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Kern Community Foundation's Competitive Grantmaking Programs: 2009



Kern Community Wellness Fund (K-CWF)

The main objective of this grant program is to fund innovative health outreach and promotion activities focused on serving the underserved populations in rural areas of Kern County.

This competitive granting program funds programs providing direct services to the Kern County populace residing outside of greater Bakersfield.

Competitive Grant Applications for this grant program (*forms made available during acceptance period*) are limited to requests of \$15,000 or less per agency.

2009 Timeline:

Application / RFP Released:March 9, 2009
Health & Wellness Listening Session/WorkshopMarch 17, 2009
Application / Proposals DUE: April 17, 2009 @ 12 NOON
Grant Term:July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Kern Community Response Grantmaking Program (formerly Weingart-KCF Fund)

The current economic emergency is placing great strain on the residents of Kern County, most particularly on those less fortunate in our community. Nonprofits that meet the needs of these citizens are faced with rising demand and declining revenues.

In order to help meet the extraordinary demands that serve the basic human needs in our community, the Kern Community Foundation is developing the 2009 Community Response Grant Program.

The “Community Response Grant Program,” will be a temporary grantmaking program to fund core mission support of to local (Kern County) organizations through a competitive RFP process.

Definition of Core Mission Support:

Core Support. Operating Support. Infrastructure support. General-purpose support. These phrases are used interchangeably to refer to the same thing: *grants in support of a nonprofit organization’s mission rather than specific projects or programs.* Core Support grants will enable an organization to carry out its mission. It can be used to underwrite an organization’s administrative and infrastructure costs, and/or maintain core programs and essential staff.

Examples of core mission support may include:

- ♦ providing salaries for key administrative staff;
- ♦ covering operating expenses (rent, phone, office supplies);
- ♦ supporting strategic planning, and staff and board development;
- ♦ maintaining existing services

Please note:

This new grantmaking program is in the development stage – additional information will be released via KCF’s E~Blast when available.

2009 Timeline:

KCF Board establishes the “Community Response Grant Program:..... February 2009
Release RFPs / Letter of Inquiry Requirements April 2009
Deadline for submissions of LOIs (Letter of Inquiry) May 2009
(Selected participants are then invited to continue the application process)

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Women's & Girls' Fund of Kern

Annually, the Founders of the Women's & Girls' Fund vote to select the year's focus area in which grants will be made specifically pertaining to women's and girls' issues. Requests for proposals are open countywide to nonprofits and programs serving women and girls within the selected focus area.

The focus area for 2009 Women's and Girls' Fund grants is education, training and mentoring.

2009 Timeline:

Focus Area Announced..... Fall 2008
Applications..... Letters of Intent due in Nov 2008
(Selected participants are then invited to continue the application process)

Upper Kern Basin Fishery Resource Enhancement Trust (Edison)

The Upper Kern Basin Fishery Resource Enhancement Trust, established in 1996 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as part of the relicensing proceeding for the Southern California Edison Co. Kern River No. 3 (KR3) Hydroelectric Project. Financial management of the Fund is administered by the Kern Community Foundation. Grants are reviewed and approved by a committee made up of participants from the California Department of Fish and Game, USDA Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, and Southern California Edison.

The main objective of grants approved for funding is to fund programs that net a gain in population, size and viability of Kern River rainbow trout.

2009 Timeline:

Applications..... accepted two times during the year
..... Based on funding availability / investment returns

Please contact the Programs & Community Partnerships Officer at the Kern Community Foundation for additional information.

Discretionary Grantmaking

PLEASE NOTE: For 2009, KCF will be directing all Discretionary Grantmaking Funds to the "Kern Community Response Grantmaking Program" with the optimism that by leveraging funds we can provide an immediate response to our community's greatest needs.

Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY)

Kern GABY teaches youth philanthropy and funds projects planned by youth & carried out by youth. The application (*forms made available during acceptance period*) must be written by a youth and are reviewed by the current GABY Board, consisting of local youth between thirteen and eighteen years old. Overall, funded projects must have a positive impact on the local community. Proposals for up to \$1000 may be submitted.

2009 Timeline:

Applications..... Suspended for 2008-09
..... - scheduled for re-evaluation 2009-10

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