

GUIDELINES

The Arie and Ida Crown Memorial (AICM) supports projects that offer opportunities to the disadvantaged, strengthen the bond of families and improve the quality of peoples lives. As a general rule, the Foundation funds programs that serve members of the Jewish community and residents of Chicago (Cook County).

In the tradition of its founders, a core purpose of the AICM is to bolster the Jewish community. Special emphasis is placed on programs offering assistance to the disenfranchised, promoting Jewish education, fortifying the family unit, strengthening Jewish culture and tradition, assisting in the resettlement efforts and promoting Jewish identity. While the Foundation has a long history of supporting Israeli organizations, it does not accept unsolicited requests from Israeli organizations.

In the spirit of social responsibility, the AICM also supports philanthropic organizations that serve Chicago's most vulnerable residents. In the past, the Foundation has supported organizations in the areas of:

- Education;
- Social Service, focusing on programs which offer assistance for children and families;
- Health Care, stressing access to services, hospice and health promotion;
- Cultural Arts, concentrating on educational and enrichment programs for youth;
- Environment, emphasizing local initiatives; and,
- Civic Affairs.

Grant Guidelines

The Arie & Ida Crown Memorial values effective management of non-profit organizations. For this reason, the caliber of staff, the organization's overall health and the level of board commitment is an integral part of all proposal evaluations. Particular consideration will be given to projects that promise demonstrable long-range benefits, include an evaluation plan, and have the potential to generate support from other philanthropic sources. Annual progress reports are required.

Restrictions

Government sponsored programs (where 50% or more of the agency's budget is funded by government sources) will not be funded by the AICM. Grants are not made to support individuals, special events, conference expenses or film projects. The Foundation will only accept one request from an organization during a 12 month period. Proposals from non-profit agencies are considered for programmatic, capital and operating needs.

Application Process

All potential and past grantees are asked to contact the AICM by submitting a letter of intent no longer than two pages in length. This letter should describe the nature of the organization's work, the size of the agency's budget, the proposed project and budget and the amount requested. A copy of the applicant's tax exempt designation must also be attached. If the organization's work coincides with the Foundation goals, a full proposal and grant application will be invited.

Funding Cycle

The Foundation Board meets twice annually, in the Spring and in the Fall. Deadlines for submission of letters of intent are January 31st for the Spring Board meeting and July 31st for the Fall Board meeting.