

Sample Letter of Inquiry to Grant-Making Foundations

Subject: Supporting an Emerging Leader through the Fulcrum Fellows Program

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this message finds you well.

As a nonprofit leader in the (name of geographic location) area, I'm well aware of (name of foundation)'s commitment to creating stronger nonprofits and stronger nonprofit leaders capable of positively impacting our community.

I am reaching out today to explore the possibility of (name of foundation)'s support to allow me to join Fulcrum Nonprofit Leadership as a Fulcrum Fellow. This is a 3-year, \$4,800 per year (14,400 total) commitment.

Fulcrum Nonprofit Leadership is a national membership organization comprising senior nonprofit executives with a mandate to build stronger leaders, leading to a better world. They offer professionally-led, small cohort groups, access to professional development, resources and tools for executives, and so much more. You can find out more about Fulcrum at www.fulcrumleader.com.

I've evaluated the impact that a Fulcrum membership is likely to have on my capacity to lead successfully in the future and I've determined that the investment is necessary and appropriate. I strive to be the strongest possible nonprofit leader to help (my organization) and my community thrive.

Unfortunately, (name of organization), is unable to commit the resources required to pay the \$4,800 annual Fulcrum dues. I'm personally unable to afford the dues as well, leaving me without an ability to join unless I can secure a sponsor and become a Fulcrum Fellow.

I've already applied and have been accepted as a Fulcrum member. The only thing that stands in the way of this leadership development opportunity is finding the fiscal sponsor.

Will you please consider sponsoring my membership in Fulcrum so I can become a Fulcrum Fellow?

I would be happy to provide additional details about the fellowship, discuss the program's alignment with our mutual goals, or explore ways to recognize your generous support.

Thank you for considering this request. I deeply appreciate your commitment to our shared mission and look forward to the possibility of partnering with you to make this opportunity a reality.

Warm regards,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Position]

[Your Organization]

[Your Contact Information]