Good Neighbor Grants Program
Proposal Guidelines

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

The Good Neighbor Grants program was established in 2012 to identify and strengthen ties with youth-serving nonprofit organizations in the Northern Virginia, metropolitan Washington DC, and Maryland areas that are helping students with significant financial need reach their fullest potential through education.

The following information will help you determine if your organization is eligible for a Good Neighbor Grant and provide you with guidelines on how to submit proposal.

Good Neighbor Grants Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a grant, your organization must:
1. Be classified as a public charity and tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
2. Focus on K-12 education, college access and completion, or visual and performing arts education,
3. Be located and serve students in the following geographic areas: Loudoun County, Clarke County, Fauquier County, Fairfax County, Arlington County, and Prince William County in Virginia; the cities of Alexandria, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Falls Church in Northern Virginia; the District of Columbia; and Montgomery County and Prince George’s County in Maryland,
4. Not have received a grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation within the twelve months preceding the current submission deadline.

The Foundation is most interested in programs that help students reach higher academic performance through enrichment, rigor, critical thinking, and creativity. Examples of eligible programs include: after school academic enrichment opportunities, college access advising programs, arts programs, service learning, innovative programs that bridge technology and education, college STEM recruitment and retention strategies, and internship programs. The Foundation’s grant can support new and existing programs. Funds may also be used for education related products that will benefit students: handbooks, training guides, and other written and digital media.

The Foundation is unlikely to fund non-academic mentorship, remedial education, and at-risk intervention programs.

Selected grantees will receive a one-time grant of between $10,000 - $35,000 that may be used over a one-year period. Grant period must begin no sooner than April 1, 2015. Funding is intended for application towards specific project or program-based costs. Note that the grant request may not fund general operating support, capital improvements, endowments, lobbying, or activities that exclusively benefit the members of sectarian or religious organizations.

Submit a Proposal

If your organization meets all of the eligibility criteria listed above, you can apply for a Good Neighbor Grant by submitting the following:
- Completed Proposal Form and Proposal Narrative
- Completed detailed Project Budget
- Copy of the organization’s IRS determination letter indicating 501(c)3 tax exempt status
- The organization’s current fiscal year budget, including expenses and revenues
- Most recent financial statement (audited, if available; if not available, attach page one of Form 990)
- List of Board Members with affiliations

Submission deadline is January 8, 2015, by 5:00 p.m. EST. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information about this program or if you have questions, visit our website or email us at grants@jkcf.org.