



## **2012 – 2013 Application Package Seeds of Compassion Youth Grants Program**

*The Mother House Fund's Vision is to sustain, nurture and improve the lives of children and families, wildlife and the environment, and in the process create local and global connections that strengthen the notion of One Earth, One Family. Our mission is to support local and international programs and initiatives that effect positive change now and in the future.*

For more information about the Mother House Fund, visit [www.motherhousefund.org](http://www.motherhousefund.org). The Mother House Fund is a donor advised fund of [The Seattle Foundation](#).

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Mother House Fund seed grants strive to inspire the work of creating local and global life-sustaining connections in the name of compassion, healing and hope. Seed grants are typically in the range of \$500 - \$2000, with special consideration of additional funding given to outstanding requests. Seed grants are intended to help teens working with community organizations jumpstart new local or international projects; or, continue current projects just gaining momentum; yet, already proving of value.

Mother House Fund grants have been used in a variety of ways, for example (but not limited to):

- Jumpstart a Chicken Coop Project in Ethiopia by paying for the initial 180 chickens, coops, fencing, feed, hay, clean water, and some miscellaneous tools.
- Cover costs for equipment and supplies for Cambodian teens participating in Youth Ultimate Frisbee 2011 summer camps.
- Fund the marketing materials to support and promote a youth-led community service day and provide awards to students who have dedicated 100 hours of service to their community.
- Support high school students developing a model to engage youth (ages 10-13) in enrichment activities and leadership development programming that encourages community and parent involvement, free of charge.

For examples of projects that other students have completed visit <http://www.motherhousefund.org/grantees>

### *Project Sponsor*

- Each student **MUST** have a sponsor from their school or 501c3 nonprofit organization that will participate actively in the ongoing management of the project, and be the official recipient to receive and process the grant.
- We are **NOT** able to make a grant directly to the student(s).
- Your sponsor's contact information should be included on the Grant Cover Sheet form with this application

## **2012 – 2013 Timeline & Contact Information**

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- All applications and backup materials must be received by 5:00PM on Saturday, March 31, 2012
- The Mother House Fund will review proposals and contact you for more information if needed.
- Final grant decisions will be made by May 2011. Recipients will be notified at that time and the funds will be awarded.
- Project may kick-off over the summer, or students may decide to wait until school is back in session to begin.
- Projects are to be completed by March 2013.
- A formal Grant Report of how funds were used will be due by May 2013.

The Mother House Fund will be available for dialogue throughout the project cycle, and will be interested to learn how things are going as the project takes shape. The final report will be a short write up outlining lessons learned, key outcomes, issues and successes. The Motherhouse Fund will provide a template to guide the report format.

Please email your application to: [info@motherhousefund.org](mailto:info@motherhousefund.org)

Or, if you prefer to send your application via the U.S. Postal system, please mail your application to:

Mother House Fund c/o The Seattle Foundation  
1200 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1300  
Seattle, WA 98101-3151

We encourage you to call with any questions or to discuss your proposal. You can contact us using our general mailbox: [info@motherhousefund.org](mailto:info@motherhousefund.org). If you have questions about our mission, or the application and review process, please feel free to contact Danielle Clark at: [daniellemclark@hotmail.com](mailto:daniellemclark@hotmail.com). Janet Smith is also available at [Janetdsmith1@gmail.com](mailto:Janetdsmith1@gmail.com).

## **2011 – 2012 Required Information:**

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- Proposal Cover Sheet – see below and available at [www.motherhousefund.org](http://www.motherhousefund.org)
- Proposal Narrative, Proposal Outcomes Chart & Proposal Budget (maximum 5 pages) – see below
- Letter of Support from Your 501c3 Sponsor – we **CANNOT** make a grant to an individual
- Sponsor's 501c3 IRS determination letter

If your project is selected as a Mother House Fund grant recipient, you will need to complete the following by May, 2013:

- Final Grant Report Cover Sheet - see below
- Final Grant Report, Final Outcomes Chart & Final Budget

You may also be invited to a year-end celebration and meet-and-greet with other grant recipients.

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## Proposal Narrative, Outcomes Chart & Budget

### Proposal Narrative

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1. Briefly describe your project’s mission and goals.
2. How does your project reflect the objectives of The Mother House Fund?
3. What do you hope to accomplish with your project?
4. How will a Mother House Fund Seed grant either jumpstart your new project or expand your current project?
5. Please describe the activities and timeline to meet your project goals.
6. Who will carry out these activities? How is this project youth-led and/or youth-created?
7. Please describe your relationship with the sponsoring organization (is it your school, a club in which you are a member, another nonprofit organization, etc.).
8. List potential partners or other supporting organizations who may participate in the project and describe their role.

### Proposal Outcomes Chart

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For your project, please let us know what is currently happening, and what you hope to happen as a result of your project. If this is a new project, please put 0 (zero) in the “current” column.

	Current	Proposed
Number of Youth Involved		
Number of People Served		
Amount of Money Raised		

### Proposal Budget

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Please use this as the template for your project budget. You can change the headings as necessary.

WHAT	COST	MOTHER HOUSE FUND REQUEST	OTHER FUNDRAISING
People/Personnel			
Supplies/Materials			
Logistics			
Other			
TOTALS:			



## **Seeds of Compassion Youth Grants Program Proposal Cover Sheet**

**Student Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Budget:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How Did You Hear About the Mother House Fund Seeds of Compassion Youth Grants Program?** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Seeds of Compassion Youth Grants Program Final Grant Report, Outcomes Chart & Budget

## Final Report Questions

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In no more than three pages, please address the following questions:

1. Describe what you have achieved and who was involved in implementing your Mother House Fund (MHF) project. What is changing for young people as a result of your work? Who did your project touch and how do you know that your program is having a community impact? Please include any quotes and stories about people impacted.
2. Has the implementation of your program proceeded according to the plan and goals you outlined in your proposal to the MHF? Please highlight success, challenges and lessons learned, and any changes to your plan and goals.
3. What is the future of your project?
4. Did you receive additional support from other individuals, foundations, sponsors or adult mentors?
5. Are there any additional comments or information you would like to share with the MHF?

## Final Outcomes Chart

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For your project, please let us know what is currently happening, and what you hope to happen as a result of your project. If this is a new project, please put 0 (zero) in the “current” column.

	Current	Proposed	Actual
Number of Youth Involved			
Number of People Served			
Amount of Money Raised			

## Final Budget

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Please use this as the template for your budget. You can change the headings as necessary.

WHAT	PROPOSED COST	ACTUAL COST	MOTHER HOUSE FUND \$	OTHER \$
People/Personnel				
Supplies/Materials				
Logistics				
Other				
<b>TOTALS:</b>				



## **Seeds of Compassion Youth Grants Program Final Grant Report Cover Sheet**

This report is intended to help you evaluate how funding from The Seattle Foundation's Mother House Fund is helping your project. We hope that this information can not only inform your work as it moves forward, but help us learn and improve our grantmaking as well. Please be as candid, reflective and concise as possible. We would like to hear about your successes, but we're equally interested in your challenges, difficulties and even failures, as we know these are great learning opportunities as well.

**Student Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Grant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Contact Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Contact Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Student Completing Report:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Sponsor Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_