

VETERANS FOR PEACE
Howard Zinn Fund for Peace and Justice
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HOWARD ZINN FUND PROJECT GUIDELINES

In keeping with the VFP mission, the Howard Zinn Fund for Peace and Justice was founded to support grass-roots projects that make demonstrated changes for greater peace and justice.

The main objectives of the Zinn Fund are to:

- Support local projects that can serve as models for other VFP members in promoting peace and justice, which can be used to promote the VFP mission.
- Evaluate the process and activities of the Zinn Fund to realize greater success in achieving our primary goal.

The Zinn Fund provides support to local VFP Chapters and Independent Members to start or develop local programs that are likely to result in changes for peace and justice. Chapters that received a Zinn Fund grant within the past two years will be given lower priority to new proposals. Proposals submitted by chapters must be approved by that Chapter.

Interested Chapters or Members are asked to submit an application to support their project. Priority is given to projects that can serve as models for other VFP chapters and members, that can be used to publicly promote the VFP mission, and that address national VFP priorities.

Two types of awards are made, depending on available funds:

- A maximum of three **Independent Awards** per year between \$500 and \$2,000 to support focused local projects that further the VFP mission.
- One **Partnership Award** per year of up to \$4,000 to support the development of a new or ongoing chapter program that is likely to produce results for the long-term mission of VFP. The Chapter contact for the project will work with the Executive Committee during the project development and the grant period, including annual and final reports. These projects are used to promote VFP, increase support, and raise awareness of who we are and our mission.

All applicants are required to provide matching funds of 25% of the total amount requested from the Zinn Fund. In-kind costs for volunteer time, operational costs, project staff, volunteer costs, rental of facilities, equipment, furnishings, and utilities will not be considered as matching funds.

A final report must be submitted to the Executive Committee within two months of the completion of the project, and any unused grant money must be returned to the Howard Zinn Fund.

The Executive Committee uses the following criteria to evaluate and compare, project proposals submitted during the four-month review period. Please refer to the Howard Zinn Grant Application for complete answers to the following questions.

Project GOAL (What are this project's goals and expected outcomes?)

Project PLAN (How will the project be planned and executed? Is the project realistic in its scope and planned execution?)

Project BUDGET (What are the project costs and how will they be covered?)

The Executive Committee is happy to discuss the above Guidelines and any questions you have about the application process. Please feel free to contact us at:
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