REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS 2020-2021

COVID-19 SPECIAL GRANTS PROCESS

The Mead Family Foundation (MFF) is interested in making strategic investments to allow nonprofit organizations to creatively and effectively respond to the health, education and economic needs of our communities resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. We are most interested in uses of technology allowing for enhanced internal operations or specific programmatic outcomes that will meet the urgent needs of today while also building infrastructure for the future. Entrepreneurial endeavors, collaborations and other creative uses of talent and resources that take advantage of the current “disruption” to provide new solutions to systems change are also invited to apply.

MISSION

The MFF is a Maryland-based family foundation with the mission to “Empower youth to have crisis-free lives, strong families and excellent education.” We achieve this by partnering with exemplary organizations that are effectively addressing needs in our communities. We seek out organizations with visionary leaders, staff and volunteers, who develop innovative projects producing significant results. For more information about the MFF’s history and mission, please visit the Foundation History page on our website.

GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITIES

The MFF’s geographic priorities are limited to Montgomery County, Maryland and Raleigh/Durham area, North Carolina.

TOPICAL PRIORITIES

- Crisis prevention in children and youth (including mental health and wellbeing)
- Career exploration and training for youth ages 18-24
- Healthy eating and healthy lifestyles
- Distance learning and technology

SCOPE OF FUNDING

Applicants should limit funding to a single-year request in the range of $10,000-$20,000. An applicant may not submit more than one grant request.
**PROCESS AND TIMELINE**

**Letter of Inquiry (LOI):** LOIs are due no later than **11:59 PM EST on Friday, July 10th, 2020** via Foundant. The LOI is a shorter application intended to allow your organization to introduce its work to the MFF before investing the time and resources in a full application.

To access an application, go to the Funding Guidelines page on our website and click the “Grants Login” button.

- **Current or Previous Grantees:** If you have applied to the MFF via Foundant in the past, please login using the login information used to apply previously. If you have forgotten your password, click “Forgot Password” to reset it. If you know your organization has applied to the MFF via Foundant but do not know any of your login credentials, please email Estherre Hill at estherre@intentionalphilanthropy.com.

- **New Applicants:** Once on the login page, click “Create New Account”. This will prompt you to enter information for your organization and a primary contact person before beginning the application process. Please note that you will not be able to go back and make changes to the contact and organization files once you complete them.

Once you’re logged-in, click “Apply” on the top of the screen to access the “2020 Fall Pooled Fund Grant Cycle”.

**LOI Decisions:** Decisions regarding LOI submissions will be rendered in August to ALL applicants and those being invited to apply will receive further instructions for completing the application for a September due date at that time.

**Grant Decisions:** The MFF board will convene and make final grant decisions in November, and ALL applicants will receive notification of the board’s decision at that time.