2021 Student Basic Needs Michelson Spark Grant Letter of Interest

What is the name of your organization?

What is your organization’s mission?

What is your name?

What is your title?

What is your email address?

What is your organization’s website?

Please provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Is your organization a registered 501(c)(3)?
  • Yes
  • No

What year was your organization founded?

What city is your organization located in?

What state is your organization located in?

What is the best phone number to reach you regarding this proposal?
Has your organization previously submitted a proposal for any previous Michelson Spark Grant round?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

If your organization has submitted a proposal for a previous Michelson Spark Grant round, during which cycle did you submit?

- April 2019
- August 2019
- April 2020
- COVID-19 2020
- Smart Justice July/August 2020
- Student Basic Needs October/November 2020
- Digital Equity March 2021
- Open Educational Resources June 2021
- Unsure

If your organization has submitted a proposal for a previous Michelson Spark Grant round, provide a short overview of your previous proposal(s).

Will your project impact California students?

- Yes
- No

Select which target your project would address. Select all that apply

- Innovative efforts that help advance systemic solutions to support disproportionately impacted student populations better meet their basic needs. Efforts should focus on serving one or more of the following student population groups:
  - Current or former foster youth
  - Pregnant or parenting
  - Undocumented
  - Veterans
  - LGBTQIA
  - DACA

- Efforts that address implementation challenges for the distribution of emergency student aid funding, including better insights on how institutions of higher learning manage and distribute aid dollars and how these dollars impact student retention, persistence and graduation.
- Innovative efforts looking to scale solutions that tackle housing insecurity/homelessness among college students.

- Research on effective implementation of student basic needs centers/coordinators within the California Community College system.

- Innovative efforts focused on re-enrolling students who stopped out/dropped out during the Covid-19 pandemic due to basic needs challenges. These efforts should be able to scale across institutions and/or higher education systems.

Please provide an overview of the project you are proposing including the amount of funding requested and usage of funds. Be sure to include which population(s) would be impacted by the grant. Please also include a proposed timeline for grant usage and metrics to identify success. (500 word max)

Does your project have the potential to impact public policy? If so, how? (200 words max)

Please upload any related documents you would like us to review.

Is it important for you to receive grant funding within the accelerated turnaround? If so, why? (100 words max)

How did you hear about this grant opportunity?
- Michelson 20MM Website
- Direct referral from a 20MM partner
- Email outreach
- Previous familiarity with Michelson
- Article / blog post
- Social media
- Other ______________

How many hours did this LOI take to prepare and submit?

On average, how long does it take for your organization to receive a response from other funders on grant proposals?

Did you whitelist Submittable in your email client to ensure you receive notifications regarding this proposal?
- Yes
- No
Would you like to be added to the following mailing lists? *Select all that apply*
- Michelson Spark Grants Updates
- Student Basic Needs Initiative Updates
- General Michelson 20MM Foundation Updates

Is there anything else you would like to tell us related to your proposal?