



## A Grantseeker's Bill of Rights

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- » The right to receive a clear statement of the foundation's funding interests.
- » The right to have all communications answered.
- » The right to an explanation of, and a timeline for, the foundation's proposal review process.
- » The right to a prompt acknowledgment of receipt of a proposal
- » The right to have all proposals read in full and seriously considered
- » The right to a timely and unambiguous funding decision
- » The right to receive an explanation of the reasoning behind funding decisions
- » The right to have all requirements for the grant relationship clearly spelled out, in writing (including the right to have any components of the grant required by the foundation paid for by the foundation)
- » The right to have all reports completely read and carefully considered
- » The right to be informed if continued funding is a possibility