

## **2007 APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

### **Our Mission**

The Valentine Foundation is a charitable foundation which makes grants to organizations or programs which enable women and girls to recognize and develop their full potential, or which work to change established attitudes and practices that inhibit their achievement of that potential. Grants are given for endeavors to effect fundamental change — in attitudes, policies, or social patterns.

The Trustees commit a minimum of at least half of the Foundation's grant funds to programs for girls, and the balance to programs for women. The Trustees are interested in funding organizations and programs for girls and women and girls who are systemically underserved.

Of our grants for girls, the Valentine Foundation is interested in organizations and programs which advance girls' physical health, personal and social development through adolescence. Programs that include a mentoring component and programs that incorporate reproductive health, education, and leadership are particularly encouraged.

Grants for women will only be made to organizations or programs which directly advocate for social change. The Valentine Foundation defines advocacy as a course of action designed to produce significant change in the social, economic and political systems and institutions that impact women's lives in order to make them more equitable.

*Programs that provide direct service to women fall outside the Valentine Foundation mission and will not be funded, since they are not directed to advocacy for social change.*

The Valentine Foundation primarily funds organizations serving the Greater Philadelphia area or that have national impact with a local connection.

The Valentine Foundation does not fund the following:

- organizations that are not determined to be a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- scholarships
- endowments
- capital campaigns
- international initiatives
- individuals
- religious organizations for religious purposes
- political organizations for political purposes

### **Application Procedure**

Grants are awarded yearly to qualifying organizations at the discretion of the Trustees. Each year, organizations may re-apply for funding; however, grants are limited to funding for three out of five years. Recipients are required to provide an interim and final narrative and financial accounting of funds awarded by the Valentine Foundation.

**The Foundation accepts unsolicited applications in the form of a two-page letter of inquiry from May 1- June 30.** Please include a description of the proposed program, an explanation of the ways in which the request fits into the Valentine Foundation mission, and a description of the advocacy component (if applicable).

If the Foundation is interested, a Trustee will contact you for more information and a request for a full proposal will be requested in September. The deadline for full proposals will be October 12th for consideration in November.

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**Note: When mailing the letter, please do not request a signature from Valentine signifying receipt of the package. This will only delay its processing.**