Spring 2020 Diverse City Fund Grant Application - Organization

This is the grant application form for an organization or group applying on its own and not as part of a coalition. The coalition application can be found [here].

Organizations are eligible for grants of up to $5,000. Grants are general support and are not restricted to a specific project or program within an organization, but instead intended to support the organization/project as a whole.

¡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 Friday, April 10, 2020.
Section 1: Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a grant from the Diverse City Fund, an organization or project must:

- Be an organized group of people or a coalition/alliance of groups (we do not fund individuals).
- Not have received a grant from the Diverse City Fund within the last year i.e. an individual grantee must wait one round before reapplying. Groups that received funding in Fall 2019 will not be eligible until Fall 2020.
- Be located in and carry out work in the District of Columbia.
- Have a vision for creating social justice and structural change to dismantle oppressive systems.
- Have a focus on community building, community organizing, or other community work to engage others in transformation.
- Consist of residents of color as the primary participants and leadership.

More information on eligibility can be found in our Grantmaking Guidelines.

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

○ Yes

○ No

Is your organization/project based in Washington, DC? *

○ Yes

○ No

○ No, but some of our programming takes place in DC
Does your organization/project provide direct services to individuals and/or families?*

- 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:

1. Amplify the leadership and voice of those directly affected by issues and needs,
2. Take action to create equitable outcomes and transfer of power and resources to directly-affected communities, and
3. 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.

Based on DC Fund’s definition, does your organization/project meet each of the 3 criteria of a social justice project?*

- Yes
- No

Give a brief example of how your organization/project amplifies the leadership and voice of those directly affected by issues and needs.*
Please limit response to 250 words or less.

Give a brief example of how your organization/project takes actions to create equitable outcomes and transfer power and resources to directly-affected communities. *

Please limit response to 250 words or less.

Give a brief example of how your organization/project tackles root problems by engaging directly-affected communities to find solutions, organize against oppression, and create mechanisms for change. *

Please limit response to 250 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 organization/project engage in one or more of the types of work listed above? *
Which of our funding priorities does your work align with?*

- [ ] 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

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.

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

- [ ] Yes*
- [ ] No

*You will be asked to provide a list of your leadership team and their racial/ethnic identification as part of this application.
Section 2 Group/Organization Information

Name of Group/Organization *

Mailing Address *

Website (if applicable)
Website URL

Facebook Page (if applicable)
Facebook URL

Twitter Page (if applicable)
Twitter URL

Instagram Page (if applicable)
Instagram URL
Section 3: Contact Information

Primary Application Contact

Name *

Name of Primary Contact

Email *

Email of Primary Contact

Phone Number *

(201) 555-0123

Secondary Application Contact (optional)

Name

Name of Secondary Contact

Email
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, the work, and your closest collaborators.

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

1. In 2-3 sentences, please explain your project and/or organization. If your application is approved for funds, this is the description that will be used on our website. This answer should be able to stand alone.*

Please limit response to 250 words or less.

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

Please limit response to 500 words or less.
3. Tell us about your history and relationships working with DC communities.

*Please limit response to 500 words or less.*

4. Tell us 2-3 of your organization 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.*

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<th>Goal 1: Expected Challenges</th>
<th>Goal 1: What Success Looks Like</th>
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<td>Example: Youth summit for DC high school students on racial justice over the summer.</td>
<td>Example: Recruiting students can be a challenge, especially over the summer.</td>
<td>Example: 100 students from at least 4 different high schools represented.</td>
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<th>Project Goal 2</th>
<th>Goal 2: Expected Challenges</th>
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5. Who are your collaborators, partners, and other supporters, and how do they help advance your work? *

6. What resources (human, financial, physical, informational, or otherwise) do you have that you can draw upon to help make this project a success? How would funds from Diverse City Fund support the work you are already doing? *

7. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your group and your work? (optional)
Section 5: Leadership

Use the table below to describe the racial/ethnic self-identification of the leadership of your organizations/project. Where appropriate, include the person’s full name, position, and race/ethnicity.

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If listing less than three (3) persons, 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 6: Budget

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

Maximum request is 5000 dollars

What is your organization/project's total operating budget for 2020? *

Feel free to give an estimate if you have not prepared an operating budget.

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

- Specific Project
- General Operating

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

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, xls, xlsx.

Click to upload file

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Section 7: 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

Organization Legal Name

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Mailing Address

Grants Contact Person

Name