# 2017 Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant Priorities

#### **The Motorola Solutions Foundation**

The Motorola Solutions Foundation, the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions, focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee volunteerism and education, especially engineering and information technology programming.

### **Grant Program Focus Areas**

The Motorola Solutions Foundation will focus its giving in two key areas: (1) technology and engineering education and (2) public safety education. Programs that effectively blend these two content areas will be prioritized. Other priorities will include: reaching females and other underrepresented populations; Motorola Solutions employee engagement; robust partnerships with non-profit organizations and institutions; strong financial organizational health; and the ability to evaluate program impact and outcomes.

## **Technology & Engineering Education: Priorities**

- Engages students in innovative, hands-on technology and engineering activities, such as coding, programming and robotics
- Provides vocational skills and certifications in engineering or information technology
- Helps teachers improve their teaching of STEM subjects
- Elevates system change through field-building
- High priority will be placed on middle school-university programs

#### **Public Safety Education: Priorities**

- Provides professional development and training opportunities to first responders, including wellness programs
- Leads safety and disaster preparedness trainings for the general public
- Prepares youth and young adults for careers in public safety through outreach and educational programs
- Provides support programs to families of first responders, including recovery support
- Invests in education and training scholarships for public safety professionals as well as family of fallen first responders

#### **Request for Proposals Process**

All interested non-profit organizations and institutions that meet the above criteria are encouraged to submit an online inquiry form by Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The programs that best align with Motorola Solution Foundation's 2017 grant priorities will then be requested to submit a formal grant application by May 22, 2017 (Note: organizations will be notified to submit a formal online application by mid-April, 2017). Grant award decisions will be announced by mid-July, 2017.

#### **Important Information**

Grant Request Maximum: \$50,000 Letter of Inquiry Deadline: Feb. 24 Application Deadline: May 22 Award Notification: Mid-July, 2017

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#### **Location Requirements**

Motorola Solutions Foundation strongly prioritizes programs that take place in or near the metropolitan area of Motorola Solutions offices:

- Birmingham, AL
- San Diego, CA
- Westminster, CO
- Plantation, FL
- Lawrenceville, GA
- Schaumburg/Elgin, IL
- Chicago, IL
- Linthicum, MD
- West Valley City, UT
- Seattle, WA

#### International Organizations:

Organizations outside of the United States will be required to adhere to this location requirement when applying for funding. Motorola Solutions is a multinational company with large offices in dozens of countries and consequently values partnerships around the globe.

**Evaluation Requirements** 

Organizations must be able to demonstrate how their program will provide measureable change and impact. Specific outcome reporting will be required of all grant partners.

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