

**THE
SAN DIEGO
WOMEN'S
FOUNDATION**

Engaging women in significant & sustainable philanthropy to strengthen the San Diego region

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The San Diego Women's Foundation Releases 2007-2008 Civil Society Grant Guidelines and Application

San Diego – November 6, 2007 – As the San Diego Women's Foundation (SDWF) enters its eighth year of granting to the San Diego community, its commitment is remarkable. With the release of their 2007-2008 Grant Guidelines, SDWF will focus on civil society: community action and youth.

In this current grant cycle, SDWF will accept proposals in the field of civil society with the goal of building resiliency of youth living in vulnerable communities if the San Diego region by supporting community action programs which help middle-school-age youth develop positive skills and behaviors.

The guidelines contain complete information about this year's focus and the SDWF's process for granting. Projects must be for middle-school-age youth (approximately 11-13 years old) with a funding priority for early intervention programs that build resiliency through any of the following: life skills building/social development and mentoring/role modeling/leadership development. Guidelines are available at www.sdwomensfoundation.org.

A grant seekers' forum will be held November 13, 2007 at Girl Scout Headquarters from 3 - 4:30pm. Applications are due by 5pm December 5, 2007.

Bink Cook, SDWF Discovery Team Chair stated, "Civil Society involves community action in which individuals and organizations come together to develop the community they envision."

About the San Diego Women's Foundation

The San Diego Women's Foundation was established in 2000. SDWF's mission is to educate and inspire women to engage in significant and sustainable philanthropy in the San Diego region. Made up of 250 members who contribute \$2000 each year for a minimum of 5 years, the SDWF has granted \$1,319,000 to 40 non-profit community partners since its inception and created an endowment of \$1.6 million. The San Diego Women's Foundation is a supporting organization of the San Diego Foundation, San Diego's largest nonprofit foundation and leading philanthropic organization. For more information, please visit www.sdwomensfoundation.org or call (619) 235-2300.

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