

BLACK FUNDERS OF ST. LOUIS

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St. Louis, Missouri 63141

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Black History Month Funding Cycle Application

The Black Funders of St Louis grant funding explicitly invests in the Black community to positively impact the wellbeing of Black children, youth, adults and families in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area primarily but not limited to St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

Our goals are to:

- Make a difference in the community by contributing time, talents, and monetary resources
- Encourage community among ourselves and those we serve
- Educate and increase awareness of local needs
- Promote volunteerism and effective philanthropy
- Build a network that is a catalyst for positive change
- Encourage self-sufficiency and well-being among those in need

The Black Funders of St. Louis mission is to provide funding to support a broad array of social areas working to transform the well-being of the Black community in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area including but not limited to advocacy, capacity building, social movements, education, operational support, etc. Grant funding, however, will not support capital campaigns, event sponsorship, or religious based activities. Funding is designed to support Black-led nonprofit organizations with a primary focus on civic engagement achieve a greater impact by providing general operating support with a maximum award of \$3000 per grant (up to 12 months).

Black History Month Funding Priority: General Operating Support for Civic Engagement Organizations

Civic engagement involves interventions or activities that educate the Black community or promote work to protect public values, and make positive changes in the Black community. Civic Engagement Organizations will be involved in the following:

- Voter engagement, registration drives, turnout events, voter legislation/regulations advocacy and educating Black people on their ability to vote, even if they previously were incarcerated.
- Ongoing civic education, including educating the Black community on the roles and responsibilities of public officials, Boards and Commissions;
- Educating the Black community on the role of the citizen, opportunities for civic participation beyond voting, including ongoing civic action such as call-ins/letters to officials, public testimony, candidate support, etc.

General Operating Support funds are unrestricted and therefore, they can be used to support the organization's infrastructure in any areas the organization deems to have the greatest need.

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Black people as a constituency are an untapped resource of power. An active Black citizenry stands to increase community change on a larger scale through individual and collective action. Black Funders of St. Louis seeks to capitalize on the engagement potential of the current political climate to help create ongoing engagement, build power utilizing political platforms, educate on the importance of voting outside of national elections, and promote Black leadership on local and state Boards and Commissions.

Funding Activity: General Operating Support for Civic Engagement Organizations

In the Black History Month Funding Cycle, Black Funders of St. Louis will award 2 grants of up to \$3,000 towards supporting existing organizations already engaged in civic engagement activities. The 2021 civic engagement funding will provide organizations with general operating support which may include, but is not limited to:

- Rent
- Payroll
- Technology costs
- Purchasing of materials
- Communications costs

Application Materials

- Missouri Common Grant Application Short Form
- Two-page summary of organization and purpose of request
- IRS Letter of Determination
- Proposal Budget
- Current Organization Budget
- Current Organizational Chart

(Black Funders reserves the right to ask for additional documentation as needed)

Criteria for Selection

- Organizations are **required** to have an Executive Director, President, or corresponding lead position who identifies as Black/African American.
- Mission alignment with the goals and funding priority of Black Funders of St. Louis
- Evidence of existing efforts at serving the Black community (ie: current programming, demographic information on who is being served, impact and outcomes, etc.)

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- Services provided in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area (Missouri)
 - Organization must have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation
 - The organizational operating budget must be no greater than \$100,000.
 - Application will provide documentation to underscore how the proposal will advance Black people, and/or Black communities in the St. Louis region
 - *Funding is limited; therefore, decisions are made at the discretion of the Black Funders of St. Louis.*

Application Process

Black Funders of St. Louis will accept applications between February 1, 2021 and February 28, 2021. All applications are due no later than 4:00 PM CST on February 28, 2021.

Materials should be typed, and submitted by email to blackfundersstl@gmail.com. Applicants should expect to receive notification of the disposition of the award by April 30, 2021.

Grant funding applications in the Black History Month grant cycle are not accepted outside of February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021.

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Common Grant Application Short Form			
Cover Sheet			
Grantmaker to whom this application is submitted:	Black Funders of St. Louis		
Application Date:		Website:	
Applicants Legal Name: (as shown on IRS Letter of Determination)			
Doing Business As: (if different from legal name)			
EIN #:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip code:
Telephone #:		Fax #:	
Executive Director: (or Top Executive)		Phone #:	
		Email Address:	
Main Contact(s) for this Proposal:	(Please include prefix and title)	Phone #:	
		Email Address:	
Board President:		Phone #:	
		Email Address:	
Applicant's tax-exempt status/ IRS designation (e.g. 501(c)(3), 501(c)(9), etc)	<p>IRS Determination Letter is enclosed.</p> <p>(Attach a copy of the IRS Letter of Determination- NOTE- this is not the state sales and use tax exemption certificate. If there has been a name change provide copies of the amended state certificate of incorporation and amended IRS Letter of Determination)</p>		
If not a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit, then who is the fiscal agent?	<p>Written Fiscal Agreement is enclosed.</p> <p>(Attach a copy of the written agreement from fiscal agent plus fiscal agent's contact information and EIN)</p>		

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Organization's mission statement:

Type of request (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building	<input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Support
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)

Proposal Name: (if general operating please indicate)	
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Proposal Summary - In 100 words or less summarize the purpose of this request. Please note the information provided may be used on various platforms i.e. social media, website, press release, etc.

Funding Period Requested: (be specific; not to exceed 12 months)	DD/MM/YY Through DD/MM/YY	Amount Requested:	\$
Total Proposal Budget for this period: (not required if general operating request)	\$	Current Annual Organizational Budget:	\$
Organization Fiscal Year:	DD/MM/YY Through DD/MM/YY		
Geographic Area(s) Served: (include specific counties)	(For this project. If general operations support, for this organization.)		

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List applicant’s membership of a giving federation: (e.g., United Way, Arts & Education Council, Jewish Federation, Earthshare Missouri)

Agreement

I certify to the best of my knowledge, that all information included in this proposal is correct. The tax exempt status of this organization is still in effect. If a grant is awarded to this organization, then the proceeds of that grant will not be distributed or used to benefit any organization or individual supporting or engaged in unlawful activities.

In compliance with the USA Patriot Act and other counterterrorism laws, I certify that all funds received from this funder will be used in compliance with all applicable anti-terrorist financing and asset control laws, statutes, and executive orders.

Signature, Executive Director
(or authorizing official on behalf of the organization)

Date

In a maximum of two-pages, please include:

1. Brief organizational history and brief description of previous year’s accomplishments.
2. Purpose of this funding request. Please describe:
 - a. How your organization addresses the needs of the Black community or Black people.
 - b. Your organization’s alignment with the mission of Black Funders of St. Louis, and how core functions and programing align with the funding priorities of this grant program.
 - c. The target population, number of individuals, and geographic area that will benefit from this proposal and how it corresponds with the population you are already serving (ie: is it the same population, additional population, etc.).
 - d. What you hope to accomplish (outputs and/or outcomes), and
 - e. How you intend to accomplish the above.
3. Names and brief description of roles of funding priority aligned partners of the organization (if applicable).

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Budget Instructions and Templates



— Missouri —
COMMON GRANT
APPLICATION

Budget Template Instructions

- 1) The Project Budget Template is **required**. The Organizational Budget Template is not.
- 2) You may insert additional rows as needed on the templates.
- 3) The Project Budget must be explained in the Budget Narrative Justification part (Section E) of the application. It is where you explain how you get to the numbers listed on the budget. It is also where you explain the reasoning behind any items on the budget that are not self-explanatory. If you are lumping costs together on the budget template, then please explain in the narrative.
- 4) The Project Budget should be for the period that you are requesting funding (the same period as listed on the cover page of the application).
- 5) On the revenues section of the templates, please only list out foundation, corporation, and federation revenues of \$1,000 or greater. Include all others in "other".
- 6) On the templates, pending revenues means revenue that has already been requested but not yet granted. This might also include grants not yet submitted but that plan to be submitted in the very near future.
- 7) If a line item on the budget is not applicable, then you may leave it blank.
- 8) See the User Guide for more information about completing the budget templates.

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**Missouri CGA
 Proposal Budget (Required)**



Black Funders of St. Louis	Insert Agency Name Here	
Expenses	Total Proposal Expenses	Amount Requested from BFSTL
Salary and Benefits	\$	- \$ -
Contract Services (consulting, professional, fundraising)	\$	- \$ -
Occupancy (rent, utilities, maintenance)	\$	- \$ -
Training & Professional Development	\$	- \$ -
Insurance	\$	- \$ -
Travel	\$	- \$ -
Equipment	\$	- \$ -
Supplies	\$	- \$ -
Printing, Copying & Postage	\$	- \$ -
Evaluation	\$	- \$ -
Marketing	\$	- \$ -
Conferences, meetings, etc.	\$	- \$ -
Administration	\$	- \$ -
*Other - _____	\$	- \$ -
*Other - _____	\$	- \$ -

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<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i> \$			-	\$	-
Revenues	Committed	Pending			
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, & Earned Revenue					
<i>Local Government</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>State Government</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>Federal Government</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>Individuals</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Foundation - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Foundation - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Foundation - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Foundation - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Corporation - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Corporation- _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Corporation- _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Federation- _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>*Other - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>Membership Income</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>Program Service Fees</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>Products</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-
<i>Fundraising Events (net)</i>	\$	-	\$	-	-

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<i>Investment Income</i>	\$	-	\$	-
<i>In-Kind Support</i>	\$	-	\$	-
<i>*Other - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	-

*Please specify for contributions over \$1,000.

Missouri CGA Organizational Budget (Required)	
Black Funders of St. Louis	Insert Agency Name Here
Expenses	
Salary & Benefits	\$ -
Contract Services (consulting, professional, fundraising)	\$ -
Occupancy (rent, utilities, & maintenance)	\$ -
Training & Professional Development	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -
Travel	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -
Printing, Copying & Postage	\$ -
Evaluation	\$ -



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Marketing	\$	-
Conferences, meetings, etc.	\$	-
Depreciation	\$	-
Administration	\$	-
*Other - _____	\$	-
*Other - _____	\$	-
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	-

Revenues	Committed	Pending
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, & Earned Revenue		
<i>Local Government</i>	\$ -	\$ -
<i>State Government</i>	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Federal Government</i>	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Individuals</i>	\$ -	\$ -
*Foundation - _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Foundation - _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Foundation - _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Foundation - _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Corporation- _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Corporation- _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Corporation- _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Federation- _____	\$ -	\$ -
*Other - _____	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Membership Income</i>	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Program Service Fees</i>	\$ -	\$ -

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<i>Products</i>	\$	-	\$	-
<i>Fundraising Events (net)</i>	\$	-	\$	-
<i>Investment Income</i>	\$	-	\$	-
<i>In-Kind Support</i>	\$	-	\$	-
<i>*Other - _____</i>	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$	-	\$	-

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