

The George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation



Background

The George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation was established in 1992 and is a nonprofit Texas corporation. For federal tax purposes, it is an exempt charitable organization classified as a private foundation. The Foundation is governed by a board of directors that establishes policy and makes funding decisions.

The Foundation was established by Ruth Smith Moorman in memory of her parents. George Gilliam Smith and Alva Hudson Smith. Mr. Smith had four sisters and six brothers, five of whom made Hillsboro, Texas, their lifelong home. He managed the farm implement section of Smith and Tomlinson Hardware Company in Hillsboro and in 1902, married nineteen-year-old Alva Eola Hudson. Miss Hudson and her four brothers were reared in Atlanta, Georgia, where she attended a private girls' school. After marrying, she and Mr. Smith lived briefly in Itasca, Texas then moved and spent the rest of their lives in Hillsboro. Mr. Smith died in 1930; Mrs. Smith died in 1971. They had four children: Ruth Smith Moorman, Beth Smith Smith, Dorothy Smith Lamar, and Ralph Hudson Smith.

Ruth S. Moorman was the wife of H.R. Moorman, an executive with Mobile Oil Company. After their marriage in 1933, they resided in many locations across the United States, Canada, and South America. Following Mr. Moorman's retirement from Mobil, they returned to Hillsboro to live. Mr. Moorman died in 1982; Mrs. Moorman died in 1993. A portion of her estate was bequeathed to the Foundation.

Mission

The purpose of the George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation is to enrich the lives of citizens of Hill County, Texas. The Foundation focuses on, but is not limited to, programs that benefit the health, education, and welfare of the underprivileged and seeks to support programs that address basic human needs in a caring and efficient manner. The Foundation invites bequests and contributions from individuals and organizations that share its objectives.

Grant Program

The Foundation will consider requests for operating budgets, special projects, building and capital campaigns, and research. In considering requests for funding, the Foundation places priority on organizations and programs serving Hill County. Requests from outside the county are not encouraged and should be initiated with a letter of inquiry.

Who May Apply

The Smith Foundation *will* consider requests for funding from:

- A. an organization that is classified as a 501(c)(3) or a 501(c)(13) entity in the Internal Revenue Service Code as said code is amended or replaced.
- B. a political subdivision or governmental entity; or
- C. a corporation organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporations Act.

The Smith Foundation *will not* consider requests for funding from:

- A. an entity outside the State of Texas;
- B. an organization seeking operating support on a continual basis;
- C. an individual;
- D. a religious organization; or
- E. an organization seeking support for fund-raising events or activities.

Application Guidelines

Five copies of the application must be mailed to the Foundation on or before the announced deadline. The Typed application should include a completed cover sheet, required proposal information and supporting materials listed below.

I. Completed Foundation Cover Sheet

II. Proposed Information

- A. General information about the organization initiating the funding request, including history and programs offered. A brochure may be included if one is available.
- B. Description of the program or project for which funds are requested and a proposed budget for the Project.
- C. Description of the need, who will benefit, and what other organizations or programs exist in the area that address similar needs.
- D. Statement of how the program or project will be implemented, including chronology of activities and dates for implementation and conclusion.
- E. Amount of the request and timing of disbursement.
- F. Summary of the qualifications of the staff or individuals administering the project or program.

III. Required Supporting Materials

- A. If incorporated, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation; certificate of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of State; and a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- B. If a 501(c)(3) or a 501(c)(13) entity, a copy of the latest determination letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service regarding tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(13); a statement that no change has occurred in the tax-exempt status or function of the organization since the latest ruling; and, a complete copy of IRS form 990 including schedules for the most recent fiscal year.
- C. A current list of the applicant's board of directors or trustees.
- D. A plan describing the manner in which the recipient will publicize this gift.

- E. A copy of the most recent financial statement of the applicant, audited if available. This statement should reflect actual expenditures and funds received during the most recent fiscal year. (NOTE: Only one copy is required).
- F. A copy of an overall organizational budget of the applicant for the year in which the funding is Requested. (NOTE: Only one copy required).

IV. Supplement Supporting Materials

Copies of news articles, photographs, and video or audio tapes relating to the organization and/or project or program, letters of support from outside sources, or other pertinent information.

Application Submission

Applications should be mailed for receipt on or before September 1 to:

The George G. and Alva Hudson Smith Foundation
Post Office Box 1245
Hillsboro, Texas 76645

Deadlines and Decisions

The Foundation board of directors considers requests for the funding annually. Applications should be submitted on or before September 1 for consideration in September. The Foundation may also fund projects outside the regular funding cycle when alternative timing is deemed critical to an organization making a request.

Grants are made *only* on the basis of written applications. Site visits will be initiated by the board, if needed, and direct solicitation of the board is not encouraged. All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken by the board of directors on their requests. All materials submitted become property of the Foundation.

2025 Annual Report (December 31, 2025)

Assets:	\$3,023,176
2025 Grant Distributions:	\$110,000
Grant Distributions to Date:	\$3,172,990

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