

## **Grant-Seeker Advisory**

Applicants, please note that even for organizations which we have known and funded for many years, our funding decisions will be based entirely on the information which you present in your application. Each proposal will be read by all of our Trustees. So, the clarity of your response and the degree to which it comports with our stated Vision and Mission will be significant factors in our funding decision.

In the wake of recent financial developments, and in the interest of preserving its funding capacity for the foreseeable future, the Turrell Fund has reduced its grant spending budget. This will mean fewer grants throughout our catchment area. It will also mean that agencies which may have been funded for many years, consecutively, will not be funded in any given cycle, or funded at levels consistent with prior grants. As a result, grant seekers should begin immediately to cultivate alternative and supplemental sources of funding, to the extent possible.

Shortly, the Turrell Fund will be posting on its website, the results of an informal survey of alternative sources of funding at state and federal levels, as well as that which may be available through national foundations. Successful pursuit of these alternate sources may require grant seekers to collaborate and pool their resources, in the context of the application process. This is a step which we encourage.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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