

THE EISNER FOUNDATION

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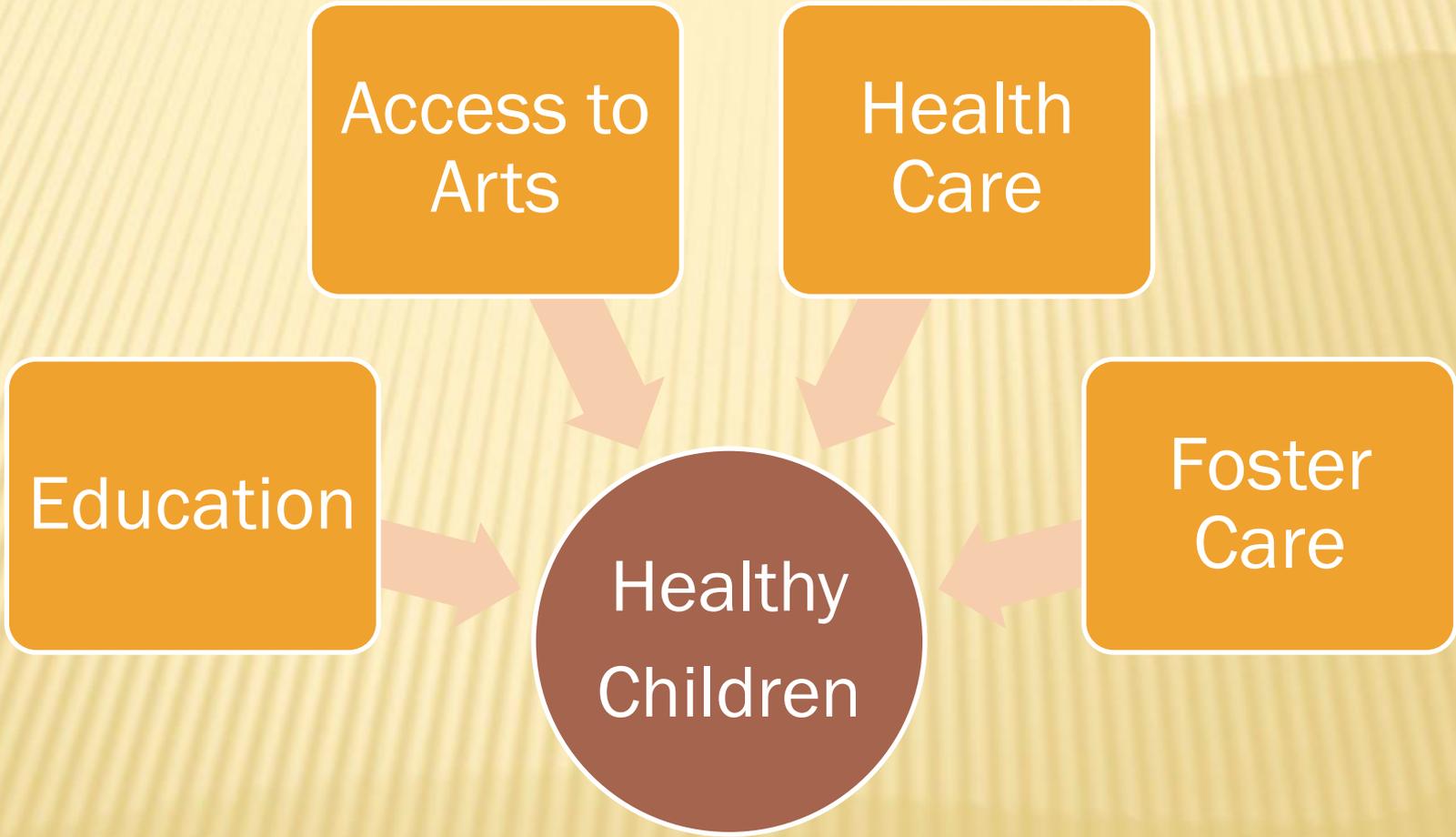
FUNDING GUIDELINES

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

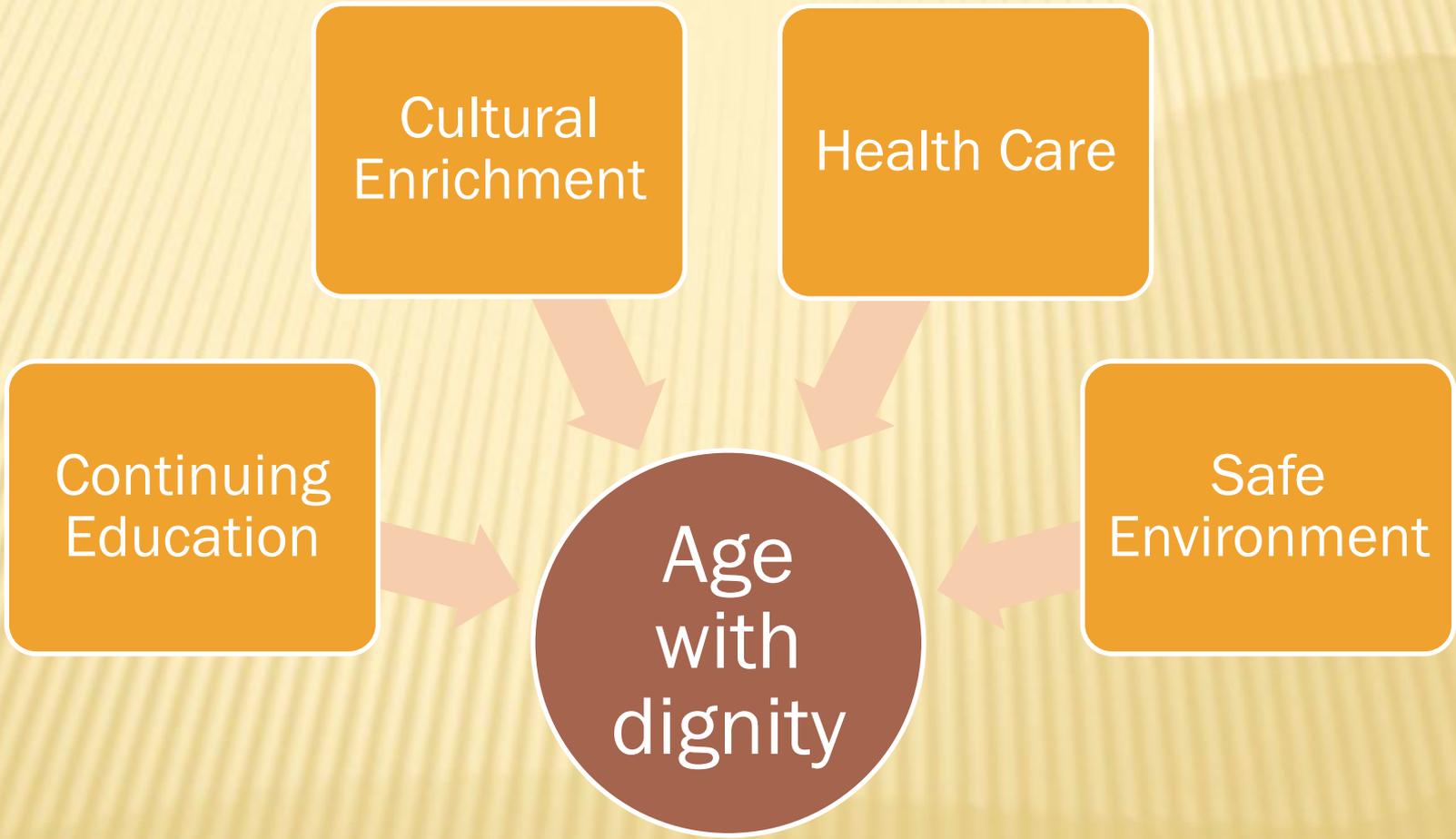
The Eisner Foundation exists to provide access and opportunity for underserved children and the aging of Los Angeles County.



PROGRAM AREAS



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TYPES OF GRANTS

➤ General Operating

- unrestricted funds that support the general operations of an organization

➤ Capacity Building

- increase organization's scale and ability to address community needs

➤ Program Support

- new, expansion or enhancement program requests

➤ Capital Campaigns

- the purchase, renovation or new construction of facilities

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

- **Efficiency**
 - At least 75% of operating expenses directly to the programs
- **Effectiveness**
 - Demonstrated records of success
 - Quantifiable/measurable patterns of achievement as benchmark
- **Exceptional Leadership**
 - Led by visionary and extraordinary management
- **Expected Outcomes**
 - Produce specific, objective, and measurable outcomes that can be assessed and documented externally

LARGE GRANTS

- Made to established, efficient, and effective organizations in Los Angeles County
- Expected to produce established outcomes and long-term sustainable change and impact the maximum number of recipients
- Range in size from \$100,000 to \$500,000 in very rare and exceptional circumstances, can exceed \$1 million

SMALL GRANTS

- Access to funding and strengthen the capacity of small, community based and developing organizations
- Primarily for organizations with operating budgets under \$500,000
- Range from \$10,000 - \$25,000

GRANT PROCESS

Letter of Inquiry

- No more than 2 pages & includes: Org. background, description of project, budget, fit with The Eisner Foundation

Proposal

- If fit with TEF guidelines, a full application will be sent for completion and submission with one month turnaround

Site Visit

- No grant is approved without a site visit, even if the organization has received TEF funding previously
- Usually conducted jointly by TEF management and program staff

GRANT PROCESS (CONT.)

Board Meeting

- All preliminarily-vetted proposals are forwarded to The Eisner Foundation board for review and possible approval

Grant Agreement

- If approved, a grant check & grant agreement will be sent out with key measurable objectives expected during the grant period
- Organizations that are declined must wait one full year before reapplying to the Foundation

Evaluation

- At the end of the grant period, a final report is due to update us on the status and results of the gift

THE EISNER PRIZE FOR INTERGENERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- A \$100,000 cash prize designed to recognize excellence by an individual or a non-profit in uniting multiple generations (seniors & youth) to bring about positive and lasting changes in their community.
- The winner of the 2011 Eisner Prize will be announced at the Grantmakers in Aging annual conference in Washington D.C. on October 27, 2011.



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