

THE _____ STRONG COMMUNITIES STRONG NEWSPAPERS _____ FUND

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM?

To advance the cause for local journalism in Iowa, by providing financial support for specific journalism initiatives that are of high value to stakeholders [INA members, general public] and address areas of particular need or could not otherwise be accomplished without the support.

CRITERIA

WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR? BY WHOM?

Grant requests covering a variety of purposes will be considered; all requests must align with the statement of purpose. Proposals must be for a specific project—general or operational funding proposals will not be considered. The Grant Review Committee has discretion over the approval of grant funds. INA members, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, K-12 schools, and individuals associated with these organizations are encouraged to apply.

Examples of projects include:

- an investigative reporting project
- costs associated with staff professional development training
- support for a project by a like-minded non-profit organization

REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHO WILL COMPRISE THE GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE? BOARD MEMBERS? MEMBERS? PRESIDENT?

All requests are considered by the Grant Review Committee. The committee is comprised of the INF Executive Committee, additional committee members may be nominated by the INF President.

EXPECTATIONS / REPORTING

WHAT WILL THE EXPECTATIONS BE OF GRANT RECIPIENTS?

Grant recipients will be required to adhere to the following:

Any work product associated with the grant-funded project must include proper attribution to the INF as sponsor, and permission must be granted by grant recipient to the INF for reasonable fair use of the project for INF marketing, publicity, and/or display on the INF website.

Submit Impact Report at end of grant period, including:

- summary of the specific outcomes and impacts that resulted of the project
- any relevant PDFs, links, and/or print copies associated with the project
- detailed accounting of how dollars were spent

APPLICATION PROCESS

HOW WILL APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED? WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL AND TIMELINE FOR PROCESSING THE APPLICATIONS?

Applicants must submit an application form that will be made available online. Each proposal must include a description of the project, timelines for the project, a specific requested amount, an explanation of how the grant funds will be used, a description of expected outcomes/impacts, and the contact information of the applicant/project manager. Additional information or supplemental material related to the project is encouraged. The deadline to apply is January 6, 2021.

PROGRAM FUNDING

HOW WILL THE PROGRAM BE FUNDED? HOW MUCH ANNUALLY?

The INF executive committee will provide guidance to INF staff; the amount designated for the program annually will be approved by the board during the normal budgeting process.