

## PEOPLE'S LIFE FUND

### GRANTING GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant from the People's Life Fund (PLF). The PLF's money comes from conscientious war tax resisters in Northern California who deposit or donate all or part of the amount they would otherwise pay to the federal government in income taxes. The money available for granting is both direct donations and the income gained from the deposit's growth.

Grants typically range from between \$200 and \$1,500. In recent years the total granted has been between \$2,000 and \$18,000 annually. The PLF's granting priorities are:

1. Provision of essential day-to day human services which the government is not adequately furnishing, together with educational or other work that identifies and seeks to change the root causes of the problem.
2. Provision of essential day-to day human services, but not necessarily providing an explicit analysis of the problem.
3. Education or action, in the spirit of nonviolence, aimed at social, economic or political change.

In addition to the above priorities, the People's Life Fund generally favors projects serving the Northern California area, and small organizations with annual budgets of less than \$200,000. The PLF rarely funds the same organization two years in a row.

Operating on an annual granting cycle, the PLF accepts grant applications between September 1st and March 12th. These applications are then reviewed, with final decisions made by late March. Grants are traditionally awarded on April 15th at a public tax day event.

Please use the attached application if you wish to apply. We *strongly* encourage you to submit your application by email, but will also accept paper copies if *received* by March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Feel free to call or email any questions you have about our application process.

**PEOPLE'S LIFE FUND  
GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

We *strongly* encourage you to submit your application by email to [nowartax@riseup.net](mailto:nowartax@riseup.net). If submitting on paper, please type or print neatly. Thank you.

Name of Organization:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Contact Person:

Title/Role:

Phone:

email:

In the Space below, briefly describe the general purpose of your organization:

Describe the specific project for which you seek funding and the amount requested:

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- A Using no more than 2-5 pages, please address the following:
1. Describe your organization's history, current programs and goals, and how they relate to the PLF's granting priorities.
  2. Describe the specific need for which you seek funding.
  3. Give an overview of the financial picture of your organization.
- B. Attach a financial statement, budget projection, and list of sources of funding (previous, current and anticipated).
- C. You may also include any web links, photos, or other material to give us a better idea of your work.

Please submit your application, emailed (or postmarked if email is absolutely impossible) no later than March 12th.