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Nonexistent Foundation

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Description of grantmaker: The mission of this foundation is “to improve people's lives and address all kinds of social issues within the states of Alaska, North Carolina, and Maine.” Within this mission, focus areas include: Women’s Rights, Economic Equity, and the Visual Arts.

Grant program description: Within the focus area of Economic Equity, an initiative entitled “Work Possibilities for Low-Income Households” is targeted at those with incomes of 150% (or higher) of the federal poverty level. Three approaches are included within this focus area: Advocacy, Programs, and Planning.

Awards: According to their website, the Nonexistent Foundation receives about 60,000 proposals and makes 10,500 grants yearly. Twenty-two percent of the foundation’s grant funding is awarded to programs in North Carolina. The website lists several types of grants: general support, planning, programs, matching, individual, and endowment. Within the focus area of Visual Arts, the Nonexistent Foundation currently supports 40 organizations. A total of \$10 million was awarded in 2011 within this category; awards averaged \$250,000 each. Below are descriptions of 5 of the 40 organizations, their funding levels, and the purpose of their programs:

- The Anytown Charitable Organization received \$200,000 in 2011 to promote a greater understanding and increased application of rural livelihood development by public sector development organizations.
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Eligibility: Nonprofits and local governments. The foundation does not support any programs associated with private schools.

Application information: As a first step, the foundation encourages applicants to read their Grant Application Guide, which can be downloaded from this url: <http://www.nonexistentfoundation.org/>. Once the applicant has read this guide and is ready to complete an online grant inquiry, he or she can do so at this url: <http://www.nonexistentfoundation.org/grants/>. Applications may be mailed via USPS with special permission; applicants should phone the foundation for instructions on receiving this permission.