Grant Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria
(John Gogian Family Foundation, 2023)

Program Areas

The John Gogian Family Foundation supports organizations whose mission is to provide services and solutions for

- Developmentally Disabled Adults and Children
- NGOs in Armenia
- Vulnerable Seniors
- Vulnerable Youth

Types of Grant Awards

The Foundation makes grants for the following:

- General operating support for organizations
- Programs: new, expanding, or sustaining
- Capital expenditures: equipment, facility improvements, technology, and vehicles

Grant Range

For the 2023 Grant Cycle, the Foundation’s grants range from $10,000 to $125,000.

Eligibility

To be considered for a grant from the John Gogian Family Foundation, organizations must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, certified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt
- Be physically located in Los Angeles County and provide services to adults and/or children within Los Angeles County
- Provide an independent audited financial statement if the organization’s annual income is $2 million or more.
- Be non-sectarian. A religiously affiliated group may operate a program, but participation must be open to anyone and be non-discriminatory. The service delivery must be free of worship and religious teaching.
- Not discriminate in hiring staff or providing services on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex, or disability
Evaluation Criteria

The Foundation uses the following criteria in making its selections for funding:

- Programmatic Fit: Does the request fit the Foundation’s guidelines? Does the program help to further the Foundation’s mission and vision?
- The Foundation targets well-managed, financially sustainable organizations that are characterized by the following:
  - Strong Staff Leadership to lead and manage the operations and programming effectively and efficiently.
  - Strong Board Leadership, focusing on organizational oversight, fundraising, and identification of new donors, funding streams, and board candidates.
  - Strong Vision with a clarified mission statement, defined impact, and targeted outcomes as outlined in a Strategic Business Plan.
  - Commitment to Full Cost Budgeting that provides for real costs, including market rate salaries and reserves for operations, IT, and maintenance.
  - Commitment to Financial Best Practices that align with accounting ethics and integrity standards.

Community Grants Program

The Foundation’s Community Grants Program permits the Directors to recommend modest grants for funding. Generally these grants are for activities in the communities where the Directors live and for programs in which they take an active interest or have an established connection. Applications and requests are not accepted for this program.

What We Do Not Fund

- Annual fundraisers
- Arts and culture
- Care of animals
- Fundraising events
- Individuals
- National organizations or their affiliates
- Political campaigns or projects designed to influence legislation
- Research
- Sectarian purposes
- Summer camps
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