

Grant Title: SPARKPLUG FOUNDATION GRANTS PROGRAM

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: Sparkplug Foundation.

Area of Research: Critical and investigative thinking, and projects that address class disparities in education.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: May 8, 2009.

Amount: The amount of the 47 grants awarded in 2007 varied between \$2,500 and \$12,000.

Length of Support: One year.

Eligible Applicants: 501(c)3 organizationsnon. Individuals and non-501(c)3 organizations with a fiscal sponsor.

Summary: The Sparkplug Foundation aims to support projects that deal with "the whole student" and with learning as a community activity. In the past, this has included literacy projects that bring parents & kids together to learn, projects that use a neighborhood as a classroom, projects that help teachers share ideas about creative, relevant curricula, etc. The Sparkplug Foundation is especially interested in supporting critical and investigative thinking, and projects that address class disparities in education. They also try to fund projects that reach a lot of people or a whole community and that can make a big difference in people's lives. Sparkplug gives preference to projects run on small budgets, projects of small organizations, and projects that are less likely to receive corporate, institutional or government funding. Along the same lines, they are less likely to fund university-based projects than other projects.

Detail Information: <http://sparkplugfoundation.org/>