

THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation of the Bay Area

FAITHS Community Partners Mini-Grant Guidelines 2009

The FAITHS Program leadership supports efforts that increase the participation of residents in the civic life of our communities. Congregations and faith-based organizations in the five Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo) are eligible to apply for a mini-grant of up to **\$4,000** to support programs or projects that increase civic participation and/or provide needed community services to low-income communities.

Timeline

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 Application due by 5:00 p.m. in Grantee Center
Thursday, April 30, 2009 Notification
Wednesday, May 27, 2009 **Mandatory** grantee orientation meeting

Guidelines and Eligibility

- Priority will be given to projects that:
 - Build the capacity of congregations and leaders to engage in civic issues and community service.
 - Provide safety net services – food, clothing, shelter, and crisis services.
 - Promote dialogue, education, and action that strengthen the economic, racial, and civic fabric of local neighborhoods.
- Projects must differ from any of your organization's other projects currently funded by The San Francisco Foundation.
- Funding cannot be provided retroactively.
- Current grantees of The San Francisco Foundation are eligible to apply for a mini-grant concurrently.
- All applications are due by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009**, and must be submitted online through Grantee Center at www.sff.org.
- If selected, grantees will be required to attend a mandatory orientation at The San Francisco Foundation on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions?

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