**LETTER OF INQUIRY CONTENT**

The Ellbogen Foundation requires a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) as the first step in the grant request process. A period of time is set out before each Board meeting when the Foundation will receive and review letters that are input into a form that will appear on the [Ellbogen Foundation website](https://ellbogenfoundation.org/letter-of-inquiry/). Letters that are not received in the form in the designated LOI submission timeframe will not be shared or reviewed for formal proposal consideration.

The LOI includes three sections, and is a short submission that succinctly summarizes the work being proposed. LOIs will be reviewed by a committee of Ellbogen Foundation Board members who will decide whether or not to invite a grant proposal for funding consideration by the Ellbogen Foundation Board. Reading the LOI should give the committee enough detail to elicit curiosity, energy and excitement for the work that would be further described in a formal grant proposal; think of the LOI as an "elevator pitch" for funding.

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Please do not submit a Letter of Inquiry form for the following expenses, as **these requests will not be funded**:

* Capital campaigns or building renovation costs,
* Lobbying,
* Conducting voter registration drives or influencing public elections.

Additionally, the Ellbogen Foundation prioritizes funding for initiatives and activities that serve the state of Wyoming or a region of the state. Occasionally, funding will be granted to particularly innovative or enterprising initiatives or activities that serve only a single community but it is unlikely that grants will be made to entities that serve one community or county.

The three content sections of the LOI may be reviewed below. The General Information and Geographies and Priorities sections must be completed and submitted in the online form. The Narrative section may be submitted in writing in the form **OR** in a 5-minute video shared in a link via the form. Submissions may not include written and video narrative; only one will be reviewed by the committee. Please read [these tips](https://ellbogenfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/JPEF-Letter-of-Inquiry-Tips_2023.docx) for developing a successful LOI.

1. **General Information**
   * Date
   * Legal Name of Organization
   * Contact information
   * EIN
   * Website
   * Applicant Contact, Title and contact information
   * Mission Statement
   * Grant Funds Requested from the Ellbogen Foundation
   * Total Project Costs (or total organizational budget for general operating grant requests)
2. **Geographies and Priorities Identification**
   * The Ellbogen Foundation prioritizes funding for initiatives and activities that serve the state of Wyoming or a region of the state. Occasionally, funding will be granted to particularly innovative or enterprising initiatives or activities that serve only a single community. Please check the boxes of the geographic area served by your proposed grant work.
   * The Ellbogen Foundation prioritizes work in the following areas. Please check the boxes of those priorities that your grant work aligns with:
     + Basic needs (food, housing, transportation, healthcare, wellbeing)
     + Education (early childhood through post-secondary)
     + Quality teaching
     + Financial responsibility and personal self-sufficiency
     + Civic education and engagement
3. **Narrative**
   * Tell us about your organization. Who do you serve and why?  
     1,500 characters
   * What are you applying for and how much?  
     750 characters
   * The Ellbogen Foundation seeks to understand the needs of the people it serves and funds impactful work that addresses those needs. Describe the need(s) you are trying to address with this funding. What will this grant help you do?  
     1,250 characters
   * The Ellbogen Foundation recognizes that collaboration and partnership are critical to achieving impact. Who are you working with?   
     1,000 characters