

The Arnold F. Keller, Jr. Award for New Initiatives/ Program Expansion

The Keller Award is a single \$25,000 grant awarded by the Foundation annually. The grant supports the creation or expansion of major initiatives with potential to significantly benefit the Capitol Hill community.

For this grant, the Foundation gives preference to organizations that have previously received Foundation support and address a timely community need. For example, recent winners of the Keller Grant have used the funds to increase assistance for unhoused neighborhood residents, assist vulnerable populations during the COVID pandemic, celebrate the centennial of Eastern High School's building, and expand literacy programs in elementary schools on Capitol Hill. Please note: Organizations submitting proposals in the area of arts and culture should apply for the Franzén Grant.

The deadline for the application letter for this grant is Monday, October 30, 2023, at 5:00pm. The Foundation typically announces the grant award by February and presents it in the spring, at the Capitol Hill Community Achievement Awards ceremony.

Your submission should be no more than four pages and must include the following information:

A. APPLICANT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Include the formal name of the organization (to be used for any checks written); address and email of the organization; and name, email, and phone contact for the organization's authorized representative.

B. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Include a brief summary of the organization and its main goals and programs, service area, and information about any previous Foundation support.

C. PROPOSED PROJECT SUMMARY

Include a project title and brief description of the proposed initiative or project; a statement on what makes this initiative unique or beyond the previous work of the applicant; identify how the project would benefit the community; estimate of the number of Capitol Hill residents that would be impacted by the project; and a detailed project timetable.

D. PROJECT BUDGET ESTIMATE

Include the total project cost; how specifically the Keller award dollars will be used; other potential sources of funding; and — if the project is to be ongoing — a statement on how the applicant would propose to support the initiative beyond the term of this grant.

E. OTHER INFORMATION

Provide any additional information that you would like the Foundation to review.

Please email your completed application to weinheimer@aol.com or mail a hardcopy to:

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