

**The
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Foundation**

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The Dolores J. And Robert A. Bochatey Foundation

Request for Grant Proposals: Education and Workforce Development

1. Statement of Purpose

The **Bochatey Foundation** is seeking proposals from NonProfit Organizations to provide educational programs, services and resources. Programs and services for low-economic demographics will receive preference especially if the programs are sound, demonstrate success, and present a unique approach to the educational challenges children and adults face today. We primarily consider grants for academic education, trade skills training, and music training that furthers the students' eventual ability to provide for their family through rewarding employment, creates stability for that family, and improves the future, equity, and peace of their community through their example and leadership.

2. About the Foundation

The **Bochatey Foundation** is a small private family foundation who believes that education is the linchpin for better lives and a better society. Our primary objective is to remove small, specific obstacles that prevent motivated individuals from achieving self-sufficiency, employment, and family stability. We encourage small and new organizations to apply since free consulting is part of the grant. We target programs that will directly change the futures of those ultimately served.

3. Project Objectives

Grant proposals will be considered that deliver educational solutions in one or more of the following core areas:

- **Vocational & Trade Training:** Provide beneficiaries with training, apprenticeship, and certification programs such as mechanics, construction, welding, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, digital/computer fields, gunsmithing, or other trade skills.
- **Academic Education:** Provide tutoring and learning programs that include thinking skills, mathematics, reading, liberal arts, STEM, engineering and computer sciences

or other topics that translate directly to better employment, better adult decisions, and leadership.

- **Professional Licensing Support:** Assisting individuals with prep-courses, testing fees, or continuing education required for fields like nursing or allied health, personal care services, transportation, law, finance, teaching, etc.

4. Proposal:

Applicants will be expected to provide a 1-2 page proposal including the following as part of the application. If you wish to speak to us before applying, please make an appointment at www.BochateyFoundation.org/Mission. Scroll towards the bottom. (not required)

- Submit **Application** found at www.BochateyFoundation.org/Apply
- **Program Design:** Describe your organization and why it should be awarded a grant. How does it's mission and goals mirror ours? What will the project look like, what will it accomplish, and for whom? If it is a pilot project describe criteria for pursuing it. What problem(s) will it address and how? Will it address them In a unique manor? If you were in front of the application committee, what would you tell them?
- **Organizational Documents:** Provide IRS determination letter, most recent 990 tax return, organization and/or project budget. Since our grant is fairly small what other funding sources will participate to make sure the program comes to be?
- **Grant Agreement and Report:** If your grant is awarded, you will received a contract which commits your organization to using the funds as intended. That document must be signed and dated before funds are issued. In addition, you will be required to submit a grant report within 12 months of the award that demonstrates how the to funds were applied to the intended purpose and what was the result. Again, 1-2 pages including some numbers and specifics if possible.

5. Target Audience

Our beneficiaries are motivated individuals who recognize that education can change their lives and are willing to commit to the hard work it takes to make use of it. Beneficiaries must demonstrate need of financial help to get additional education, tutoring, or skill training. Proposals can be designed for child, teen or adult learners. They may or may not have faced prior educational barriers.

The grant should focus on serving US citizens in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, South & North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.

6. Application Process

We are a bit different than most.

- **The Application:** If you have a standard proposal already prepared, please submit it. If you don't, don't go to the trouble and expense of creating a grand proposal. 2-5 pages is sufficient including the financial pieces. Our intent is to support new and small organizations, putting them on the same playing field as larger, older organizations. Grant writing can be time consuming and costly. We want to help you avoid both with our process.
- **Timeline:** There is no deadline for applications/proposals. Our application committee meets in February, May, August, and November. We will consider your application at the next meeting. If your program is not awarded a grant at that time, your application will be reconsidered at future meetings for one year. Again, we'd like you to get as much value from your proposal as possible. If, during that time, things change for your organization or project, please provide an update to your application via email
- **Communication:** Once we receive the application via BochateyFoundation.org we will send you an email confirming that it has been received. That email will request the additional materials described above. (Unfortunately, the PDF fill in the blank application that we use isn't very friendly to downloads, so we've chosen to simplify matters this way.) Feel free to respond with questions, future changes, or any needs you may have to that email address.
- **Awards:** Grants may be awarded from \$500 to \$5000. If the project is successful and ongoing you may reapply the following year for continued support. Subsequent grants are dependent on whether you've submitted a grant report regarding the grant from the previous year.

Our monetary awards are only part of grants from Bochatey Foundation. Our family members have a good deal of business experience in finances/taxes, law, marketing, computer and media as well as teaching and instructional design. We are pleased to coach and mentor young/small organizations in areas in which they don't excel. We do not charge for our advice or time. Even a phone call or email of joy or frustration from you to us, that allows us to encourage the great work you are doing, is a blessing to us and we hope, to you.

7. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Alignment with Mission:** How well the proposal matches the mission and goals of Bochaty Foundation. Please read our website and newsletters to learn what other kinds of organizations and projects have been awarded Grants.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Value and affordability are key, particularly regarding how funds are directly applied to the beneficiaries. However, a unique approach will carry a good deal of weight as we consider your proposal. For example, projects and methodologies that address the needs of learners and our society in ways that haven't been tried are valuable. A common-sense plan using available resources in a new way gets our attention.
- **Proven Track Record:** We often choose organizations with boots on the ground, so to speak. Being able to show your organizations success with program development and delivery is highly valued. However, we understand the challenges faced by new organizations and pilot programs and welcome them. They are evaluated on their own merit and equally valued for what they teach us to do differently in the future. Your organization and staff will be evaluated on some basic business criteria, the sustainability of your project design, and experience making like things happen. If we identify a weak area, we may discuss it with you to support an otherwise worthwhile project. Showing that you are open to collaboration by our network is highly favored.

8. Contact Information

Please apply and/or schedule a phone meeting via:

www.BochatyFoundation.org

For direct inquiries please contact: Lisa Bochaty at **Bochaty Foundation**

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