



Discretionary Grants Policy

In addition to the grants approved and made by the full Board of Trustees of Delaplaine Foundation as a whole and those that at the request and approval of the full Board are reviewed, approved and reported to the full Board by the Executive Committee of those that are submitted by organizations and received by the Foundation's annual grant deadline of October 1st, the Board's Trustee members shall unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee (should there be a major economic downturn in the market that negatively impacts the financial assets of the Foundation) have the privilege of submitting discretionary grants each year in the amount pre-determined/approved by the Executive Committee for each Trustee as limited funds from the total grant funds shall annually be designated for that purpose. Additionally, Associate Board members shall be allotted a collective pre-determined/approved amount by the Executive Committee to be divided between each member equally, with any unspent amount going back to the group to be divided proportionally. These discretionary grants shall not exceed 20% of the Foundation's total grants distribution dollar amount per grant cycle.

Board members are also welcomed to opt out either totally or in-part of the discretionary grantmaking, in which case, their allotment will roll back into the grant dollars available for the current grant cycle to be voted on by the full Board, or they may designate their allotment to the Delaplaine Arts Center or the National Museum of Civil War Medicine as the recipient.

Additionally, per a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees at the November 2014 Board meeting, annually there shall be a discretionary Bettie Delaplaine Memorial Grant awarded to the 501(c)3 organization of the Board's discretion at an amount determined at the Board's approval.

The selected discretionary grants reflect the diversity of the Board's Trustees and Associate Members' personal and philanthropic interests. For those making discretionary grants, each Board member must provide the Director of Grantmaking or other designated staff the following information at least two weeks in advance of the annual November Board meeting where final decisions are made:

- Name of Organization
- Tax ID number
- Primary Contact information
- Amount of grant award

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