

Satonya C. Fair
Annie E. Casey Foundation
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Dear Santonya Fair,

While researching potential funders, The Annie E. Casey Foundation caught my attention because we both share the same goal: to serve vulnerable, economically disadvantaged children. Together, we can build stronger communities by strengthening the minds and character of youth. I am pleased to submit this letter of inquiry to Annie E. Casey Foundation to determine your interest in receiving a full proposal from Lights Camera Discover (LCD), who respectfully requests your consideration of a grant in the amount of \$40,000 for general operating support.

Lights Camera Discover is an organization based in Valley Village, California that offers workshops to underprivileged children throughout the country. In 2011, two individuals in the Los Angeles Indie Film world decided to combine their talents and passions and share it with children who are interested in the film industry but lack the means to pursue their passion. Through teaching the skills of being in front of and behind the camera, Lights Camera Discover seeks to empower underprivileged communities by strengthening the creative minds of the youth. Lights Camera Discover provides a safe and welcoming environment for their creative development as they gain a stronger skill set as well as find their personal voice to combat life's adversities and grow through challenges.

Lights Camera Discover's 501(c)(3) letter is currently pending. However, Catalyst for Youth, a nonprofit public charity and educational organization that primarily targets at risk youth and young adults, is currently acting as a fiscal sponsor. The nonprofit will be in charge of collecting, distributing and monitoring all funds. As a result, all contributions to Lights Camera Discover are tax deductible.

Lights Camera Discover provides three-week summer training programs involving six different courses: acting, digital filmmaking, producing, screenwriting, photography and editing. The program teaches the processes and challenges of filmmaking, the ins and outs of film distribution, entertainment law and business procedures and the history of filmmaking. In addition, LCD offers four-week after school programs and six-week training programs. Learning objectives have been established for each training course. In addition to industry knowledge and skills, students will gain confidence, identity, self-expression, discipline and socialization. These are the skills that build strong individuals and empowered communities. These are the skills and characteristics that give youth the ability to overcome their circumstances and develop as strong individuals. These are the goals of Lights Camera Discover.

LCD currently has two programs scheduled for 2012. One will take place in Pensacola, Florida in June, and the other will take place in Chicago, Illinois in July. In addition, LCD is working on finalizing a third program that will take place in Jackson, Mississippi. As Lights Camera Discover grows, more programs will be offered throughout the states.

For the first year, Lights Camera Discover estimates a yearly operating budget of \$168,180.00. Your investment of \$40,000 will help Lights Camera Discover strengthen communities and empower vulnerable youth by offering priceless opportunities that will give children valuable skills and character. If you have any questions or would like to receive a full proposal, feel free to contact me at (818) 275-0210 or kema@lightscameradiscover.org. You can also learn more about the organization at lightscameradiscover.org. Lights Camera Discover deeply appreciates your consideration and looks forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Kema Charles
Executive Director