In order to best utilize its available resources, the Foundation has established the following general guidelines for grant-making activity:

The Foundation wishes to encourage self-reliance, creativity and ingenuity on the part of prospective recipients.

Its efforts are directed primarily to support exemplary organizations and programs which can generate positive change beyond traditional boundaries, to encourage creativity which recognizes emerging needs, and to assist innovation which addresses current urgent problems.

Within these parameters, it provides initial impetus to exemplary organizations and programs, to operating funds, to pioneering organizations and programs which other institutions might similarly use, and to programs which have potential for wider service or educational exposure than an individual community. The Foundation encourages collaborations, mergers and the formation of alliances among agencies within the community to reduce duplication of effort and to promote a maximum effective use of funds. The Foundation also considers requests for operating.

It is prepared to review applications of human service needs, environmental and education programs in New Mexico and Louisiana from organizations which have an IRS 501(c)(3) determination.

The Foundation Board of Directors makes grants twice a year- in mid March and late September. The deadline for receipt of information is: December 1st for the March Board meeting, June 1st for the September Board meeting. Applicants will be notified in writing of the Board’s decision within four weeks following its meeting. Please refer to the Grant Application section for application procedures.