



THE LINKS FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED GRANT GUIDELINES

The Links Foundation, Incorporated is the program philanthropic arm of The Links, Incorporated, an organization of professional women of color located throughout the United States, the Bahamas, Germany and South Africa. Under Foundation guidelines, grants are made to support the four program facets of The Links, Inc. which include Services to Youth, the Arts, International Trends and Services, and National Trends and Services.

The Links, Incorporated has had a long tradition of promoting and engaging in educational, civic and inter-cultural activities in order to enrich the lives of members of the larger community. The Foundation was established in 1979 to enhance and expand the philanthropic endeavors of The Links, Inc. The Foundation provides grants to innovative programs that address problems to be solved, or opportunities to be seized that are of regional, national or international significance. The Foundation seeks proposals that provide creative responses to the changing needs in the general fields of health, education, social services, cultural and international affairs that are beneficial to communities of African descent.

The Foundation is a non-profit corporation operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

The following guidelines apply to the Grants-In-Aid of The Links Foundation, Incorporated:

ELIGIBILITY

Non-profit organization must have a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS

GRANT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

- Grant Applications must be submitted online and received no later than **March 1, 2010**.
- All required documents must be attached to the online application for the application to be considered for an award.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Applicants will be notified no later than **August 1, 2010**.
- In general, The Foundation **will not** fund grants for:
 - * Capital projects, general fund drives and grants to individuals
 - * Political campaigns or legislative lobbying efforts
 - * Programs for the development of exhibits without a service component
 - * Programs requesting more than 10% administrative costs
 - * Programs to purchase equipment (unless the purchase of the equipment is integral to the program) or the cost of the equipment is no more than 10% of the cost of the program
 - * Programs which discriminate on the basis of race, age, gender, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation
 - * Academic scholarships
 - * Endowment and debt reduction
 - * Religious purposes
 - * Medical research
- Grant awards are one year non-renewable

For more information, contact grants@linksinc.org.