



Michele Spitz of Woman of Her Word Philanthropy

MISSION STATEMENT:

Michele Spitz of Woman of Her Word philanthropy provides access to the arts for underserved communities through project-centered funding, as well as voiceover services for media-based programming. We strive to bring communities together through diverse partnerships and creative collaboration.

SECTORS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING:

Four sectors/categories have been identified for funding. Each year, the following sectors will be revisited and reevaluated for appropriate projects that align with the Woman of Her Word (WHW) mission and funding priorities:

1. Audio description for films, museums and other media, particularly with Michele Spitz voicing the content.
2. Disability-related projects separate/additional to audio description projects.
3. Providing access to performances and excursions for specialized audiences who would not otherwise be able to participate, e.g., ticket underwriting.
4. Organizational funding designated for accessibility including services, technologies and education.

PLEASE NOTE:

Funding will be for programs and equipment; funding for administrative operations is not anticipated.

WOMAN OF HER WORD PHILANTHROPY CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS:

- The organization proposing the project must be an IRS 501(C)3 designated non-profit.
- The proposed project fits within WHW mission and priorities for funding as stated above.
- The proposed project clearly demonstrates a community or internal need.
- The quality of the project's plan of action and the organization's capacity to deliver ensures that it will meet its desired outcomes.
- The project intended outcomes are measurable and reportable.
- Key personnel and staff are experienced and credentialed.
- Appropriate staff time committed to the project, including its outreach and reportage.
- Key partners are identified to ensure success.
- The project has the potential to be self-sustainable over time.
- The organization can provide a participatory role for Michele Spitz as voiceover artist, speaker or narrator.
- The budget for the project is reasonable and executable.
- A schedule of acknowledgements of the gift is mutually agreeable.

WOMAN OF HER WORD GRANTS:

Each year, Michele Spitz distributes a limited number of grants valued up to \$5000 to support the above mentioned priorities. Additionally, Michele provides in-kind grants valued up to \$10,000 for select projects. We encourage organizations to seek matching funding from like-minded sources.

GRANT SEEKER'S PROCESS:

Organizations chosen to apply for funding must complete this simple process:

Request Grant application by email to grants@womanofherword.com.

Upon completing the application by noted deadline, the Grant offer letter will be communicated within one month of the deadline.

GRANT OFFER AND DISBURSEMENT:

Woman of Her Word will deliver a Grant offer letter outlining the proposed project, grant amount, requirements and expectations. The grantee must then return documentation with official signatures to WHW to accept the award. Upon acceptance, WHW will disburse the total award.

GRANT REPORTING:

Grant recipients are required to submit reports at the end of the grant period, detailing activities, number of people served, media documentation and donor acknowledgement. Grantees not completing final reports will not be considered for future funding.

THE FUND CURRENTLY DOES NOT ACCEPT UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS