

peace development fund

Grant Making Guidelines for Donor Advised Funds

Grant-making Philosophy

The Peace Development Fund makes grants to community based organizations working for social justice. We believe that the change in values needed to establish a more just and peaceful world can come about only if it is strongly rooted in local communities that value the importance of building movements to create systemic social change. These are communities that view everyone, especially young people, as a vital force in the transformation of society. We recognize young people's ability to reshape our society, not only politically, but also spiritually and culturally.

The Peace Development Fund is committed to supporting organizations and projects that recognize that peace will never be sustained unless it is based on justice and an appreciation of both the diversity and unity of the human family. We understand peace to be a consequence of equitable relationships—with our fellow human beings and with the natural environment of which we are a part and on which we depend.

Funding Priorities

What We Fund:

Organizing to Shift Power:

- Groups that are creating a power base that can hold leaders accountable to the people who are affected by their decisions.
- Groups that let their membership or constituents take the lead in collective action-planning and decision-making.
- Groups whose leadership comes directly from the people who are most affected by the issues you are organizing around.

Working to Build a Movement:

- Groups that organize in the local community, but make connections between local issues and a broader need for systemic change.
- Groups that provide a space for members to develop their political analyses at the same time as taking action for change.
- Groups that break down barriers within the progressive movement, by building strategic alliances between groups of different cultural or class backgrounds or different issue areas.
- Groups that explore the root causes of injustice and have a long-term vision for the kind of social change they are working for.

Dismantling Oppression:

- Groups and projects that are proactively engaged in a process of dismantling oppression, confronting privilege, and challenging institutional structures that perpetuate oppression (both internal and external to the organization).
- Groups that are proactively making connections between the different forms of oppression (racism, heterosexism, sexism, ageism, classism, ableism, etc.), and its connections with injustice.

Creating New Structures:

- Groups that have alternative organizational structures that allow power to flow “from the bottom up.”
- Efforts to create new, community-based alternative systems and structures (economic, political, cultural, religious, etc.) that are liberating, democratic, and environmentally sustainable and which promote healthy, sustainable communities.

Other Funding Priorities:

- New or emerging organizations, efforts that have difficulty securing funds from other sources, and groups that receive little other foundation support.

What We Do Not Fund:

- Programs that are not U.S.-based (although the work may take place outside the U.S.).
- Social services that are not linked to a clear organizing strategy. (PDF *does* fund organizations whose organizing work has a social service component.)
- Individuals or organizations with strong leadership from only one individual.
- Audio-visual productions and distribution - TV, radio, publications, films, etc. (PDF *does* fund media work or audio-visual production as part of the general expenses of groups engaged in grassroots organizing).
- Research that is not directly linked to an organizing strategy (PDF *does* fund research as part of the general expenses of groups engaged in grassroots organizing).
- Academic institutions and scholarships.
- Other grantmaking organizations.
- Organizations with large budgets (generally more than \$250,000) and organizations that have access to other sources of funding. (If an organization has a large budget, but a majority of the budget is restricted for direct services, please stipulate it in your budget. Please note that PDF will only fund the organizing aspect of your work.)

Application Procedure

Step 1: The first step in applying for a donor advised fund is to submit a Letter of Inquiry.

Step 2: If there is interest in your proposal, we will mail you an Application Form for donor advised funds. Completed application forms are due no later than 30 days after you receive the form.

Please note that **we only accept applications by email**, unless an exception is given beforehand. Applications mailed to our office without first contacting staff may not be included in the process.

Step 3: **Donor Advised Grants** are reviewed by PDF staff and the donor(s) of that particular Donor Advised Fund. Decisions on grant awards are usually made within *one month* following the receipt of the completed application.

Step 4: A final report is required for each grant \$1,000 or more awarded by the Peace Development Fund nine months after the grant has been awarded.

Email Applications to:
peacedevfund@gmail.com

How to Re-Apply for Funding:

Groups that have been funded by PDF within the past three years and whose final reports are up-to-date should indicate on their final report that you would like to reapply.

If you have never received a PDF grant, or if it has been more than three years since your last grant, please follow the standard process, starting with a Letter of Inquiry.

Groups with overdue final reports are ineligible for future funding until the report is submitted.

Specific Information about PDF grants

General Support vs. Project Support:

The majority of grants awarded by PDF are for general support. We believe that the people on the ground know how best to spend the money. There are, however, a few instances in which we would recommend that groups apply for a specific program or project.

- If an organization has a large budget (over \$400,000).
- If an organization's mission is not within PDF's priorities but the organization has a program or project that is within the priorities, i.e. if the organization is a direct service organization, but has an organizing component.

The Board will not approve funding for a project that has already been completed or is nearly over by the time the grant award is considered. Applicants should keep this in mind when describing their programs.

Size of Grants:

We recommend that groups request the full amount that the organization needs, since the grant size may be reduced from your initial request. Grant size may be determined by using the following criteria:

- Financial need and access to other sources of funding
- Current DAF funding priorities
- Resources available to PDF
- Numbers of proposals received

Grant Fund	Grant Range	Average Grant
<u>Donor Advised Fund</u>	\$500-\$10,000	\$2,000

Frequency and Number of Grants:

Generally, groups are eligible for one grant a year through each grantmaking fund. For example, if a group receives a Donor Advised Fund grant, you are not eligible to apply to that particular fund until the following year, but you are still eligible to apply to the other funds.

PDF typically does not provide multi-year grants or commitments. PDF grants are one-time grants without any guarantee of renewal.

Organizations without Tax-Exempt (501c3) Status:

It is not necessary to have tax-exempt status to apply for a PDF grant. However, all funds provided by the Peace Development Fund must be used only to support activities that further the exempt purposes and activities of the Fund, and grant recipients must submit reports to PDF as required by the grant contract.

PDF prefers *not* to go through fiscal sponsors – we would rather make checks out to your organization directly, even if your organization is not tax-exempt. If you have a fiscal sponsor that requires your grant money be received through them, or your organization does not cash checks on its own, please note this in your proposal. Having a fiscal sponsor will not penalize your group.

Lobbying Activities:

As a public foundation, PDF makes a limited number of grants for lobbying activities. If you are applying for a lobbying grant, please indicate this in your grant proposal and specify whether you are seeking funds for grass-roots or direct lobbying (For a definition of direct and grassroots lobbying, please see our “Lobbying Definition” form). However, we cannot fund any effort that endorses a specific candidate for political office.

Use of Application Forms and all Consequent Reports:

The Peace Development Fund is not endowed and each year must raise all grantmaking and operating funds. The information provided in this application, as well as in all consequent reports, may be shared with our donors and/or used in our publications. This information is helpful in showing donors, potential donors and other PDF supporters specific tangible examples of what has already been accomplished with PDF grants, and how their continued support will further the work of organizations such as your own. If you would prefer that we do not share your information with our donors or in our publications, please let us know.

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