

THE  
BLOSSOM  
FUND

**Guidelines**

The Blossom Fund is a private, independent foundation, which was established in 1994 and supports non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. The Fund makes grants in the following areas: economic justice for women; girls programs; support for local cultural and educational activities; and programs for youth promoting use of outdoor space, as described in greater detail below.

The Fund supports the community and grassroots efforts of women in the Boston area, Central America, and Mexico including:

- Programs that encourage the social or economic development of women, girls and their communities.

The Fund supports community-based educational and cultural projects in Brookline, Boston and Cambridge including:

- Projects promoting increased community use of local libraries and/or enabling libraries to serve as centers for community activities,
- Projects in the public schools that build skills or foster ongoing associations promoting cooperation among students, educators, parents and members of the local community,
- Projects promoting active participation in musical activities that foster community-based live musical performances.

The Fund supports programs for youth that increase the use and awareness of Boston area outdoor resources including:

- Projects promoting increased access to and use of public space including parks, sanctuaries, urban wilds, rivers, lakes and harbors. Projects should foster cooperative work and stewardship in public open spaces.

The Blossom Fund does not fund organizations that have access to other, more-traditional funding sources. It does not fund individuals or programs that assist only a few individuals.

**Geographic Focus:**

All projects: Boston, Brookline and Cambridge. Projects promoting women's economic development may also serve Central America and Mexico.

**Types of Support:**

Programmatic support, seed/start-up money, and occasional operating support.

**Financial Information:**

Grant range \$2,000-\$20,000. Renewable upon reapplication. Preference is given to organizations with small annual budgets.

**How to Apply:**

Send letter stating proposal along with **three copies of material** describing the project, three copies of all supporting material (including detailed budgets for both the organization and the specific project for which funding is being requested), and a copy of your organization's IRS Letter of Determination indicating tax-exempt status.

**Deadlines for application and subsequent reporting:**

September 15 and March 15. (Applications will not be accepted after the deadline unless it falls on a weekend or holiday.) A report on the use of a prior grant is required before a new proposal will be considered.

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