

Guidelines for Quota International MS Gulf Coast Foundation Grant Applications

This describes the purpose of the MSC Quota International's grant making program, eligibility criteria, and the procedures to follow in submitting your proposal. Please review these guidelines carefully and submit your proposal in the requested format.

The Grant Program

The purpose of the QI MS Gulf Coast Foundation Program is to assist the speech and hearing impaired as well as disadvantaged women and children on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, through financial assistance.

We help fund projects that:

- Provide the basic necessities of life, and promote the safety and well-being of disadvantaged women and children on the MS Gulf Coast
- Promote literacy in both children and adults
- Encourage the speech and hearing impaired to live a full and productive life through education and skills training
- Effect significant improvements to the lives of the speech and hearing impaired and their families

We give priority to projects that:

- Foster communication and goodwill between the hearing and non-hearing communities
- Promote community-wide participation and engagement
- Allow us to create awareness of needs in the various communities on the MS Gulf Coast through publicity generated by funding those needs
- Serve as models for other non-profit organizations, particularly other Quota chapters

The Grant Application Process

Request for Proposals

The Quota International Mississippi Gulf Coast Foundation invites proposals, under a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and awards grants to strengthen the capacity of local community-based development organizations.

Eligible Requests

We support projects directly benefiting MS Gulf Coast citizens by nonprofit community-based organizations and agencies. We do not make grants to individuals or government agencies, or for capital building projects, lobbying or religious purposes.

This RFP is for one-time, short-term (one year, maximum) projects.

The Grant Review Process

Application Procedures

Please submit an application containing all of the items specified below, including all requested attachments. Applicants may use the Common Application Form (CAF), but must include all of our required application contents.

We will contact you if we have questions or require additional information. We will acknowledge your application within two weeks of its receipt. If we are interested in funding your proposal, we will contact you to discuss your application within four weeks.

Application Contents

Your application must include:

1. Cover letter
2. Summary of needs
3. Narrative (no more than five pages) that includes:
 - Project Description
 - Brief statement of problem to be addressed
 - Goals and objectives
 - Target population
 - Project activities
 - Key Contacts and contact information
 - Plan for measuring project results (if applicable)
4. Project Budget (expenses and income)
5. Organization Background (mission, major activities, and credentials for carrying out project)
6. Conclusion (brief statement of long-term project plan)
7. Attachments
Photos (if helpful in providing description)

Other supplemental information which would prove helpful in explaining your application

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO:
Quota International MS Gulf Coast Foundation
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Gulfport, MS 39506