# **WALTER & ELISE HAAS FUND** Sample Possibility Grant Proposal

**ABOUT THIS SAMPLE**

We understand grantseekers need to use many different online portals hosted by many different grantmakers. To help connect the Fund’s requirements to your process, we offer this sample Possibility Grant proposal for you to use when preparing an application to us.

Review below to see what you’ll be asked for in our [online grantseeker portal](https://haassr.fluxx.io). You can put your answers in this document, sharing with colleagues as you see fit. When you’re ready, [log in](https://haassr.fluxx.io/) to cut and paste where appropriate.

Please note that

* Some parts of the general operating support proposal allow you to **pick from a list** of prepared options or **click to upload** instead of cutting and pasting.
* Cutting and pasting from Word may result in unexpected characters in the online application. Check your work!

Questions about this sample or suggestions for improvement? Please email us at [grantsmanager@haassr.org](mailto:grantsmanager@haassr.org?subject=Suggestions%20for%20Sample%20Letter%20of%20Inquiry).

Thank you!

**ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION**

* **PICK LIST**  
  Are you using a fiscal sponsor?  
  *If you answer yes, you’ll be provided with fields to provide the name and contact information for your sponsor*
* Organization Name
* Organization Location
* Primary Contact Name
* Primary Signatory Name
* Primary Financial Officer Name
* **PICK LIST**  
  Organization County  
  *If you don’t see your county in the list, your organization is not eligible to apply to this round.*
* **PICK LIST**  
  Need to add contacts?  
  *If you answer yes, you’ll be provided with a blank field to provide name, title, email address and telephone*
* **ORGANIZATION MISSION AND GOALS**  
  Please tell us what your organizations does and why

**WHY WE ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION**

Telling us about your organizational mission, goals, what you do, and why helps us understand if you are an organization that Possibility Grants seek to support. We wish to support organizations that are

* essential to building a more just and equitable society
* actively working to challenge systems of oppression through cultural education, [Black liberation](https://www.blackrootsalliance.org/black-liberation) values, and community-based care, [healing](https://kindredsouthernhjcollective.org/what-is-healing-justice/), or art in response to current domestic and global political climate, and
* have an intergenerational lens that uplifts youth
* Organizational Annual Budget

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

* How might a Possibility Grant support your organization to accomplish its work?

**WHY WE ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION**

You've provided your mission and goals above. Knowing that Possibility Grants provide unrestricted general operating support that can be used for any organizational need, we ask this question to understand more clearly how this type of support creates possibility for your organization.

* Tell us how your organization works to combat systems of oppression in a global or domestic context.

**WHY WE ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION**

We ask this question to understand more deeply how your organization challenges systems of oppression and what methods you use. While Possibility Grants seek to support organizations that do this work through cultural education, [Black liberation](https://www.blackrootsalliance.org/black-liberation) values, and community-based care, [healing](https://kindredsouthernhjcollective.org/what-is-healing-justice/), or art, we want to learn about your approach and strategies.

* What does your organization do to uplift and support a culture of healing and transformation in the community.

**WHY WE ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION**

We ask this question to learn about your organization's high-level approach to healing and transformation. The two questions that follow this one allow you to go deeper into how this shows up in your organization.

* **PICK LIST**  
  Does your organization have infrastructure and practices in place to promote healing and care for both staff and people served by your organization?  
  *If you answer yes, you’ll be provided with a field to describe the infrastructure and practices and who they serve.*
* **PICK LIST**  
  Does your organization do intergenerational work that uplifts youth?  
  *If you answer yes, you’ll be provided with a field to describe intergenerational practices.*
* Is there anything you would like for us to understand about your organization’s moment or context?

**REFERENCES**

Please share the contact information for one or two references (e.g. a program participant or community partner) who can speak to your work.  
*BAY Fellows will contact references for organizations that are advancing to panel review. References will be compensated for their time speaking with us.*

* Reference 1 (required)
* Reference 2 (optional)

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

No financial attachments required at this time.

If this application is advanced to panel review, we will research the financial health of the organization (or their fiscal sponsor) using publicly available documents from the charity databases at the [State of California](https://rct.doj.ca.gov/Verification/Web/Search.aspx?facility=Y.), the [Internal Revenue Service](https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/), [Guidestar](https://www.guidestar.org/), and [Candid's Foundation Directory](https://fconline.foundationcenter.org/). When we research financial health, we use trend information to answer two specific questions:

* Is the organization likely to be stable through the end of this grant? We scan for new or longstanding debt that could pull Possibility Grant dollars away from the organization as it does its best to maintain programs and operations.
* Is the Walter & Elise Haas Fund able to partner with the organization's other funders for learning and impact? Grantseekers are a well-spring of network connections for us, and we use information about who is funding your organization to make our own connections to them, share our work, and explore how to collaborate in support of our shared grantees.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT**

* **PICK LIST**  
  Applicant organization must authorize the submission of the application to the Walter& Elise Haas Fund.