



Mount Diablo Music Education Foundation

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MDMEF Grant Guidelines

Before completing the Grant Application, applicants should review the MDMEF Grant Guidelines to ensure the proposed grant meets MDMEF's criteria. Applicants are also encouraged to discuss with MDMEF the suitability and timing of a grant before completing the Application. Inquiries may be directed to Joan Miller, President of MDMEF, by email at Joan@mdmeff.org.

A completed Grant Application will consist of the completed Cover Page in the form that follows. If you need more space for your answers, you may attach additional pages.

If more information is required, we will contact you. We may request additional detail about:

- The proposed program or project.
- The needs, problems, and/or opportunities to be addressed.
- How the project contributes to improved access to quality music education for students whose access to quality music education would otherwise be limited due to historic inequities or economic disadvantages and the challenges the project faces.
- Who else in the District is addressing this issue.
- The students to be served and how they will benefit.
- How you will reach the students you intend to serve.
- How the project contributes to music education.
- The goals of the project and how you will you achieve these objectives.
- Key staff and volunteers' qualifications and experience critical to the project.
- Other organizations and/or partners participating in the project and their roles.
- A timetable for the project.
- The fundraising strategy for the project.
- How the project will be sustained financially.

Priority will be given to the following music education programs, though applicants need not necessarily meet all these criteria to be awarded a grant:

- Programs serving elementary school children.
- Programs serving economically disadvantaged children.
- Programs that serve a large number of students or that can be easily replicated in order to serve a large number of students.
- Programs serving schools that have not historically had a strong music program.
- Programs that can demonstrate support from their community, such as through matching funds from their local parent-teacher organization.

Generally, MDMEF does not make grants for any of the following:

- Individual scholarships or other individual financial aide.
- Religious, political, labor, athletic, or fraternal organizations.
- Operating deficits or debt retirement.
- General requests for general operating funds or capital campaigns.
- Event sponsorships such as, but not limited to conferences.
- Programs serving people and communities outside the District.