Puffin Foundation West, Ltd. (PFW) wishes to hear from Not For Profit (NFP) Organizations, American Citizens and Legal Permanent Residents using their Social Security number. The majority of our Grants are given to NFPs whose Mission is to reach across biases and create dialogues that are peaceably transforming, educating and moving our society in a forward-looking, forward-thinking and enlightened manner. We know that artists and the universal language of ART are able to reach across both physical borders and the boundaries of our imagination. Our Grants help fund or sponsor projects that are compatible to OUR MISSION and that utilize Fine Arts, Dance, Music, Theater, Creative Writing, Poetry and Photography. We also accept applications that host Public Interest Platforms/Forums, Independent Journalists or from those NFPs which engage in community non-partisan discussions. We do not fund Documentaries, but do consider funding Educational Reels (DVDs) created from a Documentary that must have a teaching guide for educational purposes to be distributed to classrooms. An archive of Grants given historically are on our website.

Creative expression and innovation have helped move our society towards an enlightened and peaceful manner and have empowered us to recognize our universal humanity. PFW is committed to supporting such projects and Grant Awards given typically with a top GRASSROOTS Award of $2500 with Encouragement Grants in amounts less than $600.

We are egalitarian. We are not centric as we believe that the road to peace is sharing with each other our cultural histories, diversities and ethnicities. Title One, TANF or being underserved or under-privileged are not “passwords” to getting Grants. Our Grants endeavor to elevate everyone from despair, fear, violence, abuse and loneliness; and we hope these Awards help nullify injustices and also raise awareness about the plague of sentient cruelty and extinctions facing us. We know that by using ART, these messages are often understood.

The Puffin is a metaphor for our work. This species once prospered off the coast of New England but was hunted almost to extinction for its feathers and for stew. In the late 1970’s, and shortly before her death, Dorothea Rosenstein, (my mother) was part of a small group of volunteers who worked on a project to reintroduce Puffins back to these islands. This was the first attempt to restore a Puffin colony and at that time, the effort’s outcome was unknown. Puffin life has returned to these islands, but alarmingly, the last few seasons have proven to be the worst breeding seasons ever recorded for Puffins. Pufflings fledge at six weeks when their parents hustle them into the ocean but sadly, hundreds of Pufflings and Puffins have been found washed up on the shores of both the New England coast and the coast of Alaska as they are starving to death. The small herring type fish that sustain them are not swimming far enough south because the waters are too warm. Global green-house gas warming caused by human activity and the encroachment of civilization on these creatures’ habitats have caused this disaster. We all must take notice.

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We dedicate ourselves to fighting the extinction of the values that have made our country great: democracy, rights, liberty, opportunity, equality, culture, community, kindness, morals and integrity. We are HUMANKIND and together we must strive to be BOTH - to the planet and all the life it sustains.

PFW will partner and help build community partnerships with other concerned groups and individuals to insure that the arts as a communication tool continue to grow and enlighten and enrich our lives.

TOGETHER WE CAN GET THIS DONE!

IN SERVICE WITH GRATITUDE

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The Atlantic Monthly has a sobering article about the Pufflings Mass Dying: