

# Diverse City Fund Coalition Grant Application

This is the grant application form for a coalition. A coalition is defined as 3 or more groups working together. Coalitions are eligible for grants of up to \$15,000.

¡Se puede aplicar en español! Para obtener información en español, incluyendo apoyo con la aplicación, contáctenos: [info@diversecityfund.org](mailto:info@diversecityfund.org) o 202-854-9830.

Before completing this application, please review our Grantmaking Guidelines for up-to-date eligibility criteria, a working definition of social justice, and more: [www.diversecityfund.org/grants/diverse-city-fund-grantmaking-guidelines/](http://www.diversecityfund.org/grants/diverse-city-fund-grantmaking-guidelines/). To preview the entire application, go to <https://www.diversecityfund.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant-from-the-dc-fund/>.

Applications are due by: 11:59pm on Friday April 5.

\* Required

1. **Email address \***

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## Contact Information

Please provide contact information for at least one person from each group participating in the coalition.

2. **Group 1: Name of Group / Organization \***

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3. **Group 1: Website and/ or social media handles (if none, write N/A) \***

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4. **Group 1: Name of contact person \***

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5. **Group 1: Contact information including address, phone, and email \***

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6. **Group 2: Name of Group / Organization \***

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7. **Group 2: Website and/or any social media handles (please write N/A if you don't have) \***

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8. **Group 2: Name of contact person \***

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**9. Group 2: Contact information including address, phone, and email \***

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**10. Group 3: Name of Group/Organization \***

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**11. Group 3: Website and/or any social media handles (please write N/A if you don't have) \***

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**12. Group 3: Contact information including address, phone, and email \***

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**13. Additional Organizations: Please provide the group / organization name, website, point of contact, and contact information for any additional groups participating in the coalition.**

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### **Past Grantees**

This question is only for groups that have already received a DC Fund grant in the past.

**14. Briefly (1-2 paragraphs) let us know how the previous DC Fund grant(s) supported your work and organization. This includes DC Fund grants to any projects or organizations participating in the coalition. Specifically, please include how you used the grant and any impacts it may have supported (e.g. successes, organization building, community level changes). (limit 2000 characters)**

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### **Definition of Social Justice**

The Diverse City (DC) Fund defines social justice as the process through which society attains a more equitable distribution of power and resources in the political, economic and social realms. To achieve this vision, people of color must be able to redefine their relationship to power, institutions, and each other. We believe in a systemic change approach that examines the intersecting causes of conditions, and seeks to identify and remove structural barriers to long-term opportunity and well-being.

The DC Fund invests in social justice projects which:

- Amplify the leadership and voice of those directly affected by issues and needs,
- Take action to create equitable outcomes and transfer of power and resources to directly-affected communities, and

- Tackle root problems by engaging directly-affected communities to find solutions, organize against oppression of all kinds, and create mechanisms for change.

Please see our Grantmaking Guidelines for more details: [www.diversecityfund.org/grants/diverse-city-fund-grantmaking-guidelines/](http://www.diversecityfund.org/grants/diverse-city-fund-grantmaking-guidelines/)

**15. Does your organization meet the DC Fund's definition of a social justice project? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

## Project Narrative

Lasting social change takes passion, thoughtfulness, and extraordinary courage. The DC Fund wants to commit to almost everyone we meet who brings joy and justice to the people around them. But alas, we only have so much to give, which is why we need you to tell us about yourself, the work, and your closest collaborators.

Please limit the answers to each question to 2 paragraphs. Bullet points are welcome.

**16. In 2-3 sentences please explain your project or organization. \* (limit 1000 characters)**

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**17. Which of our funding priorities does your work align with? (Check all that apply.) \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Mobilization– groups mobilizing people for protest and resistance
- Organizing and Advocacy – groups engaged in organizing and advocacy, particularly around funding for public programs and services
- Healing, Inspiration, and Liberation– groups that bring people of color together for cultural and mental liberation, the individual level work that prepares people to resist

**18. How does your work advance social justice through one or more of the priorities above? \* (limit 2000 characters)**

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19. Which communities in DC are most impacted by your work? Where are they geographically located? \* (limit 2000 characters)

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20. Tell us about your history and relationships working with DC communities. \*

(limit 2000 characters)

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21. The DC Fund only funds groups that are run by people of color. Please describe the racial/ethnic self-identification of the leadership a [REDACTED] for each of the organizations in your coalition. Where appropriate, include the person's full name, position, and race/ ethnicity. \*

(limit 2000 characters)

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22. Why have the participating organizations decided to work together? What are the advantages of pursuing your goals as a group instead of as individual organizations? \*

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23. Tell us 2-3 of your group and/or project goals that will lead to community change. Be specific about what you think your work will accomplish, what challenges you anticipate, and how you'll know you achieved your goals. \* (limit 2000 characters)

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24. **What resources do you have that you can draw upon to help make this project a success? If you get less money than you ask for, how will it affect your project? \***

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25. **Is there anything else would you like us to know about your group and your work? (Optional to answer)**

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### Legal / Fiscal Sponsor Information

You are NOT required at this stage to have an EIN, 501(c)(3) status, or a fiscal sponsor/agent. Your answers will not affect the review of your application. However, if you are selected for a grant, you will need either an EIN or a fiscal sponsor in order to receive your funds.

26. **Do you have IRS certification as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization? (It's OK if you don't have one - you are still eligible.) \***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

27. **What is your employer identification number (EIN) number (if you have one)?**

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28. **If you have a fiscal agent or sponsor, please provide the agency's name, contact person, FEIN, Address, Email, and Phone**

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### Project Budget

29. **How much funding are you are requesting from the DC Fund? \***

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**30. Are you applying for funds to support a specific project, or are you applying for general operating funds? \***

(limit 1000 characters)

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**31. Have you applied for other funds? What, if any, have you received? \***

(limit 2000 characters)

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**32. Please attach a budget that answers the following questions: What is the total cost of your project? What is the budget for your project? What is the budget for your organization? What will our funds be used for? Please be specific – itemize if possible. (You may use the DC Fund budget template, [https://www.diversecityfund.org/budget\\_template\\_dcfund/](https://www.diversecityfund.org/budget_template_dcfund/), or your own template.) \***

Files submitted:

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided

