

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 a wide array of topics related to the works, policy solutions, and political and ethical implications of Henry George, including land value taxation, economic justice, free trade, and contributing to the public good with exacerbating inequality. A non-exhaustive list of implicated topics includes:

- Sprawl and suburbanization
- Infrastructure spending
- Climate change, including adaptation/mitigation, impacts, related human migration, related insurance practices, carbon markets, land rights issues related to carbon sequestration
- Equity in taxation and public finance
- Public investment and value capture
- Trends in property assessment practice, including implications of AI, energy efficiency investments
- Push/pull factors affecting migration and residential location
- Strategies for addressing territorial conflicts
- Progressive Era history and politics, influence of Henry George
- Housing affordability, including gentrification and displacement, NYMBYism, land trusts
- Native American and indigenous land rights

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be U.S.-based nonprofit organizations classified as 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 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.

Application Instructions:

- Complete and submit the application, upload the budget template and a copy of your CV by the April 12, 2024 deadline. **Note, applications will be considered blind, forms will be anonymized, please modify your CV to accommodate this process.**
- Grantees will be notified by May 13, 2024.

Deliverables:

- Upon completion of the funded research, grant recipient(s) will participate in a one hour interview on Zoom, which will be recorded and shared as part of the RSF's video catalog.
- Upon completion of funded research, grant recipients will participate in the creation of 2-3 YouTube shorts summarizing the research process.
- Upon completion of the funded research, grant recipient(s) will provide an 800-1500 word essay, suitable for publication on the RSF website and promotion on social media, summarizing their research question(s), methodology/ies, and findings and recommendations/next steps.

If you have any questions, or you have difficulties with the form, please email grants@schalkenbach.org