

Welcome to our grants webinar

Put your name, pronouns, and organization in the chat. Share an emoji that describes how you feel about grant applications.



November 2025

Agenda

- Eligibility
- Available Funds
- What we look for
- How you apply
- Timeline
- Q & A

Mission

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.

More on our [Guiding Philosophy](#)

Eligibility

- Budget must be \$250,000 or under
- Located in USA, Haiti, Mexico
- Valid EIN and 501(c)3 status
 - Orgs in Haiti and Mexico MUST have a fiscal sponsor in the United States
- Engage in community organizing or directly support community organizing

What we do not fund

- Programs with primary focus outside of the US, Mexico, and Haiti
- Organizations with budgets over \$250K
- Individuals or Organizations with strong leadership from only one individual
- Conferences
- Audio-visual productions and distribution
- Academic institutions and scholarships
- Other grantmaking institutions
- Social services, research, after school programs, internships, and fellowships with no clear and concrete connection to community organizing

What is community organizing?

Community organizing **builds power in communities impacted by injustice.**

Organizing can look like many different things, but usually includes the following: **building relationships, developing leaders**, creating a **shared analysis** of problems, and running campaigns that use **collective action**.

Available Funds

You can apply to *one* fund.

Seeding the
Movement

Braiding New
Worlds

Western Mass
Transformation

Seeding the Movement

This fund is for any community organizing group in the United States, Mexico, or Haiti.

This year the fund is very interested in groups 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.

\$7,000

Average Grant

15

Average Grantees

175

Average Applicants

Braiding New Worlds

Supports youth-led and youth-focused organizations. Youth (up to age 25) must have positions of power and consequence in the organization. Grantees always challenge adultism and work towards the abolition of all cages.

This year, the fund is particularly interested in youth justice organizations that focus on immigration, housing, economic justice, healing justice, climate, and tech

\$3,000

Average Grant

8

Average Grantees

30

Average Applicants

Western Mass Transformation Fund

Resources community organizing by and for Western Massachusetts. We define Western Mass as Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden counties.

\$4,000

Average Grant

4

Average Grantees

15

Average Applicants

Our Review Process

Seeding the Movement

- Eligibility Screen
- Staff Review - Alignment
- First Round Notification
- Community Review
- Board Vote
- Final Award Notification

BNW + WMTF

- Eligibility Screen
- First Community Review - Alignment
- First Round Notification
- Second Community Review - Interviews
- Board Vote
- Final Award Notification

The Four Pillars

Building a Movement

- Meaningful action to expand your base
- Build capacity/leadership/allies.
- Practices to keep your org sustainable.

Dismantling Oppression

- Challenge institutional structures that result in unequal experiences for certain people
- Loving practices to manage internal power dynamics.

Shifting Power

- Bring people together to take coordinated action that changes institutional practices.
- Led by a base of most impacted people.

Creating New Structures

- New ways doing things that are liberating, sustainable, and democratic.
- Vision in unafraid of fundamentally transforming political, social, or economic systems.

Second Review

- Strategic Priorities
 - Geography
 - Intersectionality
 - STM: Evaluating strategy
 - clear and coherent analysis
 - timely and relevant
 - creative tactics
 - evolving
 - solidarity
 - BNW: Youth justice organizations that focus on immigration, housing, economic justice, healing justice, climate, and tech

Materials you need to apply

- Computer and internet
- Financial statement from last completed fiscal year
- EIN
- Fiscal Sponsor Information, if applicable
- Broad demographic information on Board, Senior Leadership, Base
- Any application materials you want to reuse

How to Apply

- Go to
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Login?urlkey=peacefund>
- Click "Create New Account"
 - o You will enter information about your organization, yourself, and your leadership
- If you already have an account, log in

GLM Applicant Tutorial



Eligibility Quiz

Eligibility - Community Organizing Grants 2026

Take our eligibility quiz to confirm you meet the basic requirements for our community organizing grants.

Eligible organizations will have access to the application once this quiz is submitted.

✓ Eligible

Community Organizing Grants 2026

PDF powers the movement for social, economic, and environmental justice through small general operating grants to community organizations in the United States, Mexico, and Haiti. Our grants are for community organizing groups with an annual budget of \$250,000 USD or under. Groups in Mexico and Haiti must have a

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01/31/2026



Preview

Apply

Click "Start Eligibility Quiz" for
Community Organizing Grants 2026

Eligibility Quiz

- Was your annual budget for your last completed fiscal year at or below \$250,000?
- Does your group engage in community organizing or directly support community organizers?
- Is your organization located in the US, MX, or HT?
- Do you have a 501(c)3 or a U.S.-based fiscal sponsor?

Major Application Questions

- What challenges are you organizing against?
- Describe your organizing model.
- Share a story that illustrates the impact of your work and how it aligns with at least one pillar.
- *For BNW:* How does your organization challenge adultism?

Other Application Questions

- Project Name
- One sentence summary
- Tax Status
- Fiscal Sponsor information, if applicable
- Financial statement from your last completed fiscal year
- [optional] Challenges you face finding funding
- High level demographics on board, senior leadership, and base
- Which fund you are applying to
- Mission + Vision
- Issue Area
- Geographic Scale

Timeline

