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Grant Making Overview

Cinereach funds artful narrative and documentary films that depict underrepresented perspectives, cross international boundaries and start meaningful conversations. Film projects that are consistent with Cinereach's ethos favor good storytelling over didacticism, complexity over traditional duality. Cinereach-supported films demonstrate creativity, visual artistry and take a character-based approach.

In the past, Cinereach has awarded grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per project.

Funding Priorities

Cinereach offers grant awards to film projects using the power of film to:

- **Provide insight and stimulate dialogue that leads to positive change**
- **Challenge prejudice and work towards universal human rights**
- **Empower individuals and communities to work toward global unity**

Philosophy

Cinereach seeks to form lasting and meaningful relationships with the talented, dedicated, and creative people we support. In addition to our funding, Cinereach provides networking opportunities, community and recognition. We invite an open and continuing dialogue.

Decision Process

The Cinereach grant committee meets twice a year to review grant applications and assign awards. The grant committee also meets twice yearly with prospective and past grantees.

Cinereach requires prospective applicants to submit an initial 2-page letter of inquiry and will consider full applications only upon invitation.

The letter of inquiry enables Cinereach staff to determine the relevance of the proposed project to our mission. Cinereach will then invite selected applicants to submit a full proposal to be reviewed by the grant committee.

Grantee Expectations

If a grant is approved, a grant award letter will be issued detailing specific expectations. The grantee will be required to submit interim and final reports explaining how the funds were used, projections and reports on expected and achieved outcomes, and monitoring



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and evaluation results. Prior to funds being released, grantees will be expected to sign and return the grant award letter indicating their agreement with the terms and conditions of the grant award.

Cinereach staff may request an opportunity to visit with organizations requesting support either at the organization's or Cinereach's offices. Additionally, grantees may be asked to make presentations before our grant committee.

Exceptions

Cinereach does not award multi-year grants, grants for capital or endowment campaigns, grants for research, or individual scholarships for study or travel.

Charitable Status

To qualify for a grant from Cinereach, a prospective grantee must be tax-exempt under United States Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) or be fiscally sponsored by a certified 501(c)(3) organization.

Internationally based prospective grantees must provide one of the following: 1) proof of 501(c)(3) status or, 2) proof of fiscal sponsorship by a certified US-based 501(c)(3) organization or, 3) an affidavit satisfying IRS requirements for tax-exempt equivalency. Please be sure to get in touch with Cinereach's Grants Manager, Adella Ladjevardi, for further details.

Term of Funding

Most grants are awarded for a one-year period. Grant awards may be renewed or extended as determined by the grant committee. Cinereach generally does not award grants to organizations for more than three consecutive years.

Priority Funding Areas

From time to time, the grant committee may determine specific priority or thematic funding areas. If such decisions are made, they will be clearly posted on our website.

Discrimination Policy

Cinereach does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, or national origin.