



FISCAL SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

As an ongoing service within the community, WAESN serves as a fiscal sponsor for small projects and groups looking to do meaningful work in Washington State. WAESN serves as the administrative home of the cause, lending 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status to the project or group. WAESN can provide fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services depending on the agreed administrative rate.

WAESN evaluates each project on its own merits through criteria established in [WAESN's Fiscal Sponsorship Policy](#) to ensure alignment with WAESN's mission and vision. Final terms will be outlined through a formal fiscal sponsorship agreement should the application be approved.

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The minimum fiscal sponsorship fee charged by WAESN is 5% to cover the administrative costs of sponsorship, including fiduciary oversight and fiscal management. The fiscal sponsorship fee will range between 5% and 15% depending on the support level required from the sponsee as determined by the Evaluation Criteria and Considerations.

APPLICATION

Please provide the organization or project name and information about the lead supervisor for the fiscal sponsorship.

Name of Organization or Project:

Cleveland High School Memorial Quilting Project

Name of Lead Supervisor:

Shraddha Shirude

Lead Supervisor Email Address:

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Project Details

WAESN is committed to transforming K-12 education in Washington State by advocating for Ethnic Studies in every classroom, empowering educators with antiracist training, centering the voices of people of color, and building partnerships to create systemic change for a more racially just future.

WAESN's vision is Ethnic Studies in every classroom of Washington State taught by antiracist educators committed to centering the history and lived experiences of people of color.

Briefly describe how your organization or project is aligned to WAESN's values and vision. Include a description of who your project serves, where services are provided, and who provides the services.

This project aligns with WAESN's vision by using the WAESN K-12 Math Ethnic Studies Framework and ethnic studies pedagogies to create culturally responsive, community-centered mathematics learning experiences. Through a quilt-making initiative inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt, students engage in rigorous geometry learning while exploring grief, remembrance, and the cultural histories embedded in mathematical knowledge. The project highlights how women developed practical understandings of concepts such as square root 2 through quilting and seam allowances long before these ideas were formalized in academic mathematics through theorems such as the Right Triangle Theorem. Students also engage with Indigenous understandings of grief as a natural part of human existence, broadening their perspectives on community, healing, and belonging.

The project serves approximately 250-300 students in grades 9-11 at Cleveland STEM High School in Seattle. Services are provided during the regular school day through geometry instruction that integrates mathematics, ethnic studies, and social-emotional learning. Students apply geometric transformations, similarity, right triangle ratios, and concepts related to irrational numbers as they design, measure, cut, arrange, and hand-sew quilt blocks that serve as personal memorials and expressions of reflection. By constructing individual blocks and then combining them into larger collaborative quilts, students experience mathematical concepts in tangible ways while participating in a collective process of remembrance and community building.

Services are delivered by classroom teachers with support from project lead Shraddha Shirude. Teachers will participate in WAESN ethnic studies professional development and receive training in trauma-informed instructional practices through a mini-professional development series co-developed by Shraddha Shirude and a trauma counselor, Jamila Iraqi. This training equips educators to facilitate conversations about grief safely and appropriately within classroom settings while supporting students' academic learning and emotional well-being.

Funding Details

Name of Potential Funding Source:	ArtsWA Grant		
Project Budget	\$19,500 → \$18,300	Project Duration:	2 yrs.

Operational Support Details

Please select all of the types of support your project will require from WAESN.

<u>Bill Payment</u> WAESN receives, manages, and pays all project-related expenses.	YES ▾	<u>Invoicing</u> WAESN will create, manage, send, and receive invoicing.	YES ▾
<u>Data Tracking and Reporting</u> WAESN collects and tracks data to report to funders and stakeholders. Invoicing	NO ▾	<u>Payroll Services</u> WAESN will manage all payroll services, including payroll deductions, direct deposit, and tax reporting and forms.	YES ▾
<u>Financial Management</u> WAESN manages all financial aspects of the project including bill payment, invoicing, and payroll services.	YES ▾	<u>Program Evaluation</u> WAESN will conduct a program evaluation and provide a report to funders and stakeholders.	NO ▾
<u>Infrastructure Development</u> WAESN provides support and consulting on project-related infrastructure, including website creation and development, IRS exempt status application and process support, policy creation, etc.	YES ▾	<u>Project Budget Development</u> Use of WAESN budget templates and support in developing and completing a budget proposal.	NO ▾

Is there any other information you would like WAESN to consider as part of your application?

- While the original amount was \$9,750 for year 1 & year 2, I recently got an update that our funding for year 2 will be reduced to \$8,550 for a total of \$18,300.

<u>Year 1 Budget</u> Total: \$9,750		Spent: \$8,705.33	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Description</u>
Fiscal Sponsorship	\$975	WAESN	10% of total grant award
Teaching Artist	\$2,740	Chandra Wu	For preparing 40% of materials, teaching 2 days of classes, did not complete quilt construction as agreed to in contract
Materials	\$1,000	Shraddha Shirude	Fabric, scissors, needles, pins, etc. for about 200 students
Planning Days	\$990.33	Cleveland STEM High School	\$330.11 per teacher per day 1 day, 3 teachers, taken on 3/27/26
Project Manager Planning, Prepping, Execution, etc.	\$3,000	Shraddha Shirude	Preparing 60% of materials, constructing quilts, submitting all project updates, managing sub days, creating quilting guide for all teachers, providing professional development to other team members
<u>Year 2 Budget</u> Year 2 Total Available: \$9594.67		Leftover: \$1,044.67 Year 2 Projected: \$9,355	
<u>Item</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Description</u>
Fiscal Sponsorship	\$855	WAESN	10% of total grant award
Teaching Artist	N/A	N/A	Going to try to find another funding source for this next year
Materials	\$900	Shraddha Shirude	Expected increase in costs & increase in student count to 250 students
Planning Days	\$1600	Cleveland STEM High School	Expected increase in hourly rate, increase to 4 teachers \$400 per teacher per day
Project Manager Planning, Prepping, Execution, etc.	\$3,000	Shraddha Shirude	Preparing all materials, constructing quilts, submitting all project updates, managing sub days, creating quilting guide for all teachers, providing professional development to other team members
Professional Development for teachers	\$3,000	WAESN	WAESN Summer Institute OR contract during the school year? This is TBD based on planning & coordinating with a new team. If it doesn't work out, I will use these funds for paying a teaching artist.

Thank you for considering WAESN as a fiscal sponsor for your organization or project.

Please email the completed application to director@waethnicstudies.com.

A decision will be made within 10 business days, and you will be notified by email.