

## **Funnel's Grantmaking Objectives**

Funnel seeks to improve the quality of life for San Francisco Bay Area communities by supporting nonprofit organizations which are doing critical work to address the roots of social, economic, and environmental injustice. These nonprofit organizations serve a mosaic of diverse communities in the area, addressing problems specific to their constituencies as well as issues that face the area as a whole.

Funnel prioritizes funding organizations that involve their constituency in all stages of program development and problem solving. We are interested in organizations that demonstrate effective advocacy for their constituency, and that are grounded in a strong political vision. At Funnel, we seek diversity in our grantmaking, funding groups working throughout the Bay Area on a variety of issues.

Funnel's grantmaking areas include: housing, health care, education, environmental justice, community organizing, and leadership development.

### **Housing Goals:**

- educate, organize, and empower communities to ensure decent affordable housing within healthy neighborhoods for everyone.
- Support tenant housing rights groups & advocacy for low-income housing, housing information and referral services, and research and analysis of the housing crisis.
- provide educational and other services designed to help lower-income persons competence to manage their housing and economic affairs.
- support innovative approaches to assist homeless persons in the transition from homelessness, and enable them to live as independently as possible.
- improve the quality of emergency shelters and transitional housing for the homeless.

### **Health Care Goals:**

- promote culturally specific approaches to health care that reduce cultural and ethnic disparities in health; support community-based preventative health service programs.
- Improve the quality and accessibility of health programs and education targeting communities of color, adolescents, women, and other vulnerable groups.
- ensure access to reproductive health and sexuality education for women and girls and support health care providers engaging in delivery of services to these populations.
- support health promotion at work sites, injury prevention programs and preventative health programs for agricultural and low-wage service industry workers.

### **Education Goals:**

- improve the academic performance of disadvantaged children through tutoring, mentoring, parent involvement, and special programs.
- Address conditions that place students at risk of school dropout.

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- work to make residents more informed and engaged in the civic life of their communities.
- increase access to higher education and vocational opportunities which develop the skills for securing meaningful and continuing employment.
- work to ensure equal access to quality education for all students regardless of race or class.
- **Support** continuing education that increases job preparedness as well as professional and personal development.
- increase the quality & quantity of child care and youth services.

### **Environmental Justice Goals:**

- support the promotion of a livable, sustainable urban environment throughout the Bay Area, including quality transportation systems, managed development of new housing and jobs, and open space preservation.
- strengthen the capacity of communities most affected by environmental hazards to identify and solve local environmental health problems.
- **Challenge** destructive corporate practices and protect the health and well-being of affected communities.
- **Support** community-based organizations that employ research, education and organizing in dealing with long-term environmental and resource issues.

### **Community Organizing Goals:**

- encourage policy research, advocacy, and community organizing among marginalized communities.
- advance social and economic justice through community education and involvement.
- support civic participation by underrepresented communities, including immigrants, homeless individuals, low-income people, non-english speaking communities, and youth.
- support neighborhood-based programs working to solve social and economic challenges.
- support programs that demonstrate collaborative approaches between nonprofit organizations and local residents

### **Leadership Development Goals:**

- broaden participation and leadership among disenfranchised and disengaged citizens and build community capacity to solve problems and create social change.
- **Build** the abilities of youth of color and low-income youth to become effective leaders in their communities and in social justice organizations.
- support outreach, support and training in order for people from underrepresented communities to participate in planning and advocacy efforts and in the formation of social programs and policies.