

## Paso del Norte Health Foundation Grantmaking Guidelines

The Foundation is bound by a set of priorities and guidelines in the grant making process. Some of the restrictions include: no unsolicited grant applications, no brick or mortar, and no direct payment for illness treatment services.

The following guidelines help direct the Foundation's funding decisions:

- Proposals must be solicited and must be linked to one of the Board Approved priority areas.
- Proposals are considered from the Paso del Norte region: west Texas - El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, southern New Mexico - Doña Ana, Luna, and Otero Counties, and northern Mexico - Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua.
- Awards are made generally to qualified nonprofit organizations with a tax exempt status of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or equivalent status, and organized and operated for charitable, educational or religious purposes. Funding is not provided to individuals.
- Funding is principally for direct project costs and not for general operating and overhead expenses. A 10% indirect cost (IDC) is allowed on most budgets. The IDC generally is not applicable to pass-through contracts.
- Applicants may not communicate about or 'lobby' for their proposal under consideration with any Board Member, Committee Member, or PdNHF staff apart from the Program Lead and designated Program Support Staff. If such 'lobbying' or inappropriate influencing of the proposal review process is discovered, the applicant organization shall be ineligible for grants from PdNHF for a period of not less than two years.

The following are **generally not funded** unless they are part of a more comprehensive and coordinated Foundation generated initiative or otherwise significantly contribute and strategically connected to a Foundation Priority Area.

- Alumni activities
- Annual contribution for operations
- Biomedical research
- Brick and mortar
- Capital campaigns
- Conferences
- Debt retirement or operating deficits
- Disease-related charities
- Endowments
- For-profit organizations
- Fund raising events
- Indirect costs on pass-through, such as media or other services contracts
- Individual medical bills
- Individuals
- Lobbying
- Make up for government funding shortfalls
- Medical services, medication or medical devices
- Political campaigns or voter registration drives

- Programs not matching a Priority Area
- Religious purposes
- Research
- Scholarships or fellowships
- Sports teams or club sponsorships
- Funding that supplants other sources
- Telethons
- Travel and training unrelated to an existing PdNHF initiative
- Unsolicited proposals
- Work not impacting the Foundation service region