

Guidelines for submitting a Letter of Inquiry for the Birth Trust

Please include the legal name of the organization, its fiscal sponsor (if applicable) the project title, and the name, phone, and email address of the person who can answer questions about the proposed project.

Response to the following sections is limited to a total of two pages.

I. Project Objective and Background

Describe the purpose of the project and how it will advance midwifery in one of our four funding areas: public policy, research, public education, increasing access/reducing disparities. Describe how the proposed project relates to the broader context of ongoing activities within its field of midwifery activity. Please identify any known groups with similar projects.

II. Budget

Provide a preliminary project budget. In addition, please indicate the total organization revenue for the most recent financial year. If applicable, indicate whether additional support (in-kind or financial) will be provided for this project by other organizations.

III. Organizational Experience and Collaborative Partnerships

Briefly describe the relevant experience your organization brings to accomplishing the objectives of the project. If the project will involve a consortium or collaborative partnership, please provide this information for each organization along with a rationale for your selection of collaborators. The rationale should include how the work will be distributed, how duplication will be avoided, and how the efficiency of the collaboration will be maximized.

IV. Framework for evaluating project success

Please describe how the project's success will be measured.

Please submit by February 15, 2012 by email to info@formidwifery.org with your organization's or project's name followed by "LOI" in the subject line.

Please forward any questions by email for the fastest assistance.

Application Procedure:

The FAM board will review all letters of inquiry. Selected organizations will be invited by March 1, 2012 to complete a grant application.

Grant Applications will be due April 1, 2012. Late applications may not be accepted.

The FAM board will present a docket of projects to vote on by Birth Trustees for May 1, 2012, and FAM will announce its grantees around June 1, 2012.