2015 Grant
Policy and Advocacy to Support Vulnerable and Under-represented Populations
Application

Funding Priority: Lobbying & Advocacy to Support Vulnerable and Under-represented Populations

Funding Type: Unspecified

Funding Amount: $10,000

Funding Locations: Applicants may be located anywhere in Boston, but their work must demonstrably benefit individuals living in the neighborhoods of Mission Hill, Fenway, Roxbury, and/or the South End

Important Information
• Please read the guidelines for the 2015 NS4G Grant for Policy and Advocacy at http://www.northeastern.edu/impactlab/2015-grant to ensure that your organization is eligible to apply. Past recipients of NS4G grants are not eligible to apply.
• To be considered for funding, applicants must 1) complete this application form; and 2) upload an organizational profile to the Boston Foundation’s Giving Common website at www.givingcommon.org. For the FAQ about our application process and an explanation of why we are using the Giving Common, please click http://www.northeastern.edu/impactlab/ns4g-faq.

Instructions for Submitting the NS4G Application
• This application consists of contact information, brief essays, and a budget for this request. For your essays, you may use text from existing proposals provided that it addresses the questions below.
• Your application must be submitted by email to ns4g@neu.edu by March 11, 2015.

Instructions for Submitting a Giving Common Profile
• Please visit the Giving Common at www.givingcommon.org for complete instructions on how to submit a profile.
• Your Giving Common profile must be available for NS4G students to review by March 11, 2015. To allow sufficient time for your profile to be processed, we recommend submitting your information to the Giving Common by February 20, 2015, if possible.
• For questions about the Giving Common and support for completing your profile, please contact Leigh Handschuh, Nonprofit Effectiveness Program Associate, at 617-338-1623 or leigh.handschuh@tbf.org.

Contact Information
• For more information, please contact Rebecca Riccio, Director of The Social Impact Lab at Northeastern University, at 617-373-4020 or r.riccio@neu.edu.
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Incomplete applications will not be considered for a grant.

Contact Information

Date of Application________________________
Organization Name ___________________________________Website__________________________________
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code ______________________________________________________________

Which of our four target communities do you serve? Mark all that apply:
Mission Hill     Fenway     Roxbury     South End

Executive Director_______________ Email ____________________Phone_______________
Contact Person Name & Title (if different) ___________________Email_____________Phone_______________

One sentence description of request:

Essays
Please answer the following questions in no more than four (4) 1.5-spaced pages. You are welcome to use text from existing proposals where appropriate.

1) Please help us understand your work. What population(s) do you work with? How do you engage them in identifying your organization’s priorities and implementing your work? What lasting change do you strive to achieve? Why are these efforts important?

2) Please help us understand your impact. How do you define success as an organization and hold yourself accountable for results? What metrics do you use? How do you solicit and incorporate feedback from your constituents?

3) Please help us understand how a $10,000 grant from NS4G will increase your organization’s ability to advance lasting change on behalf of vulnerable or under-represented individuals. Please explain how you intend to use the grant, including an implementation timeline, qualifications of key personnel, and a response to one of the following:

- If you are seeking funding for a new activity, please explain your rationale for undertaking it.
- If you are seeking funding for an existing activity, please explain what you have learned that justifies continuing it.
- If you are seeking non-program funding for operating expenses, capacity building, etc., please explain how this grant will enhance your organization’s overall ability to succeed.
4) A year from now, you will be asked to report on whether you were able to apply this grant successfully for its intended purpose. What outcomes of this grant do you intend to report on, and how will you measure them?

**Budget**

You may apply this grant toward any type of need in your organization (e.g., a specific program, operating expenses, capacity building). Please provide an itemized budget illustrating how you would use $10,000. If the need toward which this grant will be applied exceeds $10,000, please provide a comprehensive budget and explain how you will secure the balance.

We will rely on your Giving Common profile for all the additional information we consider.

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