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One Nation Bay Area Project

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The One Nation Bay Area Small Grants application cycle will be an open competitive process with applications accepted only between November 7, 2011 and December 9, 2011.

The San Francisco Foundation, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Marin Community Foundation and Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) are partnering with the One Nation Foundation (www.onenationfoundation.org) over the next two years to strengthen relationships between Muslim and non-Muslim communities in the Bay Area. These Bay Area community foundations and AAPIP have been investing and working with Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian (AMEMSA) communities over the past decade and are pleased to announce this new small grants fund to:

1. Strengthen relationships among and between American Muslims, non-Muslim partners, and their neighbors by creating welcoming, safe and inclusive spaces and opportunities for them to partner with each other on common community concerns.
2. Increase the civic participation of American Muslims by supporting inclusive partnerships to address key community issues.

One Nation Bay Area Project Description

A decade after the events and reactions to 9/11, the national dialogue regarding American Muslims continues to be plagued with hateful rhetoric, prejudicial attitudes, and myths. The Bay Area is not without its local examples of prejudicial attitudes among local public officials and hate crimes reported at public hearings.¹ The One Nation Bay Area Project provides the three community foundations and AAPIP with an opportunity to support creative community solutions and partnerships between American Muslim and non-Muslim communities that address social, educational, cultural and economic issues in the Bay Area. It also presents the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the American Muslim community, including demographics, immigration patterns, and current levels of civic participation. The information gleaned through this project will help shape future grantmaking priorities,

¹Sikh Coalition Hearing, August 28, 2011 in Mountain View, CA



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foster better relationships with American Muslim communities, and inform programs and services available to Bay Area American Muslims.

Grantmaking: Small grants up to \$10,000 will be made to support civic engagement efforts that bring together American Muslim and non-Muslim leaders and residents to address community issues of common concern. We expect to convene grantees at least twice throughout the grant period to support mutual learning, deepen relationships and encourage future collaborations.

The following types of projects are examples of competitive requests:

Competitive projects will meet One Nation Bay Area project goals to build and strengthen relationships between non-Muslim and American Muslim community members by focusing on community solutions at the neighborhood, local or regional level. Types of projects that will be considered are:

Interfaith Social Action

- Interfaith social action and/or community service projects

Working on community solutions

- Neighborhood or school-based projects that bring residents and parents/guardians together to tackle a community or school concern

Cross-community engagement

- Community-based/grassroots-level projects that seek to broaden the base of support on a community issue to include American Muslim and non-Muslim voices on that issue or need

Leadership Development

- Local or regional training of American Muslim residents to engage in community problem-solving (trainings may include participation by other non-Muslim community members as well)

Other types of projects will be considered. These are examples only.



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Selection Criteria: The following is a list of some of the criteria that will be used to assess applications:

1. Priority given to collaborative community solutions that promote relationship building, alliances and partnerships between non-Muslim and American Muslims
2. Collaborative projects that can be addressed in the short term
3. Collaborative projects that demonstrate inclusive and equitable participation principles
4. Collaborative efforts that build on current community work (new community collaborative projects are welcome and will be reviewed on the quality of the proposed work)
5. Alignment with one or more of the following issue areas:
 - social justice and civil rights
 - immigrant integration
 - civic engagement ²
 - community development
 - community service
 - interfaith understanding
6. Evidence of collaborative relationships and their buy-in on proposed project goals
7. Clear description and realistic project goals
8. Compatibility with organizational or collaborative mission and demonstration of how the project furthers the work of collaborative members
9. Clarity about the benefits and challenges of the project
10. Appropriateness of budget request to the proposed collaborative activities

Eligibility: Grant funds will be awarded competitively. You do not have to be a current or past grantee of a participating community foundation or AAPIP to apply for funds.

Funding requests for one-time events will not be competitive unless they are part of a broader campaign or strategy.

² Definition of civic engagement: There are many ways in which people participate in civic, community and political life and, by doing so, express their engaged citizenship. From volunteering to voting, from community organizing to political advocacy, the defining characteristic of active civic engagement is the commitment to participate and contribute to the improvement of one's community, neighborhood and nation.



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Eligible organizations must:

- ❑ Have a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status (or a fiscal sponsor). If the applicant has a fiscal sponsor, please include a letter of resolution from your fiscal sponsor.
- ❑ Show that its project serves residents in at least one of the following counties: Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Marin County, San Francisco County, Santa Clara County, or San Mateo County. Regional or multi-county projects are welcome.
- ❑ Include an organizational and project budget.
- ❑ Submit financial statements according to the following: If the applicant's organizational budget is under \$1 million please submit the most current IRS Form 990. If the applicant's organizational budget is \$1 million or above, an audited financial statement must also be included.
- ❑ Include a current Board list

The following entities are not eligible for funding:

- ❑ Individuals
- ❑ Coalitions that do not have a lead organization
- ❑ Endowments or private foundations
- ❑ Religious organizations, when the grant is to be used for religious purposes
- ❑ Federal, state, or municipal agencies
- ❑ Political campaigns



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Grant period:

For projects in Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties: The grant period is March 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013. *Proposed activities in your application should take place within this time period. Applicants should submit requests to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.*

For projects in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties: The grant period will be March 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013. *Proposed activities in your application should take place within this time period. Applicants should submit requests online to The San Francisco Foundation. Applicants can access the TSFF grantee center at <https://granteecenter.sff.org> to begin the application process. Please note: if you are a first-time applicant to TSFF you will need to create a new account.*

Application information and how to apply: Applicants must submit an application, project budget and required attachments (see above).

Grant funds are primarily for project related expenses. Grant funds cannot be used for religious purposes or for emergency or capital expenditures, including computer hardware, software, or related items. Administrative overhead fee up to 15% will be permitted if requested. Project budgets should allocate \$150 - \$300 for local travel expenses, to allow for participants to attend grantee convenings.

Questions? Three regional workshops will be held to respond to questions about the Request for Proposals. If you are not able to attend a workshop, a list of frequently asked questions, with responses, will be made available on the websites of each community foundation after the workshops are held. Current information about the three workshops can be found on the grant application and at the participating community foundation's websites. Please note: RSVP is required for the workshops to ensure adequate space and accommodations. You may also email questions. We will do our best to respond within 24 hours.

For questions about projects in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties:

Mr. Prasi Gupta or Ms. Tessa Rouverol Callejo at The San Francisco Foundation at pgupta@sff.org or trc@sff.org

For questions about projects in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties:

Mr. Manuel Santamaría, Silicon Valley Community Foundation at mjsantamaria@siliconvalleycf.org

For questions about projects in Marin County:

Ms. Shirin Vakharia at Marin Community Foundation at svakharia@marincf.org



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Application Deadline

DECEMBER 9, 2011

No Exceptions

For Projects in Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties

Applications for funding must be submitted via email by 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2011 to Silicon Valley Community Foundation at grantproposals@siliconvalleycf.org.

For Projects in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco Counties

Online applications for funding must be submitted by 5:00p.m. on December 9, 2011 to The San Francisco Foundation. Please note: applications will not be accepted by mail or other form of delivery.