

## **Social Venture Partners of New Mexico Application for Funding**

### **Introduction**

Social Venture Partners New Mexico (SVPNM) is dedicated to creating strong communities and social change through engaged giving. SVPNM works with organizations to help them realize their ambitions through a combination of financial and volunteer contributions. This mix of time, money and expertise has proven successful in New Mexico and is revolutionizing the relationships between nonprofits and donors. In return, Investees (grant recipients) provide a rich experience to SVPNM's Partners by providing them an opportunity to couple their philanthropic dollars with their professional expertise and ability. Our goal is for SVPNM Partners to become more aware of community issues and how nonprofits work to resolve them, to learn about the many ways Partners can impact the issues important to them, and to develop deeper, long-term relationships with Investees.

### **Eligibility**

Organizations must be located in the state of New Mexico. Applicants must be classified as a 501(c)(3) public charity\*. SVPNM will not consider grant requests from individuals, religious organizations for sectarian purposes, sports teams, or any organization that discriminates on the basis of race, sexual orientation, gender, age, marital status, national origin, or physical ability

### **SVP Capacity-Building Partnerships**

The Investment Committee expects to award two grants in 2006 of approximately \$15,000-25,000 each. SVPNM makes initial single-year grants with the intent of establishing longer terms partnerships with its Investees (typically three years). At the end of the first year of funding, the goals and outcomes achieved by the Investee and SVPNM are reviewed to determine whether to continue the relationship.

In addition to cash grants, SVPNM provides support in the following areas:

- Financial Management
- Fundraising & Revenue Development
- Information Technology
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Program Evaluation & Performance Management
- Human Resources & Team Building
- Strategic Planning
- Leadership Development
- Legal Counsel
- Real Estate & Property Management

### **Application**

***The letter of application must not exceed two pages:***

Please include the name and address of your organization, the name and contact information for your Executive Director, and the name of your Board President.

**Overview:** Provide a brief summary of your organization's mission, history, and programs.

**Program Description:** a) Provide a summary of the program goals and outcomes you

intend to achieve, both short-term (over the next year) and long-term (over three to five years); b) Please describe who benefits from your program; c) Describe the methods for program evaluation; d) Please describe your plans for cooperation with other organizations; e) Why are you undertaking this program at this time? f) How does this program support your mission? g) Who are the major funders of your organization?

**Organizational Capacity-Building:** Describe your short-term (one year) and long-term (three to five year) capacity-building priorities. What will you need to strengthen or develop at the organizational level in order to achieve the program goals described above? Specifically, how could you utilize SVP's consulting resources? Please refer to "SVP Capacity-Building Partnerships" section.

**Budget and Staff Figures:** a) grant amount requested from SVPNM for 2006; b) current budget for your organization; c) total amount your organization expended during the most recently completed fiscal year; d) total staff size. Attach a copy of your latest IRS form 990 and audited financial statement to your letter.

#### **Application procedure**

Please submit applications to Social Venture Partners New Mexico, Investment Committee, 341 E. Alameda St., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

**Currently applications are accepted January through December.**

SVP will acknowledge letters of application and request a site visit and a presentation to SVP New Mexico from a selected number of applicants.

\* Please indicate if currently seeking 501 (c)(3) status.