



## Filmmakers Collaborative, Inc.

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**Incorporation Year:** 1986

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**CEO/Executive Director:** Ms. Laura Azevedo

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**Mission Statement:**

Filmmakers Collaborative (FC) encourages and supports the making of great films and media projects by people of all ages and experience levels. We offer grants management, mentoring and workshops to a diverse and national community that includes award-winning PBS documentarians, first-time producers and directors, and young people just discovering the power and potential of visual media.

**Needs Statement:**

As an organization of professional filmmakers, through FC Academy, we are uniquely poised to offer skills to a generation inundated 24-7 with media messages and opportunities for visual expression. We need additional funding in place to reach students all over Massachusetts, thus providing the next generation with media literacy skills necessary to thrive in the digital age.

Our need is for funds to enable this development. Our estimated costs are for \$90,000/year over 3 years, or \$270,000 in all. We are looking for these funds from private donors, foundations, corporations, and in fee income. Additionally, we need to expand our base of fiscally sponsored projects, adding both more and larger projects. This expansion will serve independent filmmakers and add to our roster of professionals to help with skill training for young people.

**Impact Statement:****Accomplishments**

- We increased our fiscal sponsorship base and are currently the fiscal sponsor for over 75 projects, with topics and budgets as diverse as our membership.

- In January 2016, Filmmakers Collaborative launched "FC Academy", an after-school and summer filmmaking program. Our mission is to use the art of filmmaking to bring media literacy skills to middle school students everywhere. We are capitalizing on our 30-year history of filmmaking expertise to teach students how to make a short film. We then screen their films as part of the Boston International Kids Film Festival (BIKFF).

- In the fall of 2017, we held the 5th annual Boston International Kids Film Festival, highlighting films from around the world all made FOR, BY or ABOUT kids and hosting hands-on workshops for the entire family. This year's workshop offerings included "Stop-Motion Animation", "Special Effects and Camera Tricks" and the ever-popular "Make-a-Movie-in-a-Day" bootcamp.

**Goals**

- We have had 500 students participate in FC Academy. We hope to continue to expand this program throughout Massachusetts and beyond. Costs associated are covered either by the family or the school that the child attends. Our goal is to raise funding to be able to offer our classes for free to schools in need.

- We will develop marketing materials to promote both FC Academy and the BIKFF to funders and constituents;
- Nurture relationships with funders who can support our work;
- Continue to expand our fiscal sponsor base to meet our annual grant income goals.

**Full-time Staff:** 1

**Volunteers:** 4

(excludes part-time staff)

**Programs Detailed on Profile**

Boston International Kids Film Festival

Making Media Now

Projected Revenue: \$2,000,000.00

Projected Expenses: \$1,900,000.00

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$2,127,733	\$3,460,037	\$2,198,274
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$2,332,721	\$3,211,159	\$2,123,103

**Top Funding Sources**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Top Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--
<b>Second Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--
<b>Third Highest Funding Source &amp; Dollar Amount</b>	--	--	--