



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for funding the applicant organization must:

- Be a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization as defined in Section 509 (a)(1) and/or Section 170 (b)(1)(vi) or Section 509 (a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation does not make grants directly to individuals, or:
- Be classified as a political subdivision of the State of Texas and exempt from taxation as an organization described in Internal Revenue Code sections 170 (b)(1)(A)(v) and 170 (c)(1).
- Use grant funds within and for the benefit of the residents and communities of the twenty-six counties of the Texas Panhandle.

In general, the Foundation does not grant funds for the purposes of:

- New organizations
- New initiatives that do not receive their primary funding through other sources
- Reduction of an operating deficit
- National, state or local fundraising activities, such as annual campaigns, courtesy advertising, benefit tickets, special events and telephone solicitations
- Travel, tours, trips
- Capital campaigns of area churches for building and facility projects
- Capital campaigns of area nursing homes and assisted living facilities for building and facility projects
- Endowments

In general, the Foundation is less likely to support the following activities and views them as a lesser priority:

- Annual operating expenses of organizations
- Conferences, workshops, seminars, symposia, etc.
- Publications, videos, etc.
- Local tax support replacement
- Organizations located outside the twenty-six county area, even though project efforts may benefit Panhandle residents and communities

The Foundation does not grant funds for the purposes of:

- Political lobbying or legislative activities