

Foundation for the Advancement of Midwifery, Inc.

2008

Grant Application Guidelines

Purpose

The Foundation for the Advancement of Midwifery (FAM) is a national organization whose mission is **to increase access to midwifery in North America through education, research and public policy initiatives.**

FAM's grants program is designed to invest in priority projects that further the FAM mission. All grant proposals must demonstrate ability to directly or indirectly increase access to the midwifery model of care. Proposals will be accepted from organizations with the capacity, competence and experience to accomplish project goals and objectives through one of the following strategies:

1. **Education**—provide education to the general public, expectant parents, midwives and student midwives, and/or policy makers regarding the midwifery model of care
2. **Research**—support research activities relating to maternity care
3. **Policy**—impact policy regarding maternal and child healthcare and/or women's health that favors using the midwifery model of care and midwives as care providers

2008 Priorities

For the upcoming 2008 grant cycle, FAM is particularly interested in funding projects that support or facilitate on-going research into the midwifery model of care, and projects that educate the general public about midwifery. However, FAM will consider any proposal that furthers any of the three strategies set forth above.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to receive a FAM grant an organization must be a nonprofit organization. FAM does not make grants to large public charities such as United Way, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Salvation Army, government agencies, and political or religious organizations. FAM does not provide individual scholarships at this time.

FAM supports organizations that are diverse in their leadership, staffing, and service provision on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, political affiliation or religious belief.

FAM reserves the right to prioritize support for selected organizations working within FAM's priority areas whose services target specific groups that have been subject to economic, social, political or other forms of discrimination.

2008 Grant Schedule

Applications due	March 15, 2008
Notification of awards	By May 15, 2008

At its discretion, FAM may award grants outside of its usual funding cycle. Award recipients will be notified by mail. Award recipients will be required to enter into a grant agreement with FAM, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the grant award.

Funding Period

FAM grants are intended to provide support for one year. Consideration of continued support in subsequent years requires submission of a proposal of planned activities for the next year, and is based on demonstrable progress of any currently funded project and the availability of funds. FAM will not necessarily give priority to previously funded projects.

Application Format

All grant applications must address the following items as they appear here. All grant applications must be submitted **via email as MS Word attachments**, to the email address set forth at the end of these guidelines.

I. Cover sheet

Complete cover sheet—found at the end of this Application.

II. Project Narrative

Not to exceed 10 double-spaced pages. Use 12-point font.

A. Project Abstract

- Provide a one-page summary of the project, focusing on the activities to be conducted and who will be conducting them

B. Description—Suggested length 2-3 pages

- Which of FAM's funding priorities is the project addressing? (Refer to the "Purpose" section above)
- What needs or problems would be addressed?
- How will the project have an impact on the needs or problems?
- Who will be the primary beneficiaries of the project?
- What is the capacity of the applicant to carry out the project?
- What is the plan for providing visibility for the project?

C. Project Objectives, Activities and Evaluation—Suggested length 2-3 pages

- What are the expected short and long-term project outcomes?
- Describe the project objectives.
- How will progress be monitored?
- Who will the key staff be, and what are the staff responsibilities?

- Is the staff adequate to achieve the project goals?
- Are the objectives achievable and realistic?
- How will successes, challenges and impact of the project be evaluated?
- What are the roles of collaborating organizations (if applicable)?

D. Organizational Information—Suggested length ½-1 page

- What is the purpose/mission of your organization? When was it established?
- Is your organization recognized as a 501(c)(3) public charity by the IRS? If so, please enclose your organization's IRS Determination Letter.
- Describe the organization's leadership/ Board of Directors (please attach short biographies of your Board as an appendix)
- Describe expected Board involvement in the organization's operations and in the proposed project.
- Fill out and submit Demographic Data Report (found at end of this Application)

E. Project Impact—Suggested length 1 page

- How does the project further FAM's mission?
- How will the project make a difference in the lives of the participants and/or target audience?

F. Budget and Related Narrative—Suggested length 1 page (budget justification may be included as an appendix)

- Provide a full budget for the organization for the past year and for the year during which the project will take place
- Provide a list of all income and expense items associated with the proposed project, with an explanation.
- Identify other committed and/or potential funders for the project. In relation to potential funders, comment on the likelihood of receiving the funds.
- Describe the potential for sustainability of the organization - and of the project if applicable - beyond the funding period.

III. Attachments/Appendices

Attachments should not to exceed 10 pages and may include letter of support and other supporting materials relevant to the proposed project.

IV. Submitting the Application; Questions about the Process

Send the Application by email to Marie Meakin, FAM Board member, at famworker@yahoo.com. Please send any questions you may have about the application process to Marie as well.

**Foundation for the Advancement of Midwifery, Inc.
Grant Application Coversheet**

Applicant Organization: _____

Project Title: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please provide a brief synopsis of your project (2 – 3 sentences are sufficient)

Who is the target audience of your project? _____

List the FAM funding priority(ies) that this project addresses:

Total grant amount requested: _____

Signature, grant applicant

Date

Title

[Please type name]

Demographic Data Report

	GRAND TOTAL	TOTAL Females & Males		African American or West Indian		Asian American/ Pacific Islander		Caucasian		Latino(a)/ Hispanic		Native American		Other (describe below)*	
		F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Board															
Staff															
Management															
Program Staff															
Support Staff															
Clients served in last full program year															

F = Female M= Male

Please provide further explanation for people reported under “Other”:
Please provide any further demographic information about your board, staff and clients that you deem appropriate (e.g. people with disabilities)