

# THE MEDINA FOUNDATION

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## FUNDING GUIDELINES

The Medina Foundation is a family foundation that works to foster positive change in the Greater Puget Sound area. In honoring the vision of our founder, Norton Clapp, the Medina Foundation aspires to improve lives by funding human service organizations that provide direct support to Puget Sound residents.

Our activities are based on the following set of shared values:

- Compassion
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Stewardship
- Leadership

The Medina Foundation takes into consideration many qualities of an organization when conducting grant reviews.

We look for organizations that both engage in strategic planning to meet well-mapped organizational goals and show positive results through their programs. We feel organizations that are driven by strong leadership, through a diverse and engaged board and a dedicated executive director and staff, have a high likelihood of success.

Grant amounts awarded reflect both the needs of the nonprofit and the Foundation's desire to see a diversified funding base. Typically, this means that our grants are no more than 10% of an operating or capital budget. We do consider making exceptions for innovative start-ups. Since grant sizes vary widely, please review the grants list to get a sense of the size and types of grants that we have recently awarded.

The Foundation makes grants to organizations qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and classified as public charities (not private foundations) under Section 509(a). No grants are made to religious institutions for religious purposes or to arts, health care related or environmental programs.

### **Funding Areas**

We focus on improving the lives of Puget Sound residents by funding programs that help people achieve self-sufficiency. Our primary areas of funding include:

- **Housing & homelessness**—housing and related services to support those in need, including programs that help people become self-sufficient
- **Youth development**—programs working with at-risk youth, such as mentoring and tutoring
- **Hunger**—programs working to alleviate hunger
- **Education**—birth to 12th-grade educational opportunities, adult literacy and other programs that enhance academic skills

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- **Family support**—programs for those suffering from the effects of domestic violence, services for those with disabilities, substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, and other human services
- **Economic Development**—programs working to help people become economically self-sufficient

## **Geographic Funding Region**

The Medina Foundation funds in the following Greater Puget Sound counties of Washington State: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom.

## **Application Assistance**

After reviewing the grant guidelines, application process and frequently asked questions, feel free to contact the Foundation if you need assistance or are still unsure whether your organization might be eligible for funding.

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