



GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES

MISSION

The Frankel Family Foundation believes that all people should live in a world of equal opportunity and on a healthy, sustainable planet. We are dedicated to promoting a just society that protects the planet and its inhabitants.

FOUNDATION PRIORITY AREAS

The Frankel Family Foundation supports organizations working **in and across** the following issue areas:

- ◆ **Environment:** The Foundation is deeply concerned about the changing climate conditions on our planet and the developed world's dependence on fossil fuel as an energy source. We are at critical juncture in this impending crisis and we believe that the United States can and should take a leadership role in the movement to decrease global carbon emissions. With this goal in mind, the Foundation's environmental funding is focused on high impact grassroots organizing and advocacy in the United States to decrease carbon emissions and promote sustainable energy.
- ◆ **Peace and Democracy in Israel and Combatting Anti-Semitism:** Because the Frankel Family Foundation is informed and inspired by Jewish values and the concept of "tzedak" meaning justice or what is right, we will continue to engage in "Jewish" giving, supporting organizations that inform and strengthen the Jewish community, combat anti-Semitism and hatred, and promote a democratic and peaceful Israel as a homeland for Jews and all who live there.
- ◆ **Refugees/Displaced Persons:** The number of individuals forcibly displaced has exceeded 50 million people, almost half of whom are children. Access to education for refugees is limited, particularly at the secondary level. Because education is a fundamental human right with many benefits, the Foundation is focused on advancing access to quality secondary education for refugee youth living in protracted exile outside of the United States.

The Frankel Family Foundation is a small family foundation that is particularly interested in supporting opportunities that pilot new ideas, advance work to a new level, and leverage our impact.

TYPES OF GRANTS AND AMOUNTS

The Frankel Family Foundation awards grants up to \$100,000. Multi-year requests will be considered when rationale is provided.

The Frankel Family Foundation provides the following types of grants:

- ◆ General Operating
- ◆ Project or Program
- ◆ Capacity Building

- ◆ Capital Campaigns

The Frankel Family Foundation does not fund:

- ◆ Campaigns to elect candidates for political office
- ◆ Grants to individuals or non 501(c)(3) organizations
- ◆ Debt reduction

GRANT CYCLES

The Frankel Family Foundation has one formal grant cycle per year that launches in June. **The Foundation only accepts invited proposals which must be received by the date and time specified in an invitation letter.** Grant decisions are made in October. The Foundation may make discretionary gifts on a rolling basis at the direction of the Board.

THE LETTER OF INQUIRY

The Frankel Family Foundation only accepts invited proposals. If you feel your work is aligned with the Foundation's interests and would like to explore partnership opportunities please contact the Foundation to discuss an invitation to submit a Letter of Inquiry.

GRANT REVIEW AND REPORTING PROCESS

Every year the Foundation will invite proposals from a small group of organizations. They will be due on a date which will be specified in the invitation letter. Once received, proposals will be reviewed and then phone interviews and sites visits will be conducted with a smaller group of organizations. Grantmaking decisions are made in October and organizations will be notified about the status of their proposal prior to the end of the year.

At the conclusion of the grant, funded organizations will be expected to submit a financial and narrative report. Specific information regarding reporting requirements will be outlined in grant award letters.

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