



GUIDELINES for APPLYING with a FISCAL SPONSOR

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED: January 1, 2023 through March 15, 2023

WHO MAY APPLY: Individuals or Organizations with a Fiscal Sponsor

AWARD AMOUNTS: Those working with Fiscal Sponsors may apply for funding ranging from \$1,000-15,000

FUNDING FOCUS

The Phillip and Edith Leonian Foundation funds photography-centered projects within the United. These include, but are not limited to: education programs; professional development opportunities such as seminars, workshops, and internships; publications; archiving and/or cataloging efforts; select exhibitions, particularly those that have a strong component of outreach and public programs; community programs with a concentration on documentary photography.

The Foundation is unable to fund general operating expenses, salaries, administrative costs, video or motion picture projects, capital improvements, projects that support the work of non-U.S. citizens or residents, or grants to individuals without a fiscal sponsor. All grant recipients must have 501(c)3 status.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Individuals or non-tax-exempt organizations that place a marked emphasis on photography who are working with a fiscal sponsor

PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Foundation evaluates each application individually and takes into consideration the following criteria:

- Strength of community engagement and/or public programming
- Soundness of project budget
- Overall feasibility and impact of project or program
- Quality of work, samples, project or program
- Strength of leadership

LEONIAN FOUNDATION PRIORITIES

- Promotion of photography, photographic practices, or photographers
- Projects or programs with a wide reach within the targeted community
- Projects or programs that maintain connections with alumni and utilize alumni in various ways
- Projects or programs that have a proven track record of success

HOW TO APPLY

- Letters of Inquiry are strongly encouraged and may be sent to judith.lane@leonianfoundation.org
- Create an account on submittable.com
- Choose the Individuals / Organizations with Fiscal Sponsors submission form

- Provide all required documents

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 501(c)(3) certification of Fiscal Sponsor
- Letter of agreement from Sponsor with duties clearly defined
- Résumé of applicant or project director (1-2 pages, max)
- Artist or Mission Statement
- Project budget
 - Must be detailed and comprehensive
 - Must include all potential or committed funders with amounts requested
 - Must specify funding categories requested from Leonian Foundation
- If organization
 - Current operating budget
 - Actual annual budget from most recently completed fiscal year