

## FAQ: Community Organizing Grants

**Q:** What is your grant-making philosophy?

**A:** PDF makes grants for community-based organizations working for social justice. We especially value young people as a vital force in the transformation of society, as they are our future. We also work to support organizations and projects that recognize that peace will never be sustained unless it is based on justice and equitability.

**Q:** What are the four pillars of grantmaking? How does this relate to my application?

**A:** Our four pillars are: organizing to shift power, working to build a movement, dismantling oppression, and creating new structures. The most competitive applications will embody all of the pillars in some sense.

**Q:** What is the grant application timeline?

**A:** Applications are due by **January 6, 2023**, at midnight Eastern Standard Time for all Community Organizing Grants. Applications for the De Colores Rapid Response Fund are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Q:** What are the different grant programs?

**A:** At PDF, there are four different types of grants under the Community Organizing Grant Program umbrella. The same application is used for the first three programs.

1. **Board Docket:** A highly competitive national grant opportunity for grassroots organizations.
2. **Braiding New Worlds Fund:** A fund focused on supporting organizations led by youth or doing youth organizing.
3. **Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund** - Funding for organizations in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties of Massachusetts. A committee of local community members recommends grant allocations.
4. **De Colores Rapid Response Fund** - A revolving fund available to groups taking advantage of hot spot of opportunity. Funds are available within a month of requests.

**Q:** Do you fund international organizations?

**A:** We do not fund programs with a primary geographic focus outside of the United States, U.S. territories, and Haiti or Mexico. Our Donor Advised Fund donors may fund international organizations but are not soliciting proposals.

**Q:** When will we receive funding?

**A:** If your application qualifies and is being considered for a grant, we will contact you to request additional materials and schedule interview(s). Decisions for Board Docket, Braiding New Worlds Fund, and Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund will be released within four months, while De Colores Rapid Response Fund will be released within one month.

Q: What is the typical grant size?

A: Our ranges vary for the different grant programs; however, they range from \$500-\$7,500 dollars.

Q: How can we use funding from PDF?

A: We believe that the people on the ground making change know best how to use the funds provided by PDF. The majority of PDF grants are for general operating support. However, all grant funds must be used only to support activities that further the exempt purposes and activities of PDF, and grant recipients must submit reports to PDF as required by the grant contract.

Q: What if we are not a 501 c(3) non-profit?

A: It is not necessary to have tax-exempt status to apply for a PDF grant. Organizations should be fiscally-sponsored or have a federal EIN for consideration.

Q: Can we apply for more than one grant program?

A: All applications will be considered for all grant programs; our team will determine the best fit. As such, you may receive several grants from PDF. It is important to remember that PDF grants are one-time grants without any guarantee of renewal. If a group has received three sequential Community Organizing or Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund Grants, they must wait at least two years before applying for these funds.