

About The Foundation

Since its inception in 1837, Tiffany & Co. has been guided by the belief that a successful company has a responsibility to the greater community. The Tiffany & Co. Foundation was established in 2000 to focus the company's philanthropic endeavors by providing grants to nonprofit organizations working in two main program areas: the environment and the arts.

The Foundation shows a special appreciation for, and commitment to, advancing the arts by supporting the critically important work of educational, artistic and cultural institutions dedicated to excellence in decorative arts design through the creation of gallery spaces and support of education in the field of design and the decorative arts.

The mission of the Foundation's environment program is to support organizations dedicated to the stewardship of natural resources in the areas of responsible mining, coral reef conservation and urban parks. Specifically, the Foundation promotes responsible mining through remediation, land preservation, community development and standards-setting efforts; healthy marine ecosystems through key research and targeted educational outreach; and the enhancement of urban environments through beautification and infrastructure improvements.

"Throughout our history, community service has been as much a part of Tiffany as customer service, quality and craftsmanship," said Michael J. Kowalski, chairman of Tiffany & Co. "The Foundation allows us to fulfill our role as stewards of this great legacy, which has long been dedicated to strengthening and protecting our cultural and natural resources."

Contact Information

For more information on The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, please visit www.tiffanyandcofoundation.org

Email

Send all questions & comments to foundation@tiffany.com

Please do not follow up on grant requests, as the Foundation's review process takes six to eight weeks.

All inquiries will be acknowledged.

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Program Guidelines

Excellence in Design

The Foundation believes that the decorative arts, a field dedicated to the creation of objects that are at once beautiful and functional, should be guarded through preservation and advanced through innovation. The Foundation promotes excellence in design by supporting organizations that are enhancing the field of the decorative arts.

Goal 1

- To promote design innovation through scholarship and education in the field of the decorative arts.

Strategy

- Support premier design and art institutions in offering professional and graduate-level internships and fellowships in the field of the decorative arts, specifically jewelry, silver and accessories.

Goal 2

- To promote and showcase excellent design in the field of the decorative arts.

Strategy

- Support the creation of gallery spaces for jewelry, silver and accessories at the world's premier arts institutions.

Exploratory Goal

- To promote excellence in design at the world's great cultural institutions.

** The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals for this exploratory goal.*

Strategy

- Support cultural institutions that embody design excellence and advance the field of art, architecture, craftsmanship, sustainability and cultural preservation.

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Urban Parks

The Foundation recognizes the important role that parks play in cities around the world. The Foundation supports organizations that work to meet the needs of local communities through strategic design improvements of urban parks and gardens. To make an impact on surrounding communities and the environment, the Foundation focuses on the rehabilitation, protection and creation of public urban green spaces and the enhancement of the visitor experience.

Goal

- To enhance the urban environment in major cities around the world.

Strategies

- Improve the urban parks experience by supporting infrastructure and strategic design improvements, rehabilitation and beautification efforts in existing parks.
- Support the creation of new urban green spaces.

Coral Conservation

The Tiffany & Co. Foundation values healthy oceans and the important role that corals play in these ecosystems. The Foundation believes that precious corals cannot be sustainably removed from the oceans for use in jewelry or home décor. The Foundation supports organizations that work to improve the health of oceans through research, preservation and management of coral reefs.

Goal

- To promote the preservation of precious corals and healthy marine ecosystems.

Strategies

- Promote awareness and education of the importance of corals and marine ecosystems through outreach to targeted constituencies such as consumers, ocean enthusiasts and select marine-tourism providers.
- Support key research and reef management strategies to directly contribute to saving reef ecosystems.

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Responsible Mining

The Foundation believes that the manner in which precious metals and gemstones are extracted is of the utmost importance. The Foundation supports organizations that promote responsible mining of precious metals, diamonds and gemstones as well as organizations that assist communities where mining occurs, particularly in the American West and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Goal 1

- To promote the development of standards for responsible mining at the large- and small-scale level.

Strategy

- Encourage civil society, business and governments worldwide to work collaboratively on standards for the responsible mining of precious metals and gemstones, particularly through research, convenings and international standards development.

Goal 2

- To remediate areas where both small- and large-scale mining have occurred.

Strategy

- Support models of reclamation and restoration work that bring together local communities, government, business and civil society in an effort to reclaim and remediate land and watersheds in which mining has occurred.

Goal 3

- To protect places of natural and historic importance from the threat of mining.

Strategy

- Promote land and water conservation through the support of scientific research, convenings, awareness and education focused on responsible natural resource management.

Goal 4

- To promote economic and social development in areas where the mining of precious metals, diamonds and gemstones occurs.

Strategies

- Respond to the place-based needs of mining communities as an important driver of the sustainable development in diamond-producing countries.
- Support producer-country beneficiation by working with organizations that engage local communities in activities throughout the supply chain to provide opportunities and benefits from mineral resources.

How to Apply

The Tiffany & Co. Foundation is pleased to offer applicants an online application system. The online grant application system allows nonprofit organizations to submit a letter of inquiry for review.

Please note that the Foundation does not accept grant applications that are submitted on paper or meeting requests.

To assist with the online grant application process, we recommend that applicants type answers into a word-processing document, then copy and paste entries into the appropriate sections online. This will speed the online application process.

Eligibility

To qualify for a grant, a prospective grantee must be a U.S.-based, tax-exempt organization with 501(c)(3) status.

A prospective grantee must also be engaged in work that fits within the Foundation's program guidelines.

The Tiffany & Co. Foundation does not grant to:

- Organizations that do not have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the equivalent
- Religious, political, lobbying, social or fraternal organizations
- Fundraising benefits
- Individuals, including those with a 501(c)(3) organization willing to accept funding on their behalf

Additionally, we do not accept requests for merchandise.

The Grantmaking Process

Program staff review every submission and will notify applicants if their plans fit within current program guidelines. Please only inquire as to the status of your request if more than three months have passed. While we do not accept declined proposals for re-evaluation, we welcome subsequent letters of inquiry.

If a project is accepted for grant consideration, staff members will ask for additional information which may include a detailed proposal or a meeting with the principal organizers of the project.

Grants are awarded by The Tiffany & Co. Foundation board of directors, which meets twice annually.

To apply for a grant, please visit:

www.tiffanyandcofoundation.org/apply.aspx

and submit a letter of inquiry.