

## Three New Grant Making Initiatives

Please fill out and return this form along with your renewal form and payment if you would like to recommend your Individual Grant, or make an additional gift to any of these new grant making initiatives.

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MEMBER NAME

DATE

I would like to recommend a portion of my **Individual Grant** to the:

- Diversity Partner Grant in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- International Partner Grant in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Innovation Partner Grant in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a **contribution** to the:

- Diversity Partner Grant in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- International Partner Grant in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Innovation Partner Grant in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

These three new partner grants provide hands-on learning through an advanced curriculum of grant making. With a spirit of openness and humility, we will work alongside community partners to research, identify, and award grants to nonprofit programs in the areas below. The Foundation will seed each grant with \$10,000 initially, and members can also participate with their Individual Grants or additional donations. Essentially, each new initiative will operate as a “mini” pooled fund.

- **Diversity Partner Grants:** Making our commitment to inclusiveness actionable, we will work alongside, and learn from, organizations active in diverse communities. The learning already gained through the work of the Inclusiveness Initiative task force will inform our approach. In addition to meeting critical needs through this Partner Grant, WWF also seeks to highlight the needs of diverse communities and welcome more women of color to become members of the Foundation.
- **International Partner Grants:** Honoring our members’ strong interest in global philanthropy, we will build relationships with, and learn from, local organizations doing important work abroad. The learning already gained from the International Affinity Group’s discussions will inform our approach. This program will take advantage of Seattle’s growing prominence as a center of global giving and allow a vehicle for the Foundation to be relevant to this work.
- **Innovation Partner Grants:** Recognizing our members’ enthusiasm for discovering creative, cutting-edge projects, we will work alongside community grant makers with experience in venture funding. Whether they are small ideas with big aspirations, or big ideas with small budgets, we seek to provide the boost to propel these bright ideas to the next level.

**Please see reverse for program outline and requirements for participation in these new grant making initiatives, or call Emily at the office with any questions.**

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## **Program Outline**

Each initiative will, in broad terms, be structured as follows:

- There will be a three-person Leadership Team for each initiative, consisting of a staff lead, a board member, and a Foundation member with Grant Committee experience.
- At the outset, there will be a framework for each Partner Grant process that will include research, issue analysis, guest speakers, proposal review and site visits, based on what we have proven effective through our Pooled Fund grant work and customized to this shorter, deeper context.
- Each Partner Grant process will have a minimum of 5 members and a maximum of 20 members who will collaborate to determine the final grant recipient.
- Each initiative will operate 10 – 12 weeks, with five meetings plus site visits, as appropriate.
- One initiative will be operating at a time, with the Diversity Partner Grant launching in Fall 2010. The International Partner Grant will likely start in early 2011, and the Innovation Partner Grant in Spring 2011.
- The first round of these initiatives will be considered 'pilots', with opportunity to evolve the program to incorporate learning and feedback.

## **Requirements for Participation on a Partner Grant Committee**

These initiatives are constructed as 'advanced' grant making programs and will therefore have prerequisites for participation:

- Prior experience on the WWF Grant Committee or equivalent.
- Financial contribution of \$500 through directing the Individual Grant to the initiative or through personal contribution
- Commitment to attend all required meetings (to be pre-scheduled)

## **Funding these grants**

Each of these Partner Grants will be seeded with \$10,000 for the first year, supplemented by additional contributions from members. In the second year, the Foundation will provide \$7,500 per Partner Grant and in the third year \$5,000; contributions from members are anticipated to increase as the Foundation contribution decreases. These allocations will be reviewed as we proceed. Consistent with the Foundation's focus on high impact, each Partner Grant will likely be made to a single grantee rather than distributed among multiple organizations.

Members will have the opportunity to direct their Individual Grants to any of these initiatives each year, whether or not they choose to participate in the actual work of the Partner Grant process. Additional personal contributions can be put toward these Partner Grants as well, at members' own discretion.