2023 Smart Justice Michelson Spark Grant

LETTER OF INTEREST

Please provide the following information for your organization:
Name:
Mission:
Address:
Website
EIN:
Year of founding:

Please provide the following information for your application's main point of contract if the grant is awarded.
Name:
Title:
Email:
Phone Number:

Is your organization registered as a 501(c)(3)?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

What year was your organization founded?

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2023 **Smart Justice**
**Michelson Spark Grant**

The following questions allow us to learn about how your staff reflects the population you serve.

Is your organization led by someone who is Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC)?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

Please provide the following information for your organization:

Is your organization led by someone who identifies as a minority gender identity (e.g. cisgendered woman), non-binary (e.g genderqueer, gender fluid, etc.), transgender, or is a member of an otherwise gender expansive identity?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

BIPOC representation on your board (or other governing body)

- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

BIPOC representation in your organization’s leadership

- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

BIPOC representation in your organization’s staff

- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

What percentage of your board (or other governing body) is system impacted? System impacted includes people affected in a negative way by their incarceration or of a close relative as well as those who have been arrested and/or convicted without incarceration.

- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

What percentage of your organization’s leadership is system impacted?

- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose
What percentage of your organization’s staff is system impacted?

- <25%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-100%
- Choose not to disclose

LGBTQIA+ representation in your organization’s staff

- <25%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-100%
- Choose not to disclose

We welcome any comments or explanations about the demographic representation in your organization.

Has your organization previously submitted a proposal for any previous Michelson Spark Grant round?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If your organization has submitted a proposal for a previous Michelson Spark Grant round, during which cycle did you submit? Select all that apply.

- Apr 2019
- Aug 2019
- April 2020
- COVID-19 2020
- Smart Justice Jul/Aug 2020
- Student Basic Needs Oct/Nov 2020
- Digital Equity Mar 2021
- Open Educational Resources (OER) Jun 2021
- Student Basic Needs Sep/Oct 2021
- Smart Justice Nov/Dec 2021
- Digital Equity Feb/Mar 2022
- Student Basic Needs Aug/Sep 2022
- Smart Justice Dec 2022
- Digital Equity Feb/Mar 2023
- OER May/Jun 2023
- Student Basic Needs Aug/Sep 2023
- Unsure

If your organization has submitted a proposal for a previous Michelson Spark Grant round, provide a short overview of your previous proposal(s).
Amount of Funding Requested for This Grant

Is your proposed project new or existing?
- [ ] New
- [ ] Existing
- [ ] Existing, with incremental impact

Input grant period in number of months.

Will your project impact Californians?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Were students involved in the developing this proposal and/or will they be involved in the execution if funded?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, please expand (150 words).

Will your project impact Californian students?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Is your proposal student led?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If your proposal is student led, please provide a brief description of their role. (100 words)
Select which focus area your project would address. Select all that apply

- Innovative scalable programming that builds a “going to college” culture among the nonprofit ecosystem that serves systems impacted individuals. This could include:
  - Efforts that guide formerly incarcerated individuals who have not begun their higher education journeys to get to and through college/universities
  - Efforts that have developed a roadmap or toolkit that makes higher education one of the priorities for individuals reintegrating into community

- Efforts focused on mitigating the impact/disruption that prison closures and transfers have on the educational trajectories of individuals enrolled in in-prison college programs

- Efforts looking to scale best-practices for in-prison women-focused education and workforce development programming.

- Multigenerational programming that supports the children of incarcerated individuals and prevents the school to prison pipeline. Efforts can include but are not limited to the following:
  - Efforts that address trauma and mental health needs of children
  - Efforts that maintain the parent/child bond during incarceration
  - Mentoring programs geared toward college access and success
  - Workforce development opportunities for youth and young adults

Please provide an overview of the project you are proposing including the amount of funding requested and usage of funds. Be sure to include which population(s) would be impacted by the grant. Please also include a proposed timeline for grant usage. (500 word max)
Describe the three (3) metrics or Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) you are measuring as part of this project to gauge success of this program below.

Does your project have the potential to impact public policy? If so, how? (200 words max)

Please upload any related documents you would like us to review.

The following questions allow us to learn about how your staff reflects the population you serve.

What percentage of the population you serve is BIPOC?
- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

What percentage of the population you serve is LGBTQIA+?
- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

What percentage of the population you serve is system impacted? System impacted includes people affected in a negative way by their incarceration or of a close relative as well as those who have been arrested and/or convicted without incarceration.
- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose

What percentage of the population you serve is economically disadvantaged?
- [ ] <25%
- [ ] 25-49%
- [ ] 50-74%
- [ ] 75-100%
- [ ] Choose not to disclose
We welcome any comments or explanation about the demographic of the population you serve.

Is it important for you to receive grant funding within the accelerated turnaround of the Spark Grant program? If so, why? (100 words max)

How did you hear about this grant opportunity?
- Michelson 20MM Website
- Previous familiarity with Michelson 20MM
- Email Outreach
- Direct Referral from a Michelson 20MM Partner
- Article/blog post
- Social Media
- Other

How many hours did this LOI take to prepare and submit?

On average, how long does it take for your organization to receive a response from other funders on grant proposals?

Would you like to be added to the following mailing lists? Select all that apply.
- Michelson Spark Grants
- Smart Justice Initiative Updes
- General Michelson 20MM Foundation

Is there anything else you would like to tell us related to your proposal?