



BETs Statement of Purpose

The Board Experiential Training (BETs) program is a group comprised of the next generation of Andrus family members from around the United States that operates under the Andrus Family Fund (AFF). As a community of learners deeply committed to the work of AFF, we aim to promote progress and innovation in the areas of philanthropy and social justice, while further gaining first hand experience of the grant-making process.

We are seeking to support organizations that can efficiently contribute to the amelioration of inequities for our most vulnerable young people: those aging out of foster care or released from juvenile justice systems. As young grant makers, we are dedicated to forging deeper connections with potential grantees to encourage collaboration and an ongoing relationship between BETs members and organizations.

At the culmination of our program, we will present our final proposal to the senior executive board for approval. We believe that all grants have the potential to propel an organization, project, or idea to the next level of development. It is our aim to inspire innovation and foster lasting positive change in the lives of vulnerable youth.

Funding priorities

We invite proposals from several current AFF grantees for projects designed to enhance their current programs and/or to inspire new ventures.

We seek to fund organizations that aim to connect vulnerable youth (those aging out of foster care or released from juvenile justice systems) with the services they need to become self-sustaining adults. Additionally, we would support sustainable community organizing efforts that encourage vulnerable youth to thrive.

We are particularly interested in proposals that clearly describe how achievement of the goals of the project will make a difference. How will success be measured? How will the proposing organization know that the effort was worthwhile?

Funding restrictions

As a general rule the Andrus Family Fund does not fund:

- Individuals
- Capital campaigns or building construction
- Projects that are internationally based or focused



- Purchasing of equipment
- Conference scholarship

Grant size and duration

BETS-V will award up to five grants between \$5,000-\$12,500 in 2015. Grant awards will not exceed one year. We expect that grants will be awarded in May 2015.

Application Procedures

Application for the grant must include all items listed below. Please limit applications to five pages, excluding appendices.

Project Description:

- A brief background of organization and purpose.
- A brief history of the issue(s) being addressed by this project/initiative its specific context in your community.
- Project description:
 - Outline project goals.
 - Include any relevant information and data about previous work your organization has done in this area.
 - List the methods that will be used to measure the program's success.
- Specify the person(s) responsible for the implementation of this project and a brief description of their experience in the field.
- Budget and Timeline
- Appendices (Optional)

Important Deadlines:

Applications must be submitted to the AFF office by 5PM EST Friday, February 20, 2015. Please email proposals in word document format (.doc or .docx) to **Manuela Arciniegas, Senior Program Associate** – marciniegas@affund.org

Please include contact information for the liaison between your organization and BETs. We look forward to our future collaboration.