2022 Cycle 2 Online

Opportunity Fund

Eligibility & Mission
If you have any questions or challenges with this application, please email Tiffany at twilhelm@theopportunityfund.org.

Mission Statement*
Type your organization's mission statement here.
If you are serving as a fiscal sponsor, type "FISCAL SPONSOR" and then your organization's mission statement here.
Character Limit: 1000

Eligibility*
The Opportunity Fund can only fund organizations with 501(c)(3) status and governmental entities.

Choices
My organization is a 501(c)(3)
My organization is a 501(c)(3) and is acting as a fiscal sponsor on another group's behalf.
My organization is a governmental entity.

For Fiscally Sponsored Requests
Click here for more information on best practices for fiscal sponsorship.

Sponsored Group: Name
What is the name of the organization or group being sponsored?
Character Limit: 150

Sponsored Group: Mission
Character Limit: 1000

Sponsored Group: Website
Character Limit: 2000

Sponsored Group: Address
Character Limit: 250
Fee for Fiscal Sponsorship
Percentage fee the fiscal sponsor organization charges for services.
*Character Limit: 20

Sponsored Group’s Primary Contact Information

Sponsored Group Contact: First Name
*Character Limit: 75

Sponsored Group Contact: Last Name
*Character Limit: 75

Sponsored Group Contact: Job Title
*Character Limit: 75

Sponsored Group Contact: Email
*Character Limit: 254

Sponsored Group: Phone Number
*Character Limit: 125

Grant Request Basic Information

Grant Request Name*
Please provide a brief name for the grant request.
*If requesting general operating support, write "General Operating Support."
*Fiscal sponsors, please write the name of the sponsored group.
*Character Limit: 150

Summary of Request*
Provide a 1-2 sentence summary of the proposed request. Please begin the summary statement with "To support..."
*Character Limit: 450

Amount Sought from the Opportunity Fund*
*Character Limit: 20

Type of Support*
Is this a request to support a program/project, general operating, or capital support?

Definitions:
- General Operating Support: unrestricted funding that can be used flexibly to support any of an organization's costs to fulfill its mission (rather than supporting a specific project or program).
- Program/Project Support: funding to support all or part of a specific program or project.
- Capital Campaign: funds specifically for the purpose of purchasing, renovating, or construction of facilities.

NOTES: (1) Presently, the Opportunity Fund most prefers to receive requests for general operating support. (2) The Opportunity Fund only supports capital campaigns in rare cases. Please talk to us before choosing that type of support.

**Choices**

General Operating Support  
Program/Project Support  
Capital Campaign

**Funding category***

Which category best fits the grant request?

*We understand and respect that many projects/programs/organizations straddle both arts and justice. In this instance, please choose one as primary.*

**Choices**

Arts  
Social & Economic Justice

**Subcategory: Arts**

If "Arts" is the primary category, which subcategory best describes the work?

*Leave blank if "Social & Economic Justice" is the primary category.*

**Choices**

DANCE  
MUSIC: Classical Chamber  
MUSIC: Jazz  
MUSIC: Other  
THEATRE  
VISUAL ART: Craft  
VISUAL ART: Other  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
Other

**Subcategory: Social & Economic Justice**

If "Social & Economic Justice" is the primary category, which subcategory best describes the work?

*Leave blank if "Arts" is the primary category.*

**Choices**

BLACK-LED MOVEMENT WORK  
CIVIL LIBERTIES  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
HUMAN RIGHTS
REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Economic Independence
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Healthcare
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Housing
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Social Services
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Tangible Aid
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Transportation
Other

**Multiple Categories**
The work may intersect between multiple categories. Check all boxes that reflect a core purpose of the work, related to this request.

*NOTE: No special preference is given based on the number of boxes checked, if any at all.*

**Choices**
BLACK-LED MOVEMENT WORK
CIVIL LIBERTIES
CIVIL RIGHTS
HUMAN RIGHTS
REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Economic Independence
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Healthcare
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Housing
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Social Services
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Tangible Aid
SAFETY NET RESOURCES: Transportation
DANCE
MUSIC: Classical Chamber
MUSIC: Jazz
MUSIC: Other
THEATRE
VISUAL ART: CRAFT
VISUAL ART: Other
MULTIDISCIPLINARY
Other

**Greater Pittsburgh Community**
Does the request primarily benefit the greater Pittsburgh community (Allegheny County and surrounding area)?

**Choices**
Yes
No

**Tips for request dates:**
For Project/Program Requests: We recommend that program/project requests have a start date after the award notification date for this cycle.
**Start Date**
At this point, the start date can be an estimate.

*Character Limit: 10*

**End Date**
At this point, the end date can be an estimate. NOTE: The final report will be due 30 days after this date.

*Character Limit: 10*

**Previous Final Report**
Do you have an outstanding final report for the Opportunity Fund due, or due soon, that you would like to complete within this LOI?

**Choices**
- Yes
- No
- I have completed (or will complete) the report separately

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**Final Report for Previous Grantees**
*Note: Final report information submitted here will only be visible to Opportunity Fund staff. It will not be visible to the community panelists that support our grant review process.*

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**Self-Reflection: Assessing Success**
Referring to your previous application, where did your project/program/organization meet, surpass, or fall short of your Goals and Assessment? Include any specific achievements, setbacks, and lessons learned.

*Character Limit: 5000*

**Financial summary**
Attach an income and expense report for the program/project, OR if this was a general operating support grant, provide an income and expense report for the fiscal year in which grant was received. (In accounting language, this is sometimes called a 'Statement of Activities' or a 'Profit and Loss Statement').

If your income and expense report varies significantly from the original program/organizational budget, please explain the variance, and program/organizational changes that were made to adjust the budget.

*Character Limit: 1500 | File Size Limit: 3 MB*
Additional Information?
OPTIONAL: If there is any other relevant information you’d like to share, please share a link (to a news story, a review, a photo album, etc.) or upload a file here.

You are also welcome to attach a report that you submitted to another funder in lieu of writing responses in this section.

*Character Limit: 1500 | File Size Limit: 5 MB

Grant Request Narratives
Please note: Some narrative questions below have recommended character counts, but the space allows for more characters if needed.

Overview of Grant Request*
Provide a clear explanation of what your organization (or the fiscally-sponsored group) proposes to do.

If this is a request for general operating (i.e. unrestricted) support, share a concise overview of the work or programming of your organization.

*NOTE: This is an overview. If invited to the full application, there will be an opportunity to provide more detail.

Recommended Character Count: up to 1,500
Character Limit: 3000

Context/Background Information
(Optional) Share any background information about the organization or group that would provide relevant context as we learn about this specific request, at this specific time.

Recommended Character Count: up to 1,500
Character Limit: 3000

Goals*
Please share the goals (i.e. a list of statements of what you, or the fiscally-sponsored group, wish to accomplish).

*If applying for general operating support: List the current goals for the organization’s primary programs, or the organizational goals that might be defined in a strategic plan.

*If applying to support a project/program: List the goals of the specific project/program that this grant would support (as opposed to the overall goals of the organization).
Recommended Character Count: up to 1,500
Character Limit: 3000

**OPTIONAL: Anything Else?**
Is there anything else that you wish we had asked or anything essential that you would like to share at this time?

Please note, if invited to submit a full application, you will have the opportunity to share additional details that expand on what you have submitted in this LOI.

Recommended Character Count: up to 1500
Character Limit: 3000