

## FAITHS Program Guidelines

The faith community has historically been at the forefront of advocating for racial and economic equity, and it remains a crucial voice today. In 1993, The San Francisco Foundation created FAITHS (Foundation Alliance with Interfaith to Heal Society) — now a nationally recognized program — to enhance the work of faith-based organizations and congregations to organize and advocate for equitable policies and improve services and outcomes in their neighborhoods. FAITHS is now a multi-faith network of more than 600 congregations, faith-based agencies, and community organizations that address racial and economic equity issues in the five Bay Area counties that the foundation serves (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo). FAITHS aligns with the foundation’s goals to ensure that every Bay Area resident has access to a good job, lives in a safe and affordable home, has a strong political voice, and can live in a community that provides real opportunity.

### **OUR FOCUS:**

FAITHS convenes leaders, offers technical assistance, capacity building trainings, and grants to support greater racial and economic equity in the region.

### **GRANTMAKING STRATEGIES:**

FAITHS grants support programs that strengthen interfaith and race relations, increase civic and cultural participation, develop leaders, and provide community services in low-income and communities of color.

### **The grantmaking program will support faith-based organizations and congregations to:**

- Build and strengthen the capacity of organizations and leaders to engage in civic issues, through nonpartisan voter engagement work, policy advocacy, and community organizing.
- Provide services and programs that promote health, well-being, and economic security (e.g. job training, health workshops, and mentoring programs).
- Conduct programs and activities that promote racial and multicultural understanding that address institutional and structural racism (e.g. community-based arts and cultural activities, dialogue, and education).

### **Priority will be given to applicants that:**

- Serve low-income communities and people of color in five Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo).

- Provide programs for underserved communities (e.g. low-income people of color, formerly incarcerated residents, low-wage workers, youth, homeless individuals, seniors, and immigrants).
- Leverage additional in-kind and financial resources.

**Grant duration and range:** Applicants can apply for a grant for one to two years, in the range of \$5,000 – \$8,000 a year.

**Funding Exclusions:** All applicants must meet the general [eligibility criteria](#). FAITHS will not fund capital improvements, grants to individuals, or event sponsorships.

**To submit an application please log into [grantee center](#).**

- The application process opens September 5, 2017 with a submission deadline of October 3, 2017
- Visit the Grantee Center Login to begin the online application process

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