



GUIDELINES for NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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

WHO MAY APPLY: Tax-Exempt, 501(c)(3) Organizations

AWARD AMOUNTS: Organizations may apply for funding ranging from \$3,000-50,000

Note: Grant awards are typically in amounts of \$10,000-20,000

FUNDING FOCUS

The Phillip and Edith Leonian Foundation funds photography-centered projects within the United States. These include, but are not limited to: education programs for K-12 students or adults; professional development opportunities such as seminars, workshops, and internships; publications; archiving and/or cataloging efforts; select exhibitions for established and/or emerging photographers, 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 fiscal sponsors. All grant recipients must have 501(c)3 status.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Organizations with tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) certification that place a marked emphasis on photography

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 budgets
- Overall feasibility and impact of project or program
- Quality of project or program
- Strength of leadership

LEONIAN FOUNDATION PRIORITIES

- Promotion of photography, photographic practices, or photographers
- Emphasis is placed on 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 for first-time applicants or new projects from previous grantees. LOI may be sent to judith.lane@leonianfoundation.org
- Create an account on submittable.com

- Choose a submission form that corresponds to the subject of the project
- Provide all required documents

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 501(c)(3) certification
- Résumé of project director (1-2 pages, **max**)
- List of current board of trustees with affiliations
- Current operating budget
- Actual annual budget from most recently completed fiscal year
- Project budget
 - Must be detailed and comprehensive
 - Must include all potential or committed funders and amounts requested
 - Must specify funding categories requested from Leonian Foundation