

# WURWAND FOUNDATION

## **GRANT CHALLENGE 2: We are looking to fund partners who provide education and vocational training programs to LA's foster youth.**

### **WHY IT MATTERS**

The future for LA's 22,000 foster children looks dim. Only 58% of them are expected to graduate high school. Fewer than 8% will go on to receive a bachelor's degree. *Nearly half will end up homeless or incarcerated within 18 months of aging out of the foster care system.* These young adults often lack the financial resources and support networks necessary to pursue higher education or vocational training and may struggle to find employment due to a lack of skills and/or experience. We want to make sure that doesn't happen.

By providing educational support and vocational training programs, we can help foster youth gain the skills and knowledge needed to understand what options are available to them when they get older and prepare for them accordingly. By providing solutions to some of the challenges foster youth face in Los Angeles, we can ensure these young adults have the resources and opportunities they need to develop a sense of purpose and belonging, and ultimately help them reach their full potential.

### **WURWAND FOUNDATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Wurwand Foundation believes that all members of a community should have equal access to the resources and opportunities they need to be successful. We are looking to fund partner organizations who are serving LA's foster youth with education and vocational training programs. Grants will be for one to three years to help us get to know the organizations and the communities they serve.

### **WHO SHOULD APPLY**

Only proposals from qualified organizations meeting all of the requirements below will be considered:

- Organizations with 501(c)3 status or are fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3;
- Organizations currently operating programs that provide education or vocational training programs to LA's foster youth;
- Organizations that are based in and focused on serving Los Angeles County communities;
- Current grantees for whom the majority of their work is focused on providing education and/or vocational training programs to foster youth in LA, regardless of when their current grants are up for renewal. (All current grants will continue uninterrupted.)

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## WHO SHOULD NOT APPLY

- Organizations that do not meet the requirements listed above;
- Organizations that do not focus their work on supporting foster youth;
- Organizations focused solely on supporting foster youth at the state or national level;
- Organizations who do not already have established programs to provide educational and/or vocational training programs to LA's foster youth (i.e. we're not looking to create something completely new).

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This request for Letters of Intent is an open and competitive process. **Applications are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.** Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

To be considered, all applications must be completed and submitted following these instructions. Applicants may include any additional documentation they would like to support their application. Applicants not conforming to these requirements will not be considered. Required documents:

1. **Application:** Please download and complete the Application/Letter of Intent on the Wurwand Foundation website. Return the completed application to [hello@wurwandfoundation.org](mailto:hello@wurwandfoundation.org).
  - a. This document, when complete, should not exceed 6 pages and should be submitted in Word format.
2. **Operating Budget:**
  - a. Must be submitted in Excel format.
  - b. Must show an overview of the overall organizational budget.
3. **Program Budget:**
  - a. Must be submitted in Excel format.
  - b. Must include line items for all elements of the program proposed, including personnel, other program and administrative costs, benefits, equipment, etc.
  - c. If the organization applying must contract out any work, this should be clearly stated in the budget and explained in the application.
  - d. Please include both the total cost of the project and the total amount requested from Wurwand Foundation, demonstrating how Wurwand Foundation funding would be allocated in the workbook.

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After applications are reviewed, a select few organizations will be invited to submit full proposals. These will be selected at the sole discretion of Wurwand Foundation.

## EVALUATION

This is a competitive opportunity. Not all qualifying organizations will receive grants. The determination for the awards is the responsibility of Wurwand Foundation. Issues such as conformance to the requirements described, reference feedback, experience at similar projects, length of time spent in operation, the quality of the project proposed, and many other factors will be evaluated. Wurwand Foundation reserves the right to reject, for any reason at its sole discretion, the applications from any organizations at any time.

Wurwand Foundation will assess the strength and relevance of eligible applications based on the following criteria:

- 1) Alignment with Wurwand Foundation's strategic goal of getting healthcare services to LA's most vulnerable populations via mobile health units;
- 2) A proven track record of success in supporting vulnerable populations with healthcare services as demonstrated by previous impact;
- 3) A clear articulation of who your project will reach, the cost of the project, and timeline for completion, as well as the intended outcomes of the project for its beneficiaries and the community at large.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How long will grants be?** Up to three years. Applicants should request their preferred grant duration in the application.

**What will the amount of the grants be?** Up to \$250,000. Please include the total amount for the entire project and the amount requested from Wurwand Foundation in the application.

**How will the grant amount be determined?** The size of the grant will depend on the size of your overall organization and project budget, and the total amount of funds available from Wurwand Foundation.

**Can we apply for a multi-organization grant?** Yes. Please identify one lead coordinating partner and primary contact for the project and submit a joint proposal.

**Can we apply if our organization is not only focused on supporting vulnerable populations with mobile healthcare services?** Yes. If your organization works on

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multiple issue areas and you have a specific program focused on providing mobile healthcare services, you may apply.

## **KEY DATES**

Application Window Opens	April 17, 2023
Application Window Closes	May 31, 2023
Estimated notice of selection for full proposal	End of June/early July

**Questions on the application can be sent to [hello@wurwandfoundation.org](mailto:hello@wurwandfoundation.org).**