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\$12 Million in Grant Funding from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation is Slated for 2016

SAN ANTONIO (Wednesday, February 17, 2016) – The John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation of the San Antonio Area Foundation is nearly doubling the amount of funding distributed to area nonprofits for 2016. An estimated \$12M will be granted this year to organizations that fall within Mr. Santikos’ expressed areas of interest. Since the announcement of the John L. Santikos estate, gifted to the San Antonio Area Foundation, local nonprofits have been anticipating the details for the application processes.

This month, the Area Foundation will begin holding monthly information seminars at their offices, located at 303 Pearl Parkway, Suite 114, 78215. The February session will detail the available 2016 grant opportunities with opening dates and deadlines. This month features two seminars held at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 22. Registration is open, but limited. Visit saafdn.org/calendar to attend.

“The impact that the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation has on our community is tremendous,” said Dennis E. Noll, San Antonio Area Foundation president and chief executive officer. “With \$12 million in Santikos funding allocated for grants this year, we are nearly doubling the amount of Santikos funding from 2015. Mr. Santikos’ generosity allows us to broaden our competitive grantmaking to include public parks, libraries, public radio and television and higher education programs. He is also enabling us to create new funding initiatives for our community.”

Santikos’ legacy will provide opportunities for nonprofit organizations that are located in his eight specified counties and fall under his areas of interest, as expressed in his will: People in Need (seniors, individuals with special needs, victims of child abuse and disaster relief), Youth and Education (K-12 and higher education), Public Spaces (libraries, parks and museums), Arts and Culture (to include public radio and television), and Medical Needs (medicine, healthcare and medical research). See appendix I to for Area Foundation grant opportunities and the Santikos funding allocations.

\$1.8 million of the \$12 million in 2016 Santikos funding will be added to the Area Foundation’s existing annual responsive grant opportunities: Arts and Culture, Children and Youth, Community-At-Large, Medicine and Healthcare, and Seniors. Several new grant opportunities have been created specifically to meet the wishes expressed in Santikos’ will. Those include funding for capital campaigns and Santikos naming rights, college success programs, disaster relief funding, special and urgent needs funding and Area Foundation-initiated collaborative funding.

Several of these programs are still being developed and will have application and program information released later this year. They include Disaster Relief (April), Special & Urgent Needs (April), Capital Campaigns (June) and College Success (late 2016).

While not all program funds are accessible through an application process, several grant opportunities are closing on application during the first half of 2016. See appendix II for upcoming application deadlines. For more information on each program, please visit saafdn.org/grants.

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About the San Antonio Area Foundation:

The San Antonio Area Foundation is the community foundation serving the San Antonio Area for more than 50 years. The Area Foundation helps donors achieve their charitable goals and serves as a collaborative leader, investing in the future of our community by bringing people together to address key community issues. The Area Foundation manages 500 charitable funds and \$901 million in assets. Since 1964, \$305 million in scholarships and grants have been awarded to nonprofits that educate youth, preserve the environment, protect animals, fund research and provide a variety of services that enhance the quality of life in our region. Learn more at saafdn.org.

Appendix I.

Grant Channel	Santikos Contribution to Total Grants, program must fall under Mr. Santikos' expressed wishes to receive this funding	Grant Opportunities within Grant Channel
Annual Responsive Grant Process	\$1.8 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Services • Arts & Culture • Children & Youth • Community at Large • Medicine & Healthcare • Seniors
Strategic Initiatives	\$2.5 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Completion • Strengthening Nonprofits • New initiative to be announced
Collaborative Funding	\$1.5 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Give S.A. • Foundation initiated collaborations with other funders
Community Needs	\$950,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Relief • Special & Urgent Needs • Emerging Needs • Military Initiatives
Capital Campaigns	\$2.5 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Campaigns and Santikos Naming Rights
Designated	\$2.4 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors without Borders • International Orthodox Christian Charities
Scholarships & College Success	\$200,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships • College Success Programs

Mr. Santikos directed that nonprofits within his areas of interest from the following eight Texas counties are eligible:

- Atascosa
- Bandera
- Bexar
- Comal
- Guadalupe
- Kendall
- Medina
- Wilson

Appendix II.

Grant Opportunities	Application Opens	Application Deadline	Awards Announced
High School Completion	Monday, February 8	Friday, March 11	Thursday, June 30
Animal Services	Monday, June 13	Friday, June 15	Wednesday, November 30
Arts & Culture	Monday, June 13	Friday, June 15	Wednesday, November 30
Community at Large	Monday, June 13	Friday, June 15	Wednesday, November 30
Seniors	Monday, June 13	Friday, June 15	Wednesday, November 30
Strengthening Non-Profits I	Always Open	First business day of each month	By the end of each month
Strengthening Non-Profits II	Always Open	Friday, March 4 Tuesday, September 23	Friday, May 20 Friday, December 16
Children & Youth and Medicine & Healthcare grant opportunities closed February 8	Monday, January 4	Monday, February 8	Tuesday May 31
Disaster Relief	To be announced April		
Special & Urgent Needs	To be announced April		
Capital Campaigns & Naming Rights	To be announced June		
College Success	To be announced late 2016		