



American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.
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Grant Guidelines

Though created by The American Legion in 1954, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. is a separate 501(c) 3 corporation. Our foremost philanthropic priority is to provide other nonprofit organizations with a means to educate the public about the needs of children across this nation. From 1955 to date, over \$14 million has been awarded to organizations to assist the children of this country from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

Areas of Interest

We accept proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects, which meet one of the Foundation's two basic purposes:

- ◆ To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth; and
- ◆ To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

Characteristics of Typical Grants

- ◆ The Foundations grants are awarded for one calendar year and must be completed by December 31 of the award year.
- ◆ Grants have ranged from \$1,500 to \$90,000, and average about \$32,000.

Geographic Priorities

Grants must have the **potential** of helping American children in a large geographic area (more than one state).

Limitations

- ◆ Grants are awarded only to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations. They are never awarded directly or indirectly to an individual for his or her personal use.
- ◆ Grants are not made for any of the normal, day-to-day operating expenses of the grantee or special operating expenses connected with the grant.
- ◆ Grant will not be given for construction of any type.
- ◆ Grants will not be given to match government funds.
- ◆ Our grants are not to defray school expenses for master or doctoral candidate to perform research for degree requirements.
- ◆ Grants are not awarded for projects that seek to create or reproduce materials or medium in a language other than English.
- ◆ Grants are never made to pay salaries or fees for consultants, secretaries or other clerical type help.
- ◆ Grants are never given for personnel expenses, i.e. salaries, insurance, fringe benefits, or for the purpose of coordinating seminars or training programs. Specifically, grants are not made to cover lodging, travel, food expenses, registration fees or per diem expenses.
- ◆ Grants are not given to purchase equipment for the purpose of conducting research, seminars or to add to the existing equipment of an agency or organization.
- ◆ Grants are not given to cover such costs as storage, computer time, telephone, analysis or the cost of office space rental.

Assisting the children of this nation is our primary concern. We do not fund programs that fail to meet the basic criteria of direct benefit to the children of America.

Submission Process

Any nonprofit organization may download the grant application at www.cwf-inc.org. Applications are accepted from May 1st through July 15th. **Deadline for receipt of application is postmarked no-later-than July 15th of the current year.**

Application policies

Application submissions should be limited to the pre-printed form. Project outline should include direct impact on children and the specific benefits of the project. Budget figures are required for the project only – an organization's annual budget or annual report is not required. References should be individuals with a working knowledge of the organization and the project. References may be contacted to answer questions concerning the grant application.

Approval Process

- ◆ The Executive Secretary reviews all grant proposals. Those that meet the criteria for consideration proceed to the Board of Directors.
- ◆ Each year in mid-October, our Board of Directors meet to consider grant requests.
- ◆ Personal appearances before the Board of Directors for the purpose of promotion and/or clarifying a grant by the grant applicant or associates are prohibited.
- ◆ All Grant seekers will receive written notification of our decisions.

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