

S. MARK TAPER FOUNDATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Who may submit a request to the S. Mark Taper Foundation?**

The S. Mark Taper Foundation will consider a Letter of Inquiry for any program or organization in Southern California. An applicant must be certified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. During the Foundation's review process, equal consideration and due diligence will be given to all organizations - both those that are past grant recipients and those that have never received an S. Mark Taper Foundation grant.

- **I recently received a grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation. When may I submit another Letter of Inquiry?**

A nonprofit organization is eligible for another grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation only after three full grant cycles have elapsed following the grant cycle during which a previous grant was made. The S. Mark Taper Foundation has one grant cycle annually, so this works out to a three-year period of ineligibility. For example, an organization that received a grant payment in December 2009 will next be eligible for a grant beginning with the Foundation's 2013 grant cycle. The Letter of Inquiry process is the same for new organizations and past grantees, and all eligible Letters of Inquiry compete on an equal footing. Please refer to our most recent set of guidelines before submitting a Letter of Inquiry.

- **What amount should I request in my Letter of Inquiry?**

The S. Mark Taper Foundation has three size categories as follows:

Category	Grant Size
Small	Up to \$ 50,000
Medium	\$ 50,001 - \$ 250,000
Large	Over \$ 250,000

These categories are meant as a guide to assist organizations in determining how much to request. Requests will compete with one another within each category and, in general, no category is more or less competitive. Due to limited resources, Foundation staff members are not available to discuss individual situations.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT'D)

- **Does the S. Mark Taper Foundation fund general operating support?**

Yes, the S. Mark Taper Foundation does fund general operating support, in addition to program and capital support. Due to limited resources, Foundation staff members are not available to discuss individual situations.

- **I sent my Letter of Inquiry during a time period other than December – February. Will it be considered for funding in a later grant cycle?**

Letters of Inquiry are only accepted from December – February. Letters of Inquiry received at any other time are not considered for funding. Please submit a new Letter of Inquiry during the December – February time period.

Thank you.