



## **ACM LIFTING LIVES FUNDING GUIDELINES**

ACM Lifting Lives™ is dedicated to improving lives through the power of music. Specifically through our grant cycle, we fund programs that promote education and healing through the power of music. Only IRS tax exempt 501(c)(3) entities are eligible for funding through our grant cycle.

### **Lifting Lives Grants Fund:**

Music education or artist-in-residence programs  
Music therapy or programs facilitating healing through music  
Purchase or repair of musical instruments  
Purchase or repairs of music-related equipment (equipment includes, but is not limited to, computers, software and recording equipment)

### **Lifting Lives Grants Do NOT Fund:**

Fundraisers or endowments  
Organizations not based in the United States  
Purchase of collections  
Documentaries  
Recording projects, demo tapes or performance events for commercial purposes  
Proposals for commercial purposes (such as CD reissues or textbook/A/V package)  
Competitions or any expense associated with competitions  
Marketing, publicity or design costs  
Capital Campaigns

### **Types of Programs Include:**

#### **Music Education**

Music education programs in schools, especially for at-risk, underserved populations  
Start-up programs for (or to prevent dissolution of) music education in grades K-12

#### **Music as Therapy**

Music education programs for special needs schools and camps  
Music therapy programs in hospices and hospitals  
Music instruments & music programs for the disabled  
Music therapy programs in retirement homes and nursing centers  
Musical instruments & music programs for the military  
Music-related relief programs in communities devastated by natural disasters

Notwithstanding the forgoing, the ACM Lifting Lives Grant Committee shall make final determinations in the interest of perpetuating the mission of ACM Lifting Lives.

The ACM Lifting Lives Board of Directors reviews grant applications once a year.

Each organization may send only one (1) funding application for one (1) program to be funded through ACM Lifting Lives in any given year.

ACM Lifting Lives desires that programs applying for Lifting Lives grants make best efforts to meet the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Standards (*available at* <http://www.bbb.org/us/Charity-Standards/>).

One hard copy of the grant application must be received by the ACM Lifting Lives office on or before **September 7, 2013**. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure that applications have been received by the ACM Lifting Lives office in their entirety.

Applications must be typed or reformatted on computer. Please include questions and question numbers and use 8.5' x 11" paper, 12 pt, non-condensed font, single-sided; fasten materials with paper clips and not staples, please.

Facsimile copies, incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Duplicate applications may be submitted electronically, but the ACM Lifting Lives office will only consider an application timely if a hard copy of the application has been received by the above deadline.

Notification of grant decisions will be made **mid-October**. (No phone calls, please.)

Grant amounts generally range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Grant requests showing the greatest financial need and serving at risk populations will be given preference.

Grantees must formally credit ACM Lifting Lives in all published materials, announcements and websites.

A final report is due to ACM Lifting Lives within 90 days of project completion date. It should consist of a 300 word summary focusing on the results, importance and impact of the project and the manner in which the Lifting Lives grant was utilized. Please submit the report as a Word document in a 12 pt. non-condensed font. Additional attachments including results, articles publications and press are welcome.

ACM Lifting Lives reserves the right to forego awarding grants in any given year without notification.

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