information is needed. After the annual foundation meeting, we will let you know whether your project has been funded.

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