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#1 | 2023 PUFFIN FOUNDATION WEST'S MISSION STATEMENT

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. **An archive of Grants given historically are on our website. (www.puffinwest.org)**

Creative expression and innovation have helped move our society in 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 under-served 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 a small group of volunteers 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 (baby Puffins) 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, droughts 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 ensure that the arts as a communication tool continue to grow and enlighten and enrich our lives. We would also ask you to read the Mission Statement below of the self-funded Puffin West project known on the web as 5050USA.com. We ask you to then contribute to this virtual quilt we have created.

Owing to the pandemic our Mission has had to change as PFW cannot be responsible for anyone getting sick or dying. There has been much confusion about the virus and vaccinations and variants and breakthrough cases; therefore our 2022 statement related to only funding virtual events still stands for 2023. This has been difficult for many projects, so we have agreed that if you plan on doing in person events you may NOT use PFW's name as a funder; however, if you make a video of the event or can zoom it live, PFW will allow you to associate our logo and name with that part of your event ONLY. If you violate this parameter, we will be forced to recall the grant – no ifs, ands, or buts!

**TOGETHER WE CAN GET THIS DONE!
IN SERVICE WITH GRATITUDE**

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2023 5050USA.COM MISSION STATEMENT

Doesn't it seem like everyday matters are getting worse and it is harder to learn about good news or be part of positive news?

5050USA.com may be just what we need. Puffin Foundation West, Ltd. (PFW) is a Private Not For Profit (www.puffinwest.org) 501(c)(3). PFW has secured the Trade Name 5050USA and the Domain 5050USA.com and we are starting a virtual movement across the USA. The first highway to transverse our country from the Atlantic to the Pacific was Route 50.

In 1985, the AIDS QUILT was started in San Francisco. It now weighs 57 tons and it contains 100,000 quilt patches, all remembering kind people who died of that still incurable, contagious disease.

Although times have changed, that idea is still viable. To that end, 5050USA.com invites you to share good words, fun pictures, beautiful art or photographs in order to make a **VIRTUAL QUILT** across the nation. We want to show the world that the American flag is not just a symbol. Instead, we are a UNITED people who are loving, stalwart, caring, compassionate, empathetic, have integrity, are loving and we are kind. We have forgiveness, respect, we are thoughtful and considerate, responsible, devoted, friendly, warm, and sympathetic, concerned, reverent, faithful, and so on. We are sure you can come up with your own words or images that demonstrate our wonderful qualities as egalitarian people. To load a picture, please make certain that it is not "LARGE" format. This has been a problem with some iPhones when they submit.

We want to create a virtual highway with people who can help us weather this storm that has crippled and killed so many and seemingly is not going away. We all need to know we are not alone as we continue to LIVE on with the desire to stay healthy and be positive role models for all people around us who we encounter.

We invite you to visit our website, 5050USA.com, and add your own message and photo with the idea that 50 million of us can travel together across this country on this NEW Virtual Highway. Please mind your manners. You do not have to leave your name or email address; just tell everyone where you are from, be it north or south along Route 50, USA, and share in 15 words or less positive news or stories. PFW also asks you to send THIS MISSION STATEMENT about 5050USA to everyone on YOUR proprietary email list as we cannot do this - BUT YOU CAN!

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