**ALAN B. SLIFKA FOUNDATION**

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*The Alan B. Slifka Foundation is a private family foundation dedicated to the pursuit of inclusion, diversity, peace and healing. The Foundation seeks to build a world safe for difference, celebrate the diversity of Jewish experience and expression in the U.S. and Israel, and to combat disease through cutting-edge biomedical research.*

**2024 Guidelines and Application Procedures**

Shared Society in U.S., Israel and the World;

Jewish Life in the U.S. and Israel

2024 Schedule

The Foundation will have two grant cycles in FY 2024. The following are the different grant cycles and deadlines for this year:

* December 2023 to May 2024. Deadline for proposals is March 18, 2024. The proposals in the first cycle will be presented to our board in early May 2024.
* June 2024 to November 2024. The deadline for proposals is September 9, 2024. The proposals in the second cycle will be presented to our board in October 2024.

**No unsolicited proposals**. Please read carefully the “How to Apply” section of the guidelines before reaching out to Foundation staff. The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals. An invitation to submit a proposal will come from staff after discussion with the non-profit. We will follow up only with those organizations whose LOIs are of interest to us.

Our Funding Priorities:

1. **Cultivate a World Safe for Difference and Advance Shared Society in the U.S.** We support strategies to:
   1. Promote awareness and understanding of coexistence principles, policies and practices to international, national, and local leaders and institutions.
   2. Professionalize and build capacity of practitioners in the field of shared society.
   3. Foster social cohesion, improve inter-group relations, and promote productive, inclusive discourse through education (K-12, College), cross-community engagement and institutional change.
   4. Combat antisemitism and anti-Zionism in the United States through education, community relations, advocacy, and accountability.
2. **Ensure that Israel is a tolerant, equitable, and democratic Jewish state**. We support strategies to:
   1. Foster personal, structural and institutional capacity for shared citizenship and “we-ness,” based on mutual understanding, tolerance and an understanding of the unique nature of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state among Israel’s diverse populations. Our primary concerns are: Jewish-Arab relations within Israel and respect for Israel’s Jewish diversity.
   2. Promote equality of opportunity for all citizens of the State through structural and institutional change.
   3. Raise awareness among American Jews of the benefits of shared society in Israel. Enrich the Diaspora’s understanding of the complexity of Israeli’s Jewish and democratic nature and encourage its support for a more tolerant Israeli culture.
3. **Perpetuate the Jewish People in the U.S and Israel.** We support strategies to:
   1. Foster Jewish identity among young people, including the children of intermarriage and interfaith families, in the United States through outreach and engagement tailored to the interests and needs of the participants.
   2. Connect individuals to the Jewish community and create a welcoming and open atmosphere within the community to nurture a sense of belonging to and a commitment to the Jewish people and Israel.
   3. Professionalize the field of Jewish and Israel education.
   4. Foster a celebration and respect for Jewish diversity in Israel by encouraging Jews of all denominations to practice understanding and mutual respect.
   5. Cultivate the legitimacy of and participation in diverse Jewish living and learning options in Israel, empower voices of Jewish pluralism, and seek to establish an environment in which these diverse Jewish options may thrive.
   6. Expose secular Israelis to the core texts and values of the Jewish tradition and encourage an exploration of their Jewish identity.

How to Apply

As a small foundation, we cannot be in touch with every organization that reaches out to us. Because we recognize the amount of time it takes to prepare and review a proposal, we would appreciate your close attention to the current funding interests and guidelines described here.

***You must be a 501(c)(3).*** *The Foundation will award grants only to applicants that are nonprofit organizations as classified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Grants for international programs will be made only through U.S.-based or affiliated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.*

**Start with a Letter of Intent (LOI)**. The LOI should briefly describe the project for which your organization seeks funding, its tangible outcomes, how you see the project as advancing Slifka Foundation goal(s), a budget for the overall project and the grant amount you are seeking from the Foundation. The Foundation prefers to provide support for specific projects but on occasion will provide funding for general operations. LOIs should be sent to [programofficer@slifkafoundation.org](mailto:programofficer@slifkafoundation.org)

**Staff will review the LOI:** The Foundation staff will review the LOI and follow up with a phone call if we have additional questions. If a decision is made to invite a full proposal, staff will request the organization submit a complete **proposal** and **detailed program and organizational budget**. Materials should be submitted via email: the address is: [programofficer@slifkafoundation.org](mailto:programofficer@slifkafoundation.org) . If you cannot submit electronically, please contact us at 212-303-9470 to discuss.

Please be sure that the proposal is accompanied by a cover page that lists the following:

* Organization name, address, phone, fax
* Project name
* Amount being requested.
* If an overseas organization, the name, address, and contact information of the US fiscal agent.
* Name of primary contact for the project. Preferably a program staff person rather than a development person.

The proposal should include:

* General information about the organization;
* Which of the Slifka Foundation goals the project/organization advances and what strategy the project/organization utilizes in its efforts;
* Explanation of the problem the program will address and how it will impact the community;
* How the particular program catalyzes social change and/or can be replicated or grown;
* Summary of the program, including specific objectives, plans for implementation, as well as anticipated results of the initiative;
* Requested grant amount;
* A three-year organizational budget (previous, current, projected year budget);
* A project budget (reflecting the specific project for which funds are requested. If the project is multi-year, we request a three-year budget);
* Description of evaluation techniques to measure the effectiveness of the program;
* Other funders and their funding amounts of the program;
* List of Board members;
* Brief biographies of key players.

The proposal **must** include:

* A cover page listing the organization’s contact information: name(s), current numbers and addresses (email and regular mail).
* A copy of the organization’s IRS non-profit Tax Determination Letter;
* If the project is operating through a fiscal sponsor, you must include a copy of the fiscal sponsor’s IRS letter AND a copy of the board-approved agreement between the fiscal sponsor and the project. (Include the contact information for the fiscal sponsor.)

We expect to have been in communication with you about your proposal prior to the deadline. We prefer materials submitted before the actual deadline. All final materials must be in by the deadline. Submissions after the actual date listed above will be placed into consideration for the subsequent cycle.

The Foundation’s average grant size is $10,000, with actual grant awards ranging from $100 to $320,000. The Fund rarely funds multi-year grants. The Foundation only makes grants in US Dollars. Therefore, grant requests should be submitted in dollar amounts. Grant requests submitted in any other currency cannot be considered.

Grantees must possess the resources to properly administer grants from the Foundation. Grantees will be asked to agree to specific reporting requirements throughout the course of the grant and to provide periodic reports on the progress of their work.

What We Do Not Fund

It should be noted that as a small foundation with limited resources only a small portion of eligible requests secure funding.

The Foundation generally will not consider grants to:

* Individuals, individual research or for-profit organizations
* Endowments or to support the acquisition of land
* Directly or indirectly support candidates for political office or to influence legislation
* Environmental, medical or health-related fields (other than noted above)
* Major equipment purchases
* Production costs for film, video, television and radio projects.