



2022 General Grant Guidelines

The Berkeley FILM Foundation (BFF) is pleased to open the 2022 film grant cycle. Once you have read through the grant guidelines and find you are a qualified candidate, we invite you to submit an application using our Submittable starting April 4, 2022. The deadline to apply is Monday May 9, 2022 at 12 noon.

Grant Description

The BFF fund supports East-Bay based emerging and established independent filmmakers whose work combines intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium. We support both narrative and documentary works that have a social consciousness and addresses complex issues of our time.

Guidelines

Berkeley FILM Foundation provides grants in the production, post-production and distribution stages. We do not fund pre-production film projects. Maximum grant request is \$12,000. Applicants may submit one project for consideration per funding cycle.

If you are a previous grant award winner, you may not reapply in consecutive years. In a non-consecutive year, if you are reapplying for the same project, it should be for funding in another category (i.e. If you received production or post production funding, you may reapply for outreach and community engagement funding. For ITVS funded films, we can only accept applications for distribution. However, BFF will consider projects that have received an ITVS Diversity Development Grant.)

Only the official online application will be accepted. Applications are due on or before 12 noon on, Monday May 9, 2022.

Grant Awards:

Up to \$12,000 for general awards.

Up to \$5,000 for student awards.

The Saul Zaentz award is \$25,000* and The Al Bendich award is \$20,000*.

** Recipients of these awards will be determined by the Grants Review Panel. You may not apply for them separately.*

Eligibility:

- Filmmaker must work or live in Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond or Oakland.
- Must use a valid street address for application, no P.O. Boxes accepted.
- BFF will not consider a new film proposal from a former grant recipient until the prior funded film is completed.
- Applicant must be:
 - The Director or Producer of the film. Organizations may not apply.
 - Be at least 18 years of age.
 - Be residing or working in a qualified city for at least one year prior to the application deadline.
 - Be the primary creator of work submitted.

Eligible Genre:

- Short Form Animation (30 minutes or less)
- Short Form Narratives (30 minutes or less)
- Short Documentary (40 minutes or less)
- Long Documentary (over 40 minutes)

Not Eligible:

- Broadcast news journalism
- Broadcast reality entertainment
- Advertising Commercials
- Industrial or Corporate Media
- Animation over 30 minutes

- Narratives over 30 minutes
- Music Videos

We Do Not Fund:

- Retroactive costs
- Media projects other than film or video.
- Organizational projects for internal or promotional use.
- General operating expenses of companies or organizations.

The Application

The application must be submitted via Submittable using the link on the 'Apply' page on our website, www.berkeleyfilmfoundation.org that will be live on Monday April 4, 2022. We do not accept hand-written applications. Applicants will be required to include the following items:

1. **Current resume:** Please include a current resume for the director and producer of professional activities and achievements within the application. Other key personnel on the project may be listed on the resume as well.
2. **Project Budget:** You must provide your full project budget for consideration as part of the application as an excel document. Please make sure the document is concise and eliminate all blank pages. If applying for a distribution grant, please provide a detailed distribution budget and the total production cost.
3. **Footage:** For Short & Long Form Documentaries, Animation and Narratives: You must provide a maximum 10-minute clip as a Vimeo link to your project. If a password is needed, please use: BFF (all caps).
 1. **NEW:** As part of your application, you may now provide links to previous work samples to better understand your creative style and scope of your work. It is not required.
4. **Accommodations:** If you are not able to (or struggle to) provide a written application through the online portal, please contact BFF at

info@berkeleyfilmfoundation.org or 510-705-1481. We would be happy to discuss alternative methods with you.

Application Review

Grants and awardees are approved by the Berkeley FILM Foundation Board of Directors acting upon the recommendations of the Grant Review Panel. The Grant Review Panel is comprised of six to eight industry professionals distinguished in their respective artistic fields.

- Official applications and support documents must be received by Monday May 9, 2022.
- The review process is five to six weeks in length.
- Applicants notified of award decisions no later than mid-July of 2022.
- Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

Please Note:

The Berkeley FILM Foundation can only fund a small percentage of the applicants we receive. A rejection does not preclude future applications. If you are awarded a grant, the film must conduct one community screening in partnership with BFF following completion, taking into consideration signed distribution contracts.

For technical assistance, including troubles accessing your account or uploading files, please contact Submittable Support at support@submittable.com

For content assistance please contact the Berkeley Film Foundation at info@berkeleyfilmfoundation.org