

MEDINA FOUNDATION

The Medina Foundation is a family foundation that works to foster positive change in the Greater Puget Sound area.

In honoring the vision of our founder, Norton Clapp, the Medina Foundation aspires to improve lives by funding human service organizations that provide direct support to Puget Sound residents.

Today, the family continues Norton Clapp's legacy by funding innovative organizations that approach tough problems with new ideas and solutions, as well as proven programs that have been meeting the needs of the community for many years.

In Solidarity

We stand with the Black community. We know that deep racial inequities exist in every area that Medina funds, and we are committed to our own learning and to supporting our nonprofit partners that provide critical services and work tirelessly to dismantle systemic racism.

A Note About COVID-19

Over these past several months, we've seen how organizations are rising to unbelievable challenges, going above and beyond, and showing up every single day. Even when everything feels so overwhelming, you are all making a difference. Thank you. The Medina Foundation is continuing our work of making general operating grants and supporting basic needs and essential human services. We have contributed to fourteen of the COVID-19 Rapid Response Funds in the regions where Medina funds, streamlined processes for our grantees, and increased our 2020 grantmaking budget. We will all get through this together.

Timeline

The Medina Foundation has no calendar deadlines for submitting requests. Any 501(c)3 organization working within our geographic funding area is welcome to submit an LOI (Letter of Inquiry) at any time.

However, we do ask that you wait 12 months after your last decision date before submitting a new LOI (and submit the Final Report for the previous grant, if applicable).

All LOIs are reviewed at the next available review meeting. **You will typically be notified within one to three months as to whether your LOI is approved and you are invited to submit a full application.**

If your LOI is approved, you have up to one year to submit the full application. **Once your application is received, you will typically be notified of the funding decision within three to six months. Applications are processed in the order they are received, and may be delay times may be greater during times of high volume.**

Funding Areas

The Medina Foundation funds in the following focus areas:

- **Family Support**—programs for those suffering from the effects of domestic violence or sexual assault, services to support child welfare, programs providing for basic needs, and other human services
- **Housing & Homelessness**—housing and related services to support those in need, with the goal of helping people achieve housing stability
- **Youth Development**—organizations working with underserved youth, offering mentoring, tutoring, or out-of-school time/enrichment activities
- **Economic Opportunity**—opportunities that help people become economically self-sufficient, such as financial literacy, asset building, or skills-building programs
- **Education**—birth to 12th-grade educational opportunities, adult literacy and other programs that enhance academic skills
- **Hunger**—efforts to alleviate hunger, with an emphasis on distribution and rural communities

Geographic Funding Region

The Medina Foundation funds in the following fourteen Greater Puget Sound counties of Washington State: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom.

Funding Guidelines

The Foundation makes grants to organizations qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and classified as public charities (not private foundations) under Section 509(a). **No grants are made to environmental, arts, healthcare-related or political programs, or to religious institutions for religious purposes.** If you are unsure if you are eligible to apply, please review the Eligibility Quiz on the website before submitting an LOI.

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