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BERKELEY FILM FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2016 GRANT PROGRAM AND EXPANSION TO OAKLAND

BERKELEY, Calif., April 4, 2016 –The Berkeley FILM Foundation (BFF) announced that it is accepting applications for its 2016 film and video grant program. Beginning its eighth year, BFF is proud to have awarded nearly \$1 million to projects in the production, post-production and distribution stages in support of independent filmmakers whose work combines intellectual clarity with creative use of the medium.

“More great films are submitted each year and we are impressed with their scope and quality, including work in the student category,” said Abby Ginzberg, president of the BFF board of directors. “We are extremely proud that several films funded by the BFF have found audiences at the Sundance Film Festival, Mill Valley Film Festival, DocuWeeks, Tribeca, and one has garnered an Oscar nomination,” she added.

The Berkeley FILM Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) grant program for independent filmmakers founded by the City of Berkeley, Wareham Development, and The Saul Zaentz Company with a mission to nurture, sustain and preserve the thriving local film community while attracting the next generation of filmmakers. The BFF focuses on supporting social, historical and innovative documentary and dramatic works.

The BFF provides grants to filmmakers who live or work in the East Shore communities of Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, El Cerrito or Richmond. We are delighted to announce we have expanded to include Oakland. Two 2016 grants are earmarked for Oakland filmmakers.

Student applicants, 18 or older, must live in one of the qualified cities and be enrolled in a film program.

Also new this year is a \$20,000 grant funded in memory of social justice advocate Al Bendich.

For all the details, grant guidelines, and to apply for a 2016 grant, visit

<http://berkeleyfilmfoundation.org/Apply.html>

Complete applications must be received before 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016.

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