

## **Leightman Maxey Foundation**

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In 2019, the Leightman Maxey Foundation modified its grant process in an attempt to better partner and build relationships with nonprofit organizations doing work aligned with the Foundation's mission. The Foundation's expectation is that deeper conversations will lead to better understandings from both the perspective of the Foundation and the applying organization.

There will still be two funding cycles a year and applications will continue to be due by midnight on March 1 and September 1. The application process will remain online and can be accessed using the 'Grant Application' tab on the Foundation's website. The format of the online application has been streamlined to include fewer questions. Once submitted, all applications will go through an initial review. Some will be denied at this stage and some will move forward for further consideration. If an organization's application moves forward, it is likely that a site visit will be arranged.

The site visit will be an opportunity for the Foundation to have a deeper conversation and get a more in-depth understanding of your request for a grant. It will require that the Executive Director, a Board member and possible others from the organization be present at the site visit. Before the site visit, you will be provided with questions that you may be asked by the Foundation. The purpose of the site visit is to have a very candid conversation. The Foundation wants to understand your organization and the work you do in order that it can make the most informed and best funding decision.

All organizations will be informed of their grant request status – denied or awarded.

### **Revised Guideline**

- If you submit a grant application for the March 1 funding cycle, the beginning date for the use of funds requested may not be before June 1.
- If you submit a grant application for the September 1 funding cycle, the beginning date for the use of funds requested may not be before December 1.

Sincerely,

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