

Community Organizing Grants 2026

Peace Development Fund

Basic Information

Project Name*

If this request is for general support, type "general support." If you are a fiscally sponsored project, type "project support for" followed by the name of your fiscally-sponsored project.

Character Limit: 100

Share a one sentence summary of your organization.*

This question has no bearing on our decision. We use this information for administration purposes. A basic formula for this summary is your mission + your key programs. *250 character limit.*

Character Limit: 250

What is the tax status of your organization?*

Choices

501(c)3

Fiscally Sponsored

Fiscal Sponsor Information

Name of Fiscal Sponsor*

Character Limit: 100

Name of Contact at Fiscal Sponsor*

Character Limit: 100

Contact Email*

Character Limit: 100

What is your fiscal sponsor's EIN?*

Character Limit: 10

Financials

Upload a financial statement from your most recent completed fiscal year.*

A financial statement summarizes your revenue and expenses (or budget to actuals) in a given time period. We collect this information to prove you meet our annual income requirements.

[Optional] Which of the following challenges do you face in finding funding?

This question is optional and you will not be penalized for leaving this blank. There are many challenges in finding funding and It is helpful to know what you have encountered. Check all that apply.

Choices

Our issue area is taboo, even among funders that fund organizing.

There are not many foundations in my region.

Our organization is too small for most funders.

Funders in my region do not prioritize community organizing.

[Optional] Are there other challenges to finding funding you would like us to know?

This is an optional question and you will not be penalized for leaving this space blank. If you like, use the space below to share more about the challenges you face when finding funding that are not included in the list above.

Character Limit: 500

Demographics

The following information is optional. You will not be penalized for leaving these questions blank. We collect this information to assess our outreach and communication strategy.

[Optional] How many people are on your Board of Directors or equivalent governance body?

Character Limit: 2

[Optional] Check all that apply to your Board or equivalent governance body.

Note: PDF uses the term "women" to include anyone who lives and identifies as female. This includes trans women.

Choices

The majority are Black.

The majority are Indigenous

The majority are Asian or Pacific Islander

The majority are BIPOC

The majority are trans

The majority are LGBTQIA+

The majority are women

The majority are poor and/or working class

The majority are under 25

None of the Above apply

How many senior leaders does your organization have?

Senior leadership includes executive directors, co-directors, senior directors, etc.

Character Limit: 2

Check all that apply to your senior leaders.

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Choices

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- The majority are BIPOC
- The majority are trans
- The majority are LGBTQIA+
- The majority are women
- The majority are poor and/or working class
- The majority are under 25
- None of the Above apply

Approximately how many people are in your base?

Your base is not the same as your email list. Your base is the number of people who reliably show up to meetings, actions, and other events.

Character Limit: 4

Check all that apply to your base.

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Choices

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Fund

Which fund are you applying to?*

Each organization can apply to one of our community organizing funds:

- Braiding New Worlds – This fund is for youth-led and youth-focused organizations. The fund prioritizes organizations that challenge adultism and work towards abolition of all cages. We define youth as people up to 25 years old. Youth themselves should be in positions of power and consequence within the organization.
- Western Mass Transformation Fund – This fund is for organizations based in Western Massachusetts. We define Western Massachusetts as Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden counties. Your work should primarily take place in at least one of these counties.
- Seeding the Movement – This is our general fund for community organizing work in the United States, Mexico, and Haiti. This year the fund is very interested in groups that are building the movement for justice. To us, that means you are actively expanding and cultivating your base of active members or are a movement support organization that trains and sustains movement leaders.

Choices

Braiding New Worlds

Western Mass Transformation Fund

Seeding the Movement

Core Work

Share your mission and vision.*

You can copy and paste your mission and vision here. You can also direct us to a web page or upload documents (annual report, other applications, etc) with this information.

Character Limit: 700 | File Size Limit: 25 MB

Which of the following issue areas best describes your work?*

We believe that all issues are intersectional, stemming from the same root cause of an extractive and racist economy. Even with that analysis, we know each organization chooses a different way to intervene in the current system. Pick the issue that your group tends to prioritize in your work.

Choices

Housing

Labor

Climate and Environment

Immigration and/or Asylum

LGBTQIA+

Reproductive Justice
Youth
Arts and Culture
Solidarity Economy
Racial Justice
Indigenous Rights, Liberation, and/or self-determination
Community and Economic Development
Criminal Justice
Antimilitarism

What is the primary scale you work within?*

Choose the one you tend to prioritize.

Choices

Local
City
Regional within state
State
Regional between states
National

What challenges are you organizing against?*

PDF funds across the United States, Mexico, and Haiti. It's impossible for us to know the unique challenges you face or how the challenges we see on a national level show up in your neighborhood, city, state, or region. Use this question to share the most important things we need to know to understand your work.

Character Limit: 4000

Describe your organizing model.*

We're especially interested in your strategies, tactics, and how you work with other movement partners.

Character Limit: 4000

Share a story that illustrates the impact of your work and how it aligns with at least one pillar.*

PDF's grantmaking is guided in part by our four pillars of community organizing:

- **Shift Power** – Your organization brings people together to take coordinated action that changes institutional practices. The institution could be a government, hospitals, corporations, schools, or any powerful group that is causing inequity. You should be led by a base that is most impacted by the systemic issue the group is organizing around.

- **Build a Movement** – Your organization takes meaningful action to expand membership without compromising your vision. You build capacity and leadership within your organization and among your local ally organizations. PDF believes organizational sustainability is key to building a movement, too. Your organization may have specific infrastructure or practices of care that ensure your people are around for the long haul.
- **Dismantle Oppression** – Your organization challenges institutional structures that result in unequal experiences for certain people. You have an array of loving internal practices or policies that work to end racism, classism, ageism, sexism, ableism, and all other harmful power dynamics within your organization.
- **Create New Structures** – Your organization practices new ways of doing things that are liberating, equitable, democratic, and sustainable. You have a clear understanding of how your new structures break away from old systems of oppression. Your vision is unafraid of fundamentally transforming political, social, and/or economic systems.

Character Limit: 4000

BNW Supplement

How does your organization challenge adultism?*

Braiding New Worlds is a fund run by and for youth justice organizations. The fund understands adultism as *“systemic bias against young people because they are young.”*

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