

# FUND FOR SANTA BARBARA

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## About the FUND FOR SANTA BARBARA

THE FUND was established as a community foundation in 1980 to offer an alternative concept in philanthropy. Founded by a group of individuals who shared a vision of a just and humane society, THE FUND is dedicated to finding solutions to current and emerging social, economic, environmental and political problems that challenge our society as a whole. Since its inception, THE FUND has awarded over \$4 million to more than 800 projects.

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## Spring 2012 Funding Guidelines

### General FUND Guidelines

THE FUND believes that significant social changes ultimately require broad participation in and democratic control of all social, political and economic institutions. Social conditions improve most dramatically when those who have been disempowered form coalitions that confront and change the conditions that have denied them access, equity, and justice. THE FUND gives preference to projects that address the root causes of social, economic, environmental, and political problems.

THE FUND focuses away from supporting social services unless they have a significant progressive social change element to the program. THE FUND provides seed grants to new grassroots projects; general support or project grants to small organizations; and targeted grants to larger, more established organizations.

### We Invite Applications From Groups That Are:

- Working against discrimination based on race, sex/gender, age, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, physical/mental ability, ethnicity, language spoken, or immigration status;
- Advocating for the rights of workers;
- Promoting self-determination in low income and disenfranchised communities;
- Promoting international peace and organizing locally for a just foreign policy;
- Working on improving the environment, especially organizing a constituency usually without access to decision-makers;
- Operating in a democratic manner, responsive to and directed by the constituency being served.

### We Do Not Fund:

- Political campaigns that support a candidate or a political party;
- Private (vs. public) interests;
- Direct labor organizing;
- Projects providing direct services without a social change component;
- Direct support to individuals
- Building improvements;
- Capital ventures, i.e. office equipment, machines, or vehicles;
- Projects located outside of Santa Barbara County.

### Brief Overview of the Spring 2012 Funding Cycle Schedule:

**Applications Available** *Tues, Jan 24*

**Grant-Writing Workshops**  
*Tues, Feb 7*  
*Thurs, Feb 16*  
*Tues, Feb 21*  
*Wed, Feb 29*

**Drafts Reviewed by FUND Staff** *Tues., Jan 24 through Mon, Mar 5*

**Application Deadline** *Friday, Mar 9*  
*No later than 5 p.m.*

*Affirmative Action considerations are among the criteria used in all funding decisions.*

*Aplicaciones y información son disponibles en español. Llame Cristina Gonzalez, Gerente de Programas al 805-922-1707 o Nancy Weiss, Directora Asociada al 805-962-9164.*

# General Information About Our Spring 2012 Funding Cycle

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## Amount of Funding Available

The maximum grant award is \$10,000. The average grant award is approximately \$6,000.

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## Tax Exempt Status

The FUND FOR SANTA BARBARA will accept grant applications from groups regardless of their tax-exempt status as long as their activities clearly fall within IRS tax-exempt guidelines. Fiscal sponsorships are acceptable but not required.

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## Technical Assistance

We strongly encourage applicants to attend one of our free Grant-Writing Workshops held during each funding cycle. In addition, FSB staff is available to review a draft of your proposal and provide feedback. All such drafts must be received at THE FUND office by Monday, March 5, 2012.

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## Submitting Your Application

When submitting your application please expect to be in the office for 30 minutes. At this time staff will review your application to assure it is complete. Please do not submit your application with any additional folders, envelopes, or the like.

**NEW: One original copy is required, plus one unstapled copy. Please submit single-sided.**

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## How to Apply for a Grant

1. To receive an application packet, contact us at 805-962-9164 or visit our website at [www.fundforsantabarbara.org](http://www.fundforsantabarbara.org). Our staff can email you a Microsoft Word formatted application for ease of use.
2. Consider attending a Grant-Writing Workshop (see dates on other side).
3. Submit the completed application by **5 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012**

**NOTE: One original copy is required, plus one unstapled copy. Please submit single-sided.**

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## Repeat Funding

We do accept requests for repeat funding of projects. Such proposals must include detailed information about the outcome of the previous grant, and how further financial assistance would advance the goals of the original proposal.

Organizations seeking repeat funding must be in compliance by having all required progress reports submitted. Please contact FSB staff to ascertain compliance.

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## Other Grant Opportunities

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### Multi-Year Grants

The FUND FOR SANTA BARBARA accepts applications for our Multi-Year Grant Program during the **Spring cycle only**. Please call 805-962-9164 for an application and guidelines. Any interested applicants **must** first contact THE FUND office.

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### Emerging Need Grants

Projects that need immediate financial assistance and could not meet the deadline for our regular Spring or Fall Grant Cycle due to extraordinary, unforeseen circumstances may be eligible for an Emerging Need Grant. *We do not consider poor planning, cash flow problems, depletion of funds or insufficient fund-raising efforts to be grounds for an Emerging Need Grant.*

### Donor Advised Grants

Grants from this program are awarded at the request of a donor. These grants are not available through the regular application process.

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### Lyn Rue McClurg Endowment Fund for Women's Rights

This year THE FUND will again award grants from this specially named Endowment Fund. Approximately \$1,000 will be distributed in a grant or grants that deal specifically with women's rights. These funds are available during the regular Spring and/or Fall Funding Cycles, using the standard application.

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