**Grantmaking Focus**

The Dorrance Family Foundation supports projects that work to resolve societal, educational and environmental problems strategically and make our communities a better place. Of particular interest are the following areas:

**Education:**
- Academic needs of low income and/or underserved students
- First generation graduates
- Innovation
- Literacy
- Primary, secondary, post-secondary, academic
- Quality teachers - training and recruitment
- Science and technology

**Natural Resource Conservation**
- Forests
- Innovation
- Marine/coastal areas
- Rivers, streams, wetlands, watersheds
- Sustainable agriculture, land use, land management
- Wildlife habitats

**Eligibility and Types of Support**

The Dorrance Family Foundation meets an average of 2-3 times a year to review and award grants to 501 (c)(3) qualified organizations engaging primarily in our mission areas of education and natural resource conservation.

*All grant applications are accepted and reviewed by invitation only.*

The geographic focus of the Foundation's giving is Arizona, California (primarily areas of Los Angeles and Santa Monica) and Hawai'i (primarily the Big Island of Hawai'i).

While the Foundation also supports arts and culture, children’s medical research, science and other community needs, preference is given to organizations of special interest to individual Foundation directors through their discretionary giving and/or personal involvement.

**How to Apply for Funding**

The Dorrance Family Foundation does not accept unsolicited grant applications. If your organization qualifies for a grant based on the Foundation's grantmaking focus and eligibility requirements, please submit a Letter of Inquiry.

The Letter of Inquiry will help the Foundation understand the relationship between your proposed request and our primary objective: to improve the quality of life in the community by supporting education and natural resource conservation.