

Get Your Money & Go: On Securing and Demanding Financial Resources for Your Sex Positive Project

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Submission Title: "Perverts of Color Zine"

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Excerpt from Effing Foundation grant application, project description:

Perverts of Color Zine exists to celebrate sexual diversity. I am requesting funds for two main objectives. First, I would like funding to help cover printing costs for the zine. My goal is to have a set amount of zine issues (digital and print) I will distribute for free during sex education classes so that people can see more representations of people of color exploring their sexualities. The zine promotes organizations that benefit people of color, like National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (NCSFreedom.org) through resources like their database of kink-aware therapists and professionals. Second, my goal is to pay people of color who are artists,

writers and photographers to create content specifically for our communities. The funds from this grant will be use to commission original art for publication and pay artists for their time and expressions.

Submission Title: "Birds, Bees,...Porn?!"

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To give a little background, I'm a sex educator that has worked with middle and high schoolers in San Francisco. I have taught close to 3000+ students during my career about comprehensive sex education. I had the opportunity to create a curriculum about Pornography Literacy and just this year had it approved by the San Francisco Unified School District.

I am requesting this funding to put together a book that is meant for teenagers to understand media literacy and porn literacy. The purpose of the book is to normalize this conversation and validate curiosity. I want to include an insert that comes with the book as a disclaimer for parents.

This disclaimer will help them understand the benefits of learning about media literacy and porn literacy. This comprehensive book will cover topics such as: consent, communication, safer sex, body image, media literacy, anatomy, ethical porn, and the differences between sex trafficking and sex work (sex workers are not victims of trafficking). Legally, teens are not able to pay/watch for porn. However, this discussion can also include how paying for porn supports the performers vs. free porn. Teens will understand the difference between mainstream porn and feminist porn (explaining ethical porn more in-depth). It is important that there is an emphasis on inclusive language and terminology throughout this book (i.e. refraining gendered language, heteronormativity, etc).

The funding being requested for this project will go to hiring an illustrator and printing the book through Blurb's print on demand services. I plan to self-publish this book. Once the book is written in completion, I'll hire a copyeditor to edit the book. I'm currently seeking out copyeditor's who share the same insights and values that are in this book. The book is estimated to be 50 pages with illustrations throughout each page. Additional sex-positive resources will also be included in the book.