2026 Lark Awards

The Durfee Foundation

Applicant Information

Organization Name*
Character Limit: 250

Mission*
Please describe your organization's mission in one sentence.

Character Limit: 150

Website*
Please include your website link so we can learn more about your organization.

Character Limit: 2000

Year Founded*
What year was the organization founded?

Character Limit: 250

Issue Area*
What issue area do you primarily focus on within your work? Check all that apply.

Choices
Arts/Culture
Civil/Human Rights
Criminal Justice Reform
Disability Rights
Domestic Violence
Economic Justice
Education/Youth
Environment/Sustainability
Family Services
Foster Care
Health and Mental Health
Housing and Homelessness
Immigrant and Refugee Services
LGBTQ Issues
Other
Public Policy and Civic Engagement
Reproductive Justice and Rights
Social Justice and Advocacy
Veterans Services
Worker's Rights

Other Issue Area

If other, please explain below

Character Limit: 250

Geographic Area in LA County*

Which areas in Los Angeles do you provide programming/services? Please select all that apply

Choices

Central LA
West LA
San Fernando Valley
San Gabriel Valley
South Bay/Harbor Cities
East LA
Antelope Valley

Organization Status*

Are you (please choose one)

Choices

Incorporated as a 501(c)3
Using a fiscal sponsor

EIN

If you are a 501(c)3, please share EIN # below. If you are fiscally sponsored, please share your fiscal sponsor's EIN # below.

Character Limit: 100

If you have a fiscal sponsor, what is the name of your sponsor?

Character Limit: 250

Workplace Structure*

Are you (please choose one)...

Choices

In-person
Hybrid (combining remote and in-office days)

Full-time Staff*

How many full time staff do you have at your organization?

Character Limit: 250

Part-time Staff*

How many part time staff do you have?

Character Limit: 250

Staff List*

Please attach a staff list with the names of each staff member and noting their (1) time at the organization, regardless of changes to title during their tenure, (2) title, and (3) full-time or part-time status.

Please **do not** include bios.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Current Budget*

What is your organization's 2026 budget?

Character Limit: 20

Budget File*

Please upload your 2026 budget. Any template you already use is fine as long as we can note your revenue and expenses.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Optional Programs Overview

You may attach a brief description of your programs here.
Upload only if you believe we can not easily find this information on your website.

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Application Format Approach*

Applicants may respond to application questions in either a written narrative (3,000 character limit per question) **OR** a 2-3 minute video (one video per question). Please see Application FAQs to learn more about what we are looking for with these questions.

Would you like to submit written or video responses?

Choices
Written
Video

Application Questions-Video Responses

Culture & Values: Workplace Culture and Team Dynamics

Please describe your workplace culture, including how you work as a team.

Character Limit: 2000

Culture & Values: Current Staff Appreciation and Care

What are some ways you show appreciation and care for staff now, including small, informal ways?

Character Limit: 2000

Community Leadership: Defining Community

Who is your organization's community? List the people you work with, collaborators, partners, and groups.

Character Limit: 2000

Community Leadership: Community-Rooted Practices

How does your organization stay deeply rooted in the community you work with and how does that shape your team?

Character Limit: 2000

Organizational Readiness: Timing of Award

Given this point in your organization's timeline, why is now a good time to receive the Lark Award?

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Organizational Readiness: Initial Ideas and Long-Term Vision

What is your team planning to do with the Lark Awards that can contribute to the organization's long term collective care efforts?

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Additional Information

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

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Application Questions-Written Responses

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