

Diverse City Fund Grant Application - Coalition

This is the grant application form for a coalition. The organization applications can be found [here](#).

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- An organization with at least 3 member organizations. An organization established as a coalition may apply for this grant if all the funding will be going directly to the coalition (and not the members in the coalition). You must show that the coalition is an existing organization with a history of work in DC.
- A project or alliance with at least 3 groups working together. Please note that the groups coming together for the project should be independent and have a history of working in DC.

Coalitions/alliances must be led—that is, the people who will lead the work—by people of color.

Proposals will not be disqualified if some (must be fewer than half) of the partner organizations are not led by people of color.

Please note that multiple *individuals* coming together on a project are welcome to apply as an organization/project.

Coalitions are eligible for grants of up to \$15,000.

¡Se puede aplicar en español! Para obtener información en español, visite [nuestro sitio de web](#) o nos puede contactar en: info@diversecityfund.org o 202-709-7038.

Before completing this application, please review our [Grantmaking Guidelines](#) for up-to-date eligibility criteria, a working definition of social justice, and more.

Preview a [PDF of the entire application](#). Application progress can be saved by selecting "Save and Continue Later" at the bottom of any page and providing an email address.

Applications are due by **11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 2, 2019**.

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Section 1: Eligibility

Has your coalition/alliance/project been funded during a past Diverse City Fund grant round? *

- Yes
- No

During which grant round(s) did your coalition/alliance/project receive funding? *

- Spring 2019
- Fall 2018
- Fall/Winter 2017
- Spring/Summer 2017
- Prior to 2017

Select all that apply. For a list of past rounds and grantees got to: <https://www.diversecityfund.org/grants/grantees/>

Briefly 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. Include an explanation of how you used the grant and any impacts it may have supported (e.g. successes, organization building, community level changes). If the funding has not been spent, include why. *

Please limit responses to 500 words or less.

Is your coalition/alliance/project based in Washington, DC? *

- Yes
- No

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.

Does your coalition meet the DC Fund's definition of a social justice project? *

- Yes
- No

Please describe how your coalition meets this definition in each of the 3 areas. *

Please limit response to 500 words or less.

Funding Priorities

In this movement moment, the DC Fund recognizes the need to support collective action and resistance. We will accept and prioritize grant applications from groups engaging in the following types of work:

- **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.

Does your coalition/alliance engage in one or more of the types of work listed above? *

- Yes
- No

Which of our funding priorities does your work align with? *

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Select all that apply.

Please describe how your work aligns with the priorities you selected. *

Please limit response to 500 words or less.

Leadership

The DC Fund only funds organizations/projects in which people of color (POC) are at the core of their leadership. We define POC-led efforts as groups, coalitions, or organizations in which POC hold a majority of leadership positions, including board members, staff, and volunteers.

For coalitions and alliances, more than half of the member organization must be POC-led. However, the people leading the work of the coalition /alliance must be people of color

Does your coalition/alliance/project meet the above definition of a POC-led effort? *

- Yes
- No

Use the table below to describe the racial/ethnic self-identification of the leadership of your coalition. Specifically describe the director of the coalition or each organization making up the coalition, as well as the leadership of the project. Where appropriate, include the person's full name, position, and race/ethnicity.

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If listing less than three (3) persons, scroll to the right and select the "x" button to the right to delete rows. If listing more, select the "+Add New Row" button above.

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Section 2: Coalition Information

Name of Coalition or Project *

Two types of coalitions are eligible for funding from Diverse City Fund. They are:

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- A project or alliance with at least 3 groups working together. Please note that the groups coming together for the project should be independent and have a history of working in DC.

Please select which type of coalition you are applying as. *

- a. An organization established as a coalition with at least three (3) member organizations.
- b. A project/alliance with at least three (3) groups working together.

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Section 2a: Coalition Information (Established Organization)

Organization Mailing Address *

Website (if applicable)

Facebook (if applicable)

Twitter / Instagram Handle (if applicable)

Coalition Member Organizations

Please use the table below to list member organizations and a contact person for each. **At least three (3) member organization must be listed.** If you would prefer to upload a list with this information, select the option below.

Upload List

I would prefer to upload a full list of member organizations and contact information.

List Member Organizations (3 or more)

Organization Name:	Primary Contact:	Primary Contact Email:	
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If listing more than three (3) member organizations, select the "+Add New Row" button above.

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Section 2b: Coalition Information (Joint Project or Alliance)

Member Group 1

Group 1: Name of Group/Organization *

Group 1: Mailing Address *

Group 1: Website/Social Media Links (if applicable)

Group 1: Primary Contact *

Group 1: Primary Contact Email *

Member Group 2

Group 2: Name of Group/Organization *

Group 2: Mailing Address *

Group 2: Website/Social Media Links (if applicable)

Group 2: Primary Contact *

Group 2: Primary Contact Email *

Email of Primary Contact for Group 2

Member Group 3

Group 3: Name of Group/Organization *

Group 3: Mailing Address *

Group 3: Website/Social Media Links (if applicable)

Group 3: Primary Contact *

Name of Primary Contact for Group 3

Group 3: Primary Contact Email *

Email of Primary Contact for Group 3

If needed, please list any additional member groups involved in your coalition not included above

Name of Group / Organization:

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Section 3: Contact Information

Primary Application Contact

Name *

Email *

Phone Number *

Secondary Application Contact (optional)

Name

Email

Phone Number

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Section 4: 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 and your work.

Please note the word limits for each question. **Bullet points are welcome.**

In 2-3 sentences, please explain your project and coalition. (This is the description that will be used on our website, if your application is approved for funds. This answer should be able to stand alone.) Additionally, specifically explain how this work will be carried out as a coalition. *

Please limit responses to 250 words or less.

Which communities in DC are most impacted by your work? Where are they geographically located? *

Please limit response to 1000 words or less.

Tell us about your history and relationships working with DC communities, both as a coalition and as individual organizations. *

Please limit response to 1000 words or less.

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? If there is history of the organizations working together in the past please include that as well. *

Please limit response to 1000 words or less.

Tell us 2-3 of your group and/or project goals that will lead to social change. Be specific about what you think your work will accomplish, what challenges you anticipate, and how you will measure success. Use the table below to organize your response. Please limit each section response to 250 words or less.

Project Goal 1 *

Example: Youth summit for DC high school students on racial justice over summer.

Goal 1: Expected Challenges *

Example: Recruiting students can be challenge, especially over the summer.

Goal 1: What Success Looks Like *

Example: 100 students from at least 4 different high schools represented

Project Goal 2 *

Goal 2: Expected Challenges *

Goal 2: What Success Looks Like *

Project Goal 3 (optional)

Goal 3: Expected Challenges

Goal 3: What Success Looks Like

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your group and your work? (optional)

Please limit response to 1000 words or less.

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Section 5: Project Budget

How much funding are you requesting from the DC Fund? (enter the full number without a comma or dollar sign) *

Maximum request is 15000 dollars

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

Please limit response to 250 words or less.

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

Please limit response to 250 words or less.

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? If there is a minimum that could be used, please share that information. *

Please limit response to 250 words or less.


Please upload 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](#), or your own template.)

Upload Budget*

Allowed files are *documents*, *doc*, *docx*, *pdf*, *csv*, *xls*, *xlsx*.

 Click to upload file

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Section 6: Legal/Financial Information

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.) *

- Yes
- No, but we have identified a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status
- No, and we do not have a fiscal sponsor at this time

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