

S. MARK TAPER FOUNDATION

2026 Grant Process Timeline

❖ December 2, 2025 – February 4, 2026: Letter of Inquiry (LOI) Submission

- The first step in applying for a grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation is to submit a Letter of Inquiry through the online [grants portal](#). Please see our [Grant Guidelines](#) and [How to Apply](#) pages for guidance on preparing a Letter of Inquiry. LOIs are only accepted from 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on December 2, 2025, through 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 4, 2026.

❖ February – April: LOI Review

- Organizations will be notified by Foundation staff if we require additional information. Due to the high volume of LOIs that the Foundation receives, we cannot provide individual status updates during the review process.

❖ May – September: Grant Application Submission & Review

- Once all LOIs have been reviewed by the Foundation, your organization's CEO/Executive Director and the staff person that submitted your LOI will be notified via email if they have been selected to submit a full Grant Application. Please be sure that all contact information is up-to-date on your organization's profile.

❖ End of October: Notifications

- Every applicant will receive a final decision by the end of October.

❖ December: Payment of Grants

- All grant payments are made in mid-December.