



Igniting social change. Advancing social justice.

Responsive Grants Program

Our Responsive Grants Program is designed to provide grassroots, community organizing with small grants year-round. The program includes:

- **Micro Grants.** \$3000 max amount, granted for general operating costs associated with grassroots organizing.
- **Critical Response.** \$2000 max amount, granted for organizing in response to an unexpected crisis or opportunity for organizing.
- **Travel.** \$1000 max, limited to rural organizations seeking travel assistance.

Eligibility

- **Located in Oregon.** Your group must be located in the state and your work must be directed toward Oregonians.
- **Budget Size.** Your organizational budget must be under \$500,000.
- **Non-Profit.** Your group must have a 501c3 or fiscal sponsor in order to receive a 12-month grant. If your group has neither, you are only eligible for a 6-month grant.

Responsive Grant Criteria:

- 1) **Dismantling oppression.** Institutionalized oppression such as racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism and ableism are the primary tools used to perpetuate injustice. While MRG recognizes the multidimensionality of oppression MRG centers race and asks all applicants, regardless of issue area, to name ways that their organizing work challenges institutional racism.
- 2) **Impact.** MRG funds groups that will have a deep impact in their community and where our funding will play a critical role in moving a group's social change work forward.
- 3) **Leadership.** We believe that the people most impacted by an issue are best suited to address it. MRG asks all applicants, regardless of issue area, to show how the leadership of their organization reflects people most impacted by the issue addressed by this grant.

Examples of funded projects:

- organizing a community response to a racially motivated hate crime in southern Oregon
- organizing a community forum in response to a newly proposed liquefied natural gas pipeline
- paying for accessibility and/or translation for an event or meeting

MRG does NOT fund:

- unions or direct labor organizing.
- illegal activities such as actions that might arise from civil disobedience.
- individuals, personal hobby, mutual benefit and for-profit organizations.
- activity that supports or opposes specific political parties and/or candidates.
- lobbying, unless the group meets our specific criteria for lobbying. If your proposal will include lobbying activity, please contact Esther before applying.
- work that has already happened or that will be completed before funding would begin.

To Apply:

Contact MRG's Grants Coordinator, Esther Kim, to receive an application and make sure your project is eligible. Applications are reviewed on a monthly basis. Applications are due by the 15th, reviewed by the 25th, and grant notifications are made by the 5th of the following month.

Email your completed application to esther@mrgf.org. You can also mail or deliver to our office. If you have any questions, email Esther or call 503-289-1517 or 1-800-489-6743 (outside Portland).