

HUEY AND ANGELINA WILSON FOUNDATION

Information for Grant Applications for 2020

Purpose

Huey and Angelina Wilson were both born and raised in Depression era Louisiana in large families with modest means. Early on working together as husband and wife, the Wilsons founded a catalog showroom retail business that grew to become the largest company headquartered in Baton Rouge employing 10,000 people and spanning 13 states by the time of its sale in 1985. That same year the Wilsons co-founded an oilfield service business in Houma, Louisiana that today employs approximately 1,800 people. The company is the US largest fabricator of offshore production platforms for installation worldwide. After fulfilling and successful lives, Huey Wilson passed away on February 8, 2008, and Angelina Wilson passed away on April 8, 2016.

The Wilson's were blessed with substantial financial success and dedicated a meaningful part of their wealth to the Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation. The Foundation meets semi-annually to review grants and awards competitive grants to non-profit organizations.

An organization must meet two requirements to apply for a grant.

- The organization or its fiscal agent must be tax exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (A fiscal agent must submit a letter of agreement.)
- The program or project must serve the greater Baton Rouge area which includes the following parishes: East and West Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, Pointe Coupee, Livingston, Ascension, St. Helena, St. James, and Iberville. Projects will also be considered that have a statewide scope of service.

The Foundation's present areas of focus are:

- **Human Services:** The Foundation believes it is necessary for the community to identify and meet human needs. We support many different kinds of programs that work to make people's lives better.
- **Healthcare:** Quality healthcare is important to the whole community's well-being. We support healthcare education and programs that give people the medical care they need.
- **Education:** The Foundation focuses its support on learning and development from early childhood through high school. We encourage partnerships and activities that bring the community together to build on current strengths and work toward systemic change in areas that can improve educational systems and opportunities for children in our community.
- **Prison Reentry:** Reducing the recidivism rate affects the entire community. The Foundation supports programs and services that prepare the incarcerated population for release into society with interaction in a community church and a relationship with God.

Of particular interest to the Foundation are the handicapped, both physical and mental, those afflicted with disease, disadvantaged youth, the hungry and the homeless. While care for the less fortunate is important to the Foundation, the Trustees will look particularly favorable on grantees addressing the root cause of the misfortune and where practical or possible assist their targeted population to become self-sufficient productive contributors to the community.

The Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation believes that communities are strengthened when people begin to see themselves as resources, and find successful ways of marshaling their talents and the talents of local people and organizations to solve problems. The Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation supports non-profit organizations within the Foundation's present areas of focus that can demonstrate that they have planned their projects with respect to the community's greatest opportunities. Grant applicants should keep in mind that priority is given to projects that build on strengths and assets of individuals, organizations and institutions and that address the underlying causes of the problems presented rather than treating symptoms. The Foundation is interested in supporting organizations that reflect the diversity of the community they serve in their boards, staff and program focus.

The Foundation will consider grant applications only from non-profit organizations who serve the greater Baton Rouge area or with statewide focus. The Foundation believes its highest and best use of grant dollars are for capacity building within non-profits. If we can help an organization improve from a "C" performer to a "B+" performer all of its constituencies are helped, clients are better served, staff and volunteers are more efficiently utilized, and grantors and contractors' monies are more efficiently expended. The Foundation also provides the following traditional types of grants:

- Program Grants – Program grants support the direct and operational costs needed to support new, creative or beneficial programs. Allowable costs may include staff salaries and benefits, supplies, equipment, travel, office leases, utilities and training.
- Capital Grants – Capital grants are made for new construction, major renovation and the purchase of permanent assets. These grants may cover costs such as phone systems, computers, and technology upgrading as well as vans or buses.
- Bridge Grants – Bridge grants help mature organizations through times of economic hardship. The organization must show that it can sustain itself after the funding ends.

The Foundation does not currently fund endowments or provide seed grants to new organizations. The Foundation's Trustees meet semi-annually to review grant requests. Grant approvals are competitive with typical approved grants ranging in size from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The median size is expected to be about \$33,000.

In lieu of a concept paper all grants in excess of \$35,000 must be reviewed in reasonable detail with any member of the staff by telephone or in person and receive a verbal approval of the grant concept and size prior to submission of the proposal.

GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Grant requests are due the fourth Friday of February and August of each year. Requests will be accepted only through on-line submission at www.hawilsonfoundation.org. The online application will be active beginning the first of February and August until the deadline date. If there are any questions, please review "Suggestions for Completing the Online Application" available on the Grant Application page of the website or contact Jan Ross at 225-292-1344.

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS

After the request is submitted, the staff will read each request, may call to ask questions, and will have a preliminary meeting to determine site visit candidates. The staff will make the grant recommendations to the full Board of Trustees from which the Trustees will make final decisions.

GRANTMAKING SCHEDULE

Grant requests should be received by 5:00 pm on the deadline date. The deadline and notification dates are:

Deadline Dates:	Notification Dates:
Fourth Friday of February	May 2
Fourth Friday of August	November 1

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

If your request is not funded, you will receive a letter informing you of the Board's decision. Those who receive funding will get an award check with a letter that states the grant's conditions.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT

If a grant is awarded, the Foundation requires that the funded organization submit both fiscal accounting and narrative reports on the use of the funds and the impact the grant has had on the community it serves. Reporting guidelines are available on the website. These reports are due as follows:

Award Date	Interim Report	Final Report
May 1	September 30	March 30
November 1	March 30	September 30

To be considered for future funding, reports must be provided on a timely basis.

Questions regarding the Foundation should be directed to Jan Ross, Tristi Charpentier, Renee Joyal or David Beach at the Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation at:

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The application questions along with suggestions for completing the online application can be found on the Foundation's website at <https://www.hawilsonfoundation.org>.