

ROBLEE FOUNDATION GRANT GUIDELINES

The Joseph H. and Florence A. Roblee Foundation is dedicated to promoting change by supporting organizations that improve quality of life and help individuals to fulfill their potential. The Foundation arises out of a Judeo-Christian framework and values ecumenical endeavors. The Foundation particularly supports programs that work to break down cultural, racial, ethnic, religious, gender, and identity barriers.

The Roblee Foundation, established in 1971, is based in St. Louis, and accepts applications for grants in metropolitan St. Louis, Missouri and Miami-Dade in Florida. However, grants may be made in other areas of special interest to the Board.

Most grants range from \$3,000-\$20,000.

The Roblee Foundation accepts grant proposals in the following focus areas:

EDUCATION

To improve education through:

- Supporting systemic change
- Teacher training & recruitment
- Elevating the status of teaching
- Addressing achievement gap
- Assuring children enter elementary school ready to learn
- Developing the love of learning

COMMUNITY

To support and promote community through:

- Promoting understanding, cooperation and respect between different cultures, ethnic/racial groups, religions, and sexual orientations.
- Developing leadership and civic responsibility
- Supporting community initiatives
- Promoting access to healthy food and nutrition education
- Preventing human trafficking and providing support services for victims

FAMILY SUPPORT ISSUES

To strengthen families through:

- Parenting education
- Family support programs
- Advancing the rights of and encourage services for alternative-model families

To empower women through:

- Reproductive freedom
- Prevention of violence, abuse, and poverty
- Economic independence

To support children and youth programs that:

- Provide early childhood services
- Prevent and/or address:
 - Teen pregnancy
 - Substance abuse
 - Violence and abuse
- Improve the foster care system
- Protect and support LGBTQ youth
- Provide professional development for child care providers

The Foundation accepts proposals for the following types of support:

- Project and program funds. (We have traditionally emphasized programs that support advocacy, prevention, and systemic improvements, but we will support treatment and crisis intervention when the approach is innovative or there is an unusual need.)
- Capacity building and technical assistance
- Startup funds and planning grants
- Policy development and advocacy
- Scholarship programs
- Capital and endowment campaigns

The foundation does not award grants to individuals. Unsolicited proposals for support of the arts, medical research, environmental concerns, or other projects outside the above stated program areas or geographic regions will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

First time applicants to the foundation are required to call foundation staff (314-963-7713) to explore your project's funding potential.