



Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

Progress of Ideas Grant Program

Program Description:

The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation (RSF) is committed to supporting original research that carries the ideas of 19th century economist and social reformer Henry George into the 21st century and beyond. To this end, RSF supports the conduct of original research into topics of social justice, land use, and public finance.

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be made to support original research projects in the following areas of inquiry:

- The relationship between infrastructure spending and economic rents, including estimates and suitability of future economic rents as a source of funding for infrastructure spending;
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation as impacted and/or funded by taxes on pollution and other drivers of climate change;
- The impact of climate change on land value and government finances based on property and land value;
- Gentrification and displacement as influenced or mitigated by property taxes (effects of land value or split-rate taxation are of particular interest);
- The relationship between evictions and property taxes and/or land value taxes, including policies such as rental assistance and eviction moratoriums;

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be affiliated with a U.S.-based nonprofit organization (classified as 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service) that can receive and administer grant funds on their behalf. (Faculty and graduate students with college/university affiliations are especially encouraged to apply.)
- Grants of up to \$10,000 will be considered.
- Research timelines of up to two years will be considered.
- No more than 10% of a grant may go to indirect costs.
- Grants will not be made for capital or endowment programs, sectarian religious purposes, lobbying, or other partisan purposes.

Deliverables:

- Upon completion of the funded research, grant recipient(s) will provide a written report - written for an educated lay audience - that can be promoted and shared by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation with full attribution to the author(s).
- Upon completion of the funded research, grant recipient(s) will provide a written report summarizing their methodologies and findings.

Submission Deadline - December 17, 2021

Decision Date - January 21, 2022