The Reproductive Health US Program

Request for Proposals: Building Power in BIPOC Communities: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Can an organization be fiscally sponsored to apply this grant?
Yes. All types of organizations (public, private, non-profit) are invited to submit a letter of inquiry (LOI). Please note, the Packard Foundation cannot provide grants directly to individuals.

Can we apply as a current grant recipient?
Yes. Current grant recipients (and others) are encouraged to submit a letter of inquiry.

How long is the grant for?
Unless otherwise indicated, projects will be 24 months. However, a different timeline – either shorter or longer – will be considered if it makes sense for the project.

Can this grant be used to support community organizing?
Yes. This grant can be used to support community organizing. As there are many ways to define community organizing here are a couple that we find useful:

"Community organizing is the process of building power through involving a constituency in identifying problems they share and the solutions to those problems that they desire…”
Dave Beckwith, with Cristina Lopez, the Center for Community Change

“Community organizing is a process through which people impacted by common concerns work together to build the social power necessary to achieve a series of partial solutions to those concerns”
Paul W. Speer and Brian D. Christens

Is there interest in developing projects that connect Louisiana and Mississippi?
We do not have an explicit interest in connecting Louisiana and Mississippi but if you have a project in mind that would enhance organizing in Louisiana and Mississippi, this would fit the Request For Proposals (RFP) criteria.

Can a project have a focus on the LatinX community?
Projects that focus on organizing the LatinX community in Louisiana and/or Mississippi fit the RFP criteria of focusing on Black Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

What is the level of funding for this opportunity?
The total amount of funding available for this effort is $1,000,000.

Up to six projects between $100,000 – $1,000,000 will be considered. The level of funding for each project will depend on the project but we assume most projects will be between $100,000-$200,000. Only proposals with multiple organizations will be considered for larger amounts such as $1,000,000.
Are there any specific demographic groups targeted?
The RFP targets three target demographics groups: BIPOC communities, rural communities, and/or low-income communities. In addition, we hope to support youth organizing.

What are the Grant requirements?
I. Proposal stage starts with a letter of inquiry. Up to 10 organizations will be invited for interviews and between 1 and 6 will be invited to submit a proposal.
II. Once a grant has been made, we will offer opportunities for recipients to connect and learn from each other. In addition, a final report and financials will be requested at the end of the grant period.

Can leadership development of BIPOC professionals be an acceptable project topic?”
There are many kinds of leadership development. Only leadership development explicitly supporting growth and learning in a civic engagement framework would be considered. Additionally, projects must have a gender or reproductive justice lens.

Would a grantmaking organization be eligible for this opportunity?
Yes, if the project meets all the criteria. The eligibility criteria are: (1) supports organizing in Mississippi and Louisiana; (2) the project is focused on BIPOC, rural or communities that are economically struggling; and (3) the project has a gender or reproductive justice lens though this does not have to be the sole focus on the project.

Would a proposal focused on evaluation of funded projects be acceptable?
Yes, if the project meets all the criteria. The eligibility criteria are: (1) supports organizing in Mississippi and Louisiana; (2) the project is focused on BIPOC, rural or communities that are economically struggling; and (3) the project has a gender or reproductive justice lens though this does not have to be the sole focus on the project. We consider evaluation an important component of understanding what organizing strategies work.

Important Links

- Information on the RFP can be found here
- Information on the RFP Review Committee can be found here
- A Letter of Inquiry can be submitted here

For any additional questions please contact us at USRH@packard.org