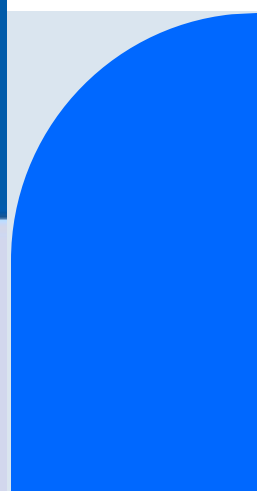
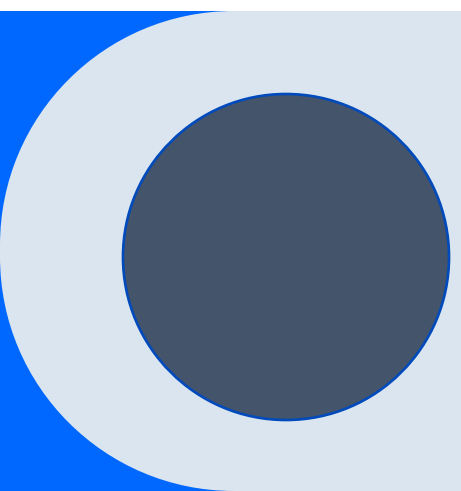




# Community Organizing Grants

Emily Szerafy-Cox, Foundation Officer



# Agenda

History and Values of PDF

Community Organizing Grants Overview

Funding Criteria

Application Process

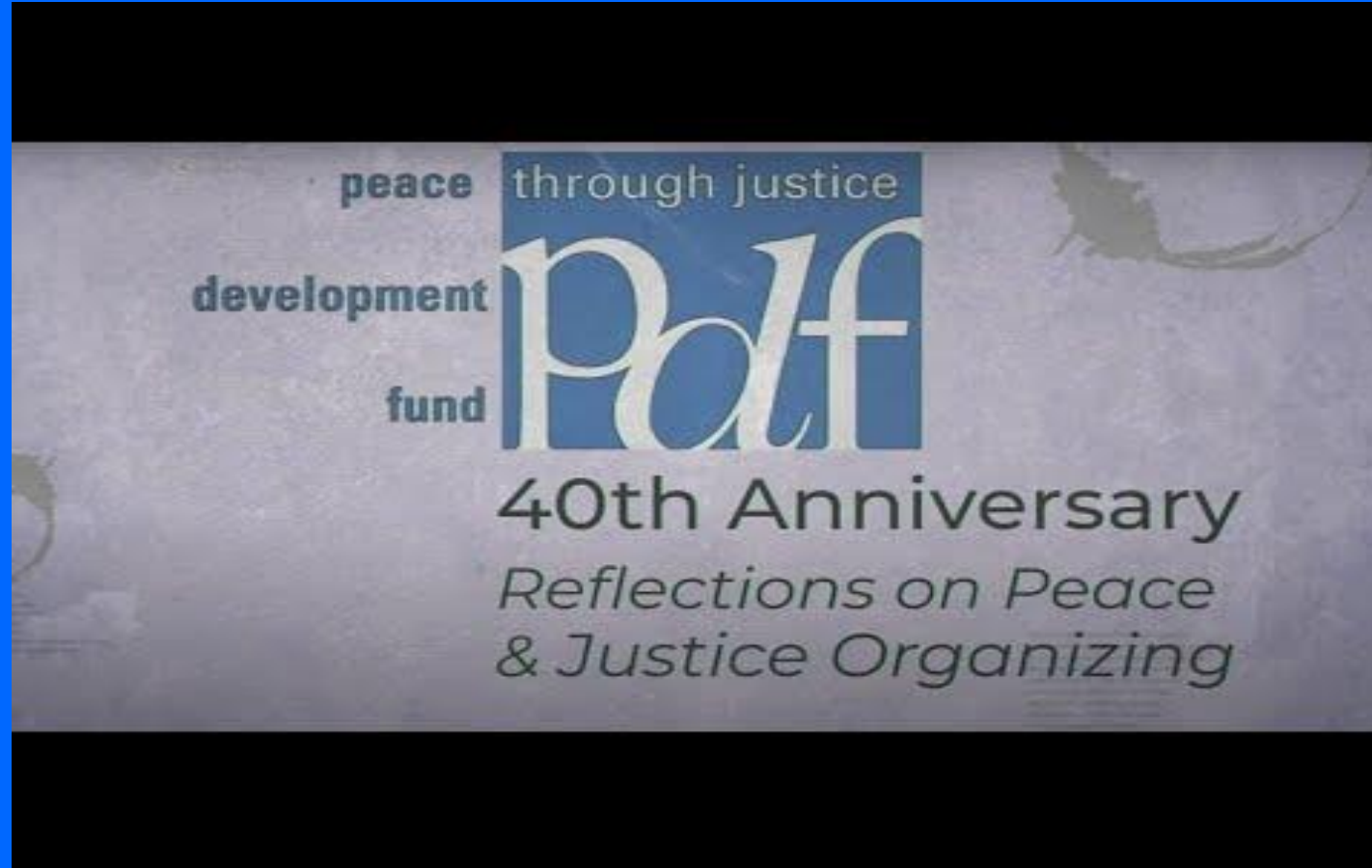
Partnership with PDF

Summary

# History and Values of PDF

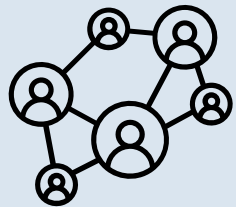
- Founded in 1981 as a public foundation
- Peace is not just the absence of war, it is the presence of justice
- Invest in the "seedlings of the movement"

*PDF works to build the capacity of community-based organizations through grants, training, and other resources as partners in human rights and social justice movements.*

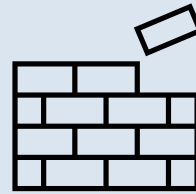


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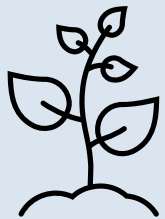
**&**  
Donor  
Advised  
Funds



**Community  
Organizing Grants**  
150-250 applications per  
year



**The Sustainability  
Project**  
Capacity Building



**Fiscal Sponsorship**  
Model C



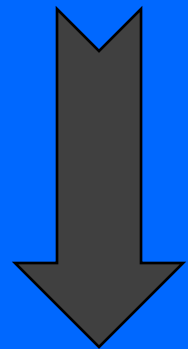
**Special Initiatives**  
Issue Focused Partnerships

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# Community Organizing Grants

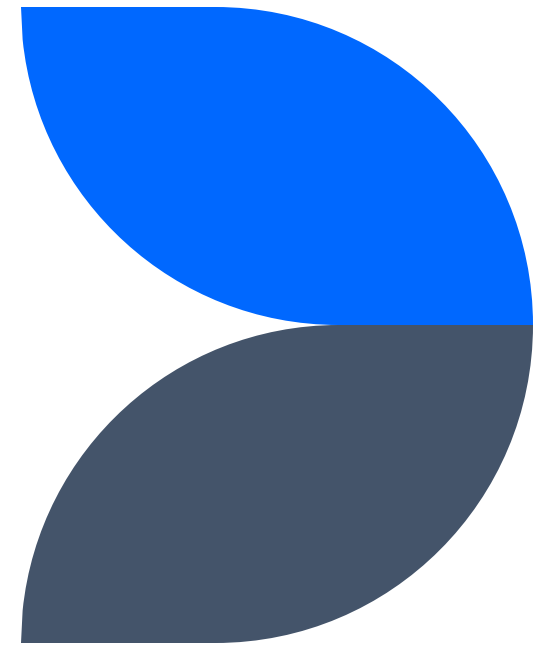
- Small organizations
- Led by the people most impacted
- Community organizing to address the root cause

**150-200  
applications**

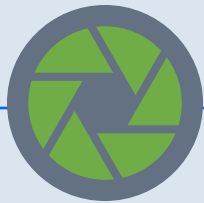


Open  
application  
process!

**20-30 grants**

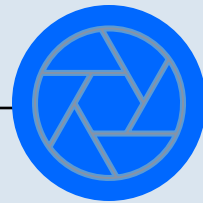


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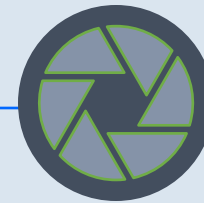
## BOARD DOCKET

- Changing its name soon
- Decisions by BOD
- Average grant size: \$5,000
- Annually give +\$100,000-150,000 to 20-30 groups



## BRAIDING NEW WORLDS

- Focus on youth organizing
- Recommendations by Youth Grantmaking Committee
- Average grant size: \$5,000
- Annually give \$40,000 to 5-10 groups



## PVCAF

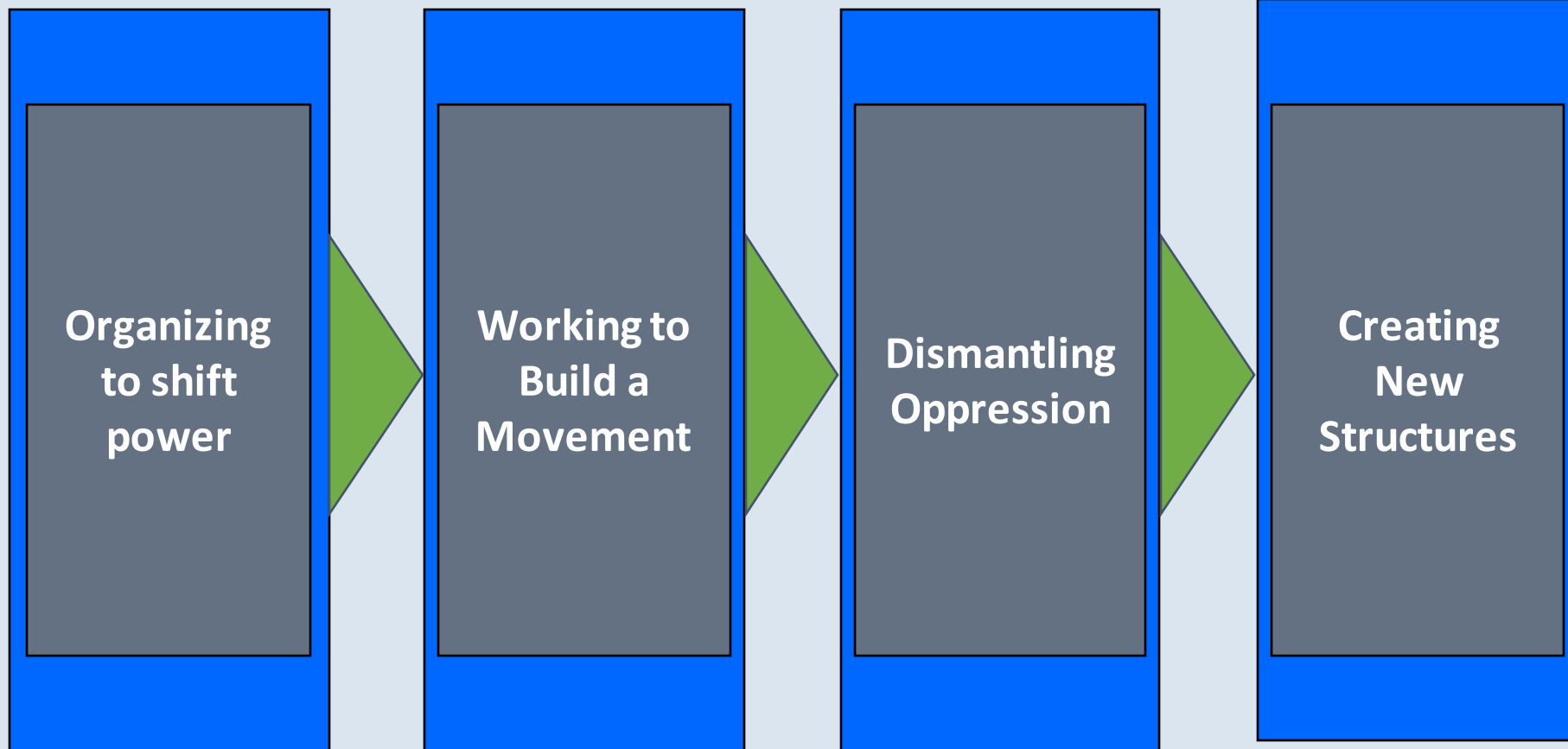
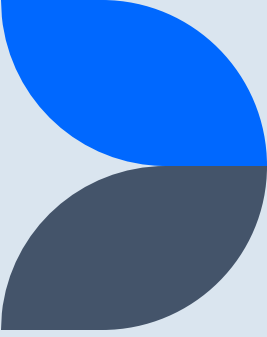
- Focus on Pioneer Valley area of MA
- Recommendations by PV-based Grantmaking Committee
- Changing its name soon
- Average grant size: \$2,500
- Annually give \$10,000 to 4-5 groups



# COG Grantmaking



# Our 4 Pillars of Grantmaking



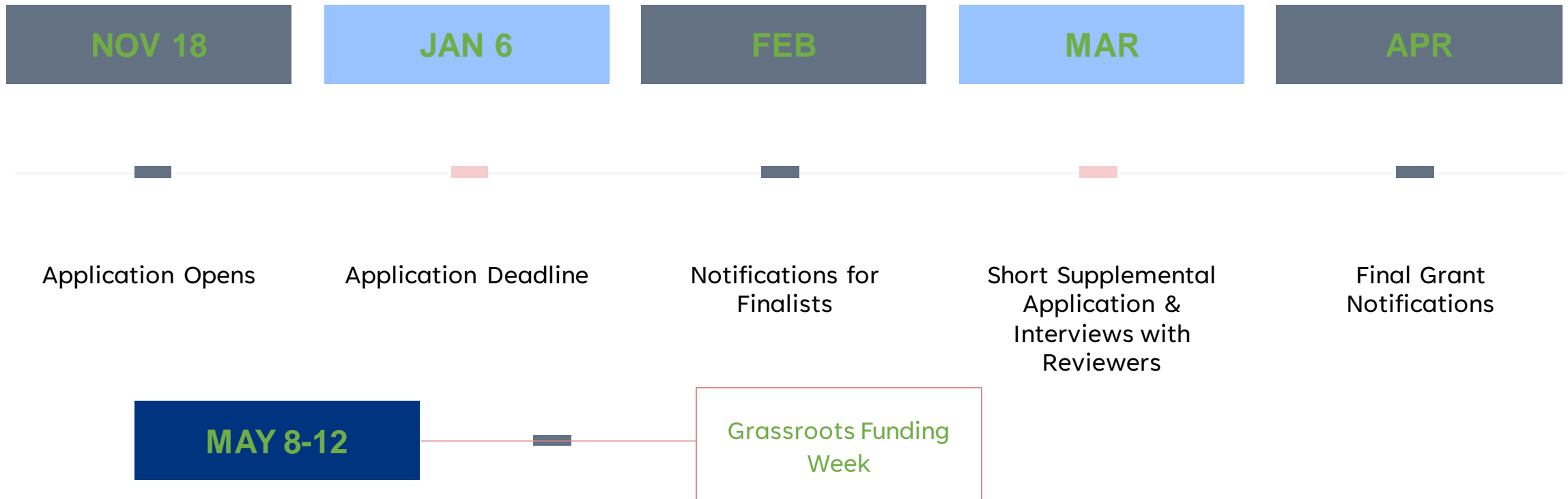
## *What these grants*

### *DO NOT FUND*

- Social services, educational programs, or research that are not linked to a clear organizing strategy.
- Individuals
- Organizations with strong leadership from only one individual.
- Grant-making organizations.
- Budgets greater than \$250,000
- Work outside of US, US Territories, Mexico, and Haiti

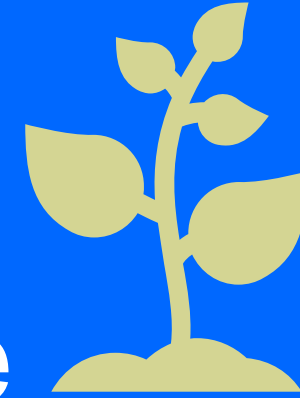


# Application Process & Timeline



# Program Offerings

- General operating funding prioritized
- Grassroots Funding Week for selected organizations
  - Trainings on crowdfunding
  - Grow donor base
- Capacity building offerings
  - Webinars on topics like fundraising and non-profit management
  - Access to 1-on-1 consultation with PDF staff
- Community of other grantee organizations



“ Watering the seedlings of the social justice movement. ”





# Meet our team

PDF's Staff in  
Amherst, MA

Pictured with  
Aurora the  
office mascot

# More Information

## Guidelines

Read our Grant Guidelines (coming soon!) and learn more about our Community Organizing Grants!

Check out our [Community Organizing Grants webpage](#).

## Conversation with Staff

If you have questions about the grant guidelines or application form:

Email [emily@peacefund.org](mailto:emily@peacefund.org)

Or

[Schedule on Emily's Calendly](#)

## Start an Application

Link for the online application coming soon!





# Summary

The Peace Development Fund works to build the capacity of community-based organizations through grants, training, and other resources as partners in human rights and social justice movements. As a public foundation, we nourish, foster, and encourage the diverse, self-sustaining and economically viable communities that are essential to building a peaceful, just and equitable world.

# Thank you!

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