

Judith Filler FOUNDATION

Grant Application Due September 1 and March 1 v. 2-6-23

Organization Information

This section to be completed by the organization with IRS non-profit recognition.

*****Beginning with the September 1, 2021 grant applications, the Foundation will once again consider applications that involve in person gatherings.*****

Organization Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Tax Identification Number

Website

Annual Budget

For applications involving a non-IRS recognized non-profit organization sponsored by an IRS-recognized non-profit, complete this section with information about the sponsored organization.

Sponsored Organization Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Website

Annual Budget

Organization Contact Information

This section to be completed by the IRS recognized non-profit organization sponsoring an IRS-recognized non-profit. If the IRS recognized non-profit organization is sponsoring an organization that is not IRS recognized, complete the Contact Information sections for both organizations.

First Name

Last Name

Title

E-Mail

Phone

Secondary Contact Information (all organizations are required to have two contacts listed)

First Name

Last Name

Title

E-Mail

Phone

Sponsored Organization Contact Information

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Describe the history of your organization(s) and your organization's (s') mission. For applications involving a project by IRS recognized non-profit sponsoring non-IRS recognized non-profit, include details about both organizations.

Describe your organization's (s') membership/participants including the approximate number of members/participants. For applications involving a project by IRS recognized non-profit sponsoring non-IRS recognized non-profit, include details about both organizations.

Is any board member of any organizations involved in this application a member of the Judith Filler Foundation Board of Directors? A list of board members can be found at jfillerfoundation.org.

Yes / No If Yes, list the name of the member

Grant Request Information

Project Title

Amount Requested

Total Project Cost

Project Budget: List all anticipated costs of the project and the amount of funds you are requesting for each category. You may upload a separate document listing this information.

Project Start Date

Project End Date

Project Description: Describe the project or activity you will use the funds for and how it is related to ending the death penalty in Texas. You may upload documents that provide relevant information.

Attachments/Uploads

Most Recent IRS Form 990 Determination Letter

Documents relevant to project description Project/Activity Budget

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Judith Filler Foundation (Foundation)

How do we submit our grant application?

You need to complete the grant application form and either email it to questions@jfillerfoundation.org or mail it 1709 Norris Dr., Austin, TX 78704. Applications must be postmarked by the application deadline date. Include copies of your most recent IRS Form 990 Determination Letter and any supporting documents including your proposed project budget.

What kind of projects and activities will the Foundation provide grants for?

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 risk the Judith Filler Foundation will not be funding grant projects that involve in-person gatherings of people in 2020 and

possibly into 2021. We encourage applications for projects that involve other creative ways to seek the end of the death penalty in Texas. Social media projects, virtual gatherings, development of resources and materials and other projects are encouraged. We will immediately give notification at jfillerfoundation.org/apply-for-grant.html

when the in-person gatherings restriction is lifted. All grants funds must be used by non-profit, charitable organizations pursuing projects and activities related to ending the death penalty in Texas. The Foundation helps organizations working to end the death penalty in Texas leverage their volunteer resources and pursue projects and activities they would not otherwise pursue because of a lack of resources. The Foundation seeks to provide much needed seed money and financial support to organizations seeking to eradicate the death penalty in Texas that have committed members but limited financial resources to pursue their objective.

Please provide some examples of projects and activities that the Foundation will fund?

- Projects and activities that promote public education and awareness, including to the general public, religious community and victim community.
- Training events and conferences that are not in-person.
- Activities that expose and eradicate the systemic flaws plaguing the Texas death penalty.
- Projects that cultivate non-violent alternatives to the death penalty.

We're not sure if our proposed project or activity is something you would fund.

If you want to see if your proposed project or activity is something within the Foundation's goals before completing an application, you can email us at questions@jfillerfoundation.org.

What kind of grants will be the top priority?

The Foundation will prioritize proposals that involve innovative action, expansion of activities that have proven successful or projects and activities in areas of the Texas where there historically has been less anti-death penalty advocacy. **Because of the ongoing COVID-19 risk the Judith Filler Foundation will not be funding grant projects that involve in-person gatherings of people in 2020 and possibly into 2021.** We encourage applications for projects that involve other creative ways to seek the end of the death penalty in Texas. Social media projects, virtual gatherings, development of resources and materials and other projects are encouraged. We will immediately give notification at jfillerfoundation.org/apply-for-grant.html when the in-person gatherings restriction is lifted.

What kind of things will the Foundation not fund?

The Foundation will generally not support routine operating costs, but will focus on specific detailed projects or activities with detailed projections of costs. **Because of the ongoing COVID-19 risk the Judith Filler Foundation will not be funding grant projects that involve in-person gatherings of people in 2020 and possibly into 2021. We will immediately give notification at this web page when the in-person gatherings restriction is lifted.**

Can we obtain a grant for lobbying, campaigning and other political activity?

No, the Foundation is prohibited from funding any political activities. In order to maintain its federal tax exemption the Foundation will not provide funding for projects for campaigning or provide financial support to any candidate for political office or any ballot measure. The Foundation cannot provide funding to attempt to influence legislation through direct efforts or communication with the general public that refers to specific legislation, reflects a view on that legislation, and contains a call to action.

Our organization contacts Texas legislators or does other political activity. Can we obtain a grant for other projects or activities?

Yes, an organization can obtain grants for non-political activity if the organization utilizes other funding for their political activities. The Foundation grant funds must be directed to the organizations' specific projects and activities that are unrelated to political candidates, ballot measures, or direct or grassroots lobbying.

How much can our organization request?

The Foundation encourages organizations to apply for funding of specific projects and activities that are in the \$500-\$5000 range of cost, while higher cost projects will also be considered, if Foundation funds permit.

How much money will the Foundation distribute each year?

The Foundation currently projects that it will distribute approximately \$38,000 per year. Actual yearly grant awards will be dependent on the Foundation's investment income, as well as the Foundation's bylaws and Internal Revenue Service tax regulations and laws.

What is the deadline for the grant applications?

Grant applications are due March 1st and September 1st of each calendar year. If an organization has a time-sensitive project to propose, they should email questions@jfillerfoundation.org. However, the Foundation strongly encourages advance planning of projects and will only consider projects outside of the grant cycle that arise from exigent circumstances such as responding to unanticipated event.

Who can apply for a grant?

All grants must be for non-profit, charitable organizations.

Is our organization required to have IRS non-profit recognition, such as 501 (c)(3)?

Yes. Organizations that do not have an IRS recognized non-profit status must partner with an organization that has IRS non-profit recognition that will sponsor the application. The sponsoring organization must participate in submitting the application, administer grant funds and is responsible for ensuring grant reporting is completed. This policy is based on IRS requirements for foundations and the extensive additional tax reporting that is required when funds are allocated to organizations without IRS non-profit recognition.

One of our organization members is on the Foundation's Board of Directors. Can we still apply for a grant?

Yes, but that Foundation Director cannot participate in the decision by the Foundation to fund your organization's grant application, must disclose to the Foundation that they are a member of your organization and should be listed as a member on your grant application. Someone is considered a member of your organization if they are a dues-paying member of your organization, have designated or identified themselves as a member of your organization, have held, or holds an elected or self-assumed leadership position in your organization, have received compensation from your organization in the past two years, or have participated in the planning of events or activities for your organization within the last two calendar years.

What are grant recipients required to do after receiving a grant?

Grant recipients must file a final report, with appropriate documentation, including receipts or other appropriate documentation of all expenses. Depending on the nature of the grant, periodic reports may be required. Any unused funds must be returned. Failure to provide documentation and required reports will result in disqualification from future grants. In addition, the Foundation has the authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in cases where funds are, or appear to be, misused.