

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 non-profit 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 a grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation.

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

For past grant recipients, there is a three-grant-cycle ineligibility period. As the S. Mark Taper Foundation has one grant cycle annually, this is a three-year period of ineligibility. For example, an organization that received a grant payment in December 2014 is eligible to compete for a grant beginning with the Foundation's 2018 grant cycle. The Letter of Inquiry process is the same for new organizations and past grantees. 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 - \$249,999
Large	\$250,000 and above

These categories are meant as a guide to assist organizations in determining how much to request. Due to limited resources, Foundation staff members are not available to discuss individual situations.

- **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.

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- **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 through mid-February. Letters of Inquiry received at any other time are not considered for funding. Please submit a new Letter of Inquiry during the next December through mid-February time period.

Thank you.