Report to the Board of Directors

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Topic: Donner Awards
www.donnerawards.org

Date/Deadline: June 15, 2010

I have spent some time reviewing this award for the purpose of apply for this award. www.donnerawards.org. At this time it is not worth our effort to apply for the following reasons:

1) This is an actual award for work done in one of several fields
    a. Counselling Services/Crisis Intervention
    b. Education
    c. Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse
    d. Provision of Basic Necessities
    e. Services for Children
    f. Services for People with Disabilities
    g. Services for Seniors
2) We may squeeze in under services for Children but this would be a hard sell as our services are for parents who serve children, going forward, the education category may be an area to keep an eye on for the advocacy project in the future. The awards seem to focus on projects of the recipients and not the organizations the award is given too.
3) The application is only one of two phases in the award process. After making it through the application phase, the nominees are then asked to provide further letters, documents and testimonials on the benefits and successes of the project.
4) I also note this is a Fraser Institute initiative.

Recommendations

1) The application process has a great deal of relevant information on the business presentation, and key elements that should be addressed in a project summary / proposal. This may be a source of structure or starting point for the Advocacy Project committee or others in their work.
2) Continue to log and document volunteer hours for future awards and grant applications as it is a key element in the application process.
3) Place the deadline for this on Board Calendar for future reference (should be reminder min 6 weeks in advance that it is coming).
4) Forward this award information to the emerging marketing committee for reference and review and preparation of future similar opportunities. We should use this as a learning experience on what we are documenting and have available for this purpose.

Thanks,
Ann Whiteaker, President