

HYDE FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

GRANT GUIDELINES

The grantmaking of the Hyde Family Foundations is focused on supporting initiatives that empower people and programs dedicated to making measurable differences in the community, and on providing leadership on public policy issues that will help Memphis become a world-class, 21st century city. We provide support to high-impact initiatives that focus on three distinct objectives:

Ensuring all kids have access to a great education;
Investing in the assets of our city that are unique to Memphis; and
Strengthening neighborhoods in the city's urban core.

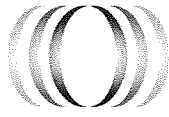
Each year, the Hyde Family Foundations actively support worthy nonprofit partners achieving results in these three key areas.

Established in 1961, The Hyde Family Foundations are a pair of philanthropic funds created by members of the Hyde family over a 48-year period, beginning with an initial \$1 million investment by Joseph Hyde, Sr. in 1961. Today the assets of the Hyde Family Foundations total over \$120 million and approximately \$13 million is granted annually to groups dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Memphis area.

Our Program Interests

Although a large portion of our grantmaking is proactive and initiative-driven in nature, we will accept requests from 501(c)(3) organizations that serve the city of Memphis, Tennessee, or influence policy change at the statewide level.

Our current program interests include Transforming Education, Strengthening Neighborhoods, and Positioning Authentic Assets.



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Transforming Education:

Education initiatives at the Hyde Family Foundations are all about closing the achievement gap because we believe that access to a high-quality education is a basic civil right.

To improve educational opportunities for all children in Memphis, we seek proposals that focus on supporting three key ingredients vital to this work: schools, people and advocacy.

Schools:

We support efforts that aim to expand the number of high-quality educational options available to students and their families. We believe truly successful schools have shared characteristics including high expectations for kids and adults, strong leadership, academic rigor, and clear benchmarks for student performance. The Foundations do not limit themselves to any single type of school or curriculum, thus, we are open to all efforts that apply proven, successful, models that afford kids the opportunity to excel in today's world.

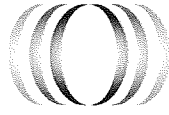
People:

The Hyde Family Foundations are committed to supporting systemic initiatives that attract, develop and retain the very best talent in the field of education with priority placed on school leaders and teachers. We accept proposals that focus on developing human capital, as it is a fundamental building block for the success of our education system.

Advocacy:

The Foundations support efforts to empower citizens as they strive to place education at the top of the civic-priority list. We support programs and initiatives that advocate for public policies that expand educational options for families, empower strong leadership, enable school-based decision-making, and ensure that our state's graduation requirements are aligned to college and workforce readiness.

Applications for projects involving Memphis City Schools MUST include a letter of support from the Superintendent.



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Positioning Authentic Assets:

Memphis is rich with distinct cultural, historical, physical and human assets unique to our city. We desire to work with innovative community partners to strengthen and showcase Memphis' authentic assets in the areas of Arts and Culture, Civic Growth and Leadership, and Greening Initiatives.

Arts and Culture

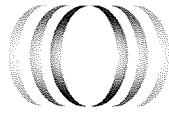
We seek proposals that strive to strengthen and promote the existing wealth of unique and quality artistic and cultural assets in our city. The Foundations support the development of cultural institutions that are the cornerstones of Memphis' rich heritage and future growth.

Civic Growth and Leadership

We believe that top-tier talent is key to the successful growth of our city. We therefore support initiatives that develop, attract and retain our next generation of leaders. We also invest in catalytic, city-building initiatives that will propel Memphis into the future and position the city for the knowledge-based economy of the 21st century.

Greening Initiatives

The Hyde Family Foundations support projects that further our goal of creating the Memphis Greenprint – an interconnected network of open space, parks, greenways and trails that touches every neighborhood. Investments in selected Greening Initiatives are made to help Memphis become a model American city by revitalizing distressed neighborhoods, connecting people from diverse communities, improving health and protecting the environment.



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Strengthening Neighborhoods:

The Hyde Family Foundations believe that the thoughtful redevelopment and design of our urban core is vital to making Memphis a world-class, 21st century city. We also believe that strong neighborhoods are the essential building blocks needed to strengthen and sustain a healthy urban core. To that end, the Foundations seek to support projects that feature strong leaders building vibrant urban communities around Foundation-prioritized neighborhood anchors. We believe these steadfast anchors and high-functioning communities can help lead and speed the transformation of neighborhoods that will allow Memphis to reach new heights.

Additionally, we aim to make investments that leverage public funds to stimulate the creation of healthy, vibrant neighborhoods.