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2017 RAPID RESPONSE STRATEGY

CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

At Solidaire, we believe in the power of movement moments that expand the imagination, mobilize new and unexpected communities, and make crises that have always existed impossible to ignore. Through our Rapid Response giving, Solidaire members are prepared to take risks in real time, and give directly to frontline organizers when resources are most needed. Our goal is to ensure financial resources are not a barrier to action.

CRITERIA

- An event or initiative that is a progressive, movement-oriented response to a crisis or significant social problem
- The organizers really need the money, for a specific and compelling purpose, and fast
- The initiative is too risky, too soon, or too small for most foundation funding
- The initiative is strategic, creative, of potential national significance, even if it's local
- The initiative does not conflict with Solidaire's Conflict of Interest Policy
- What is needed is generally in the \$1,000 - \$50,000 range (not a strict limit)
- If it's for an initiative of an organization, the overall org budget is generally under \$1 Million, usually much smaller
- The initiative is generally led by the communities most directly impacted, and ideally involves a race/gender/class analysis
- The initiative is experimenting with new strategies and tactics

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- A notable non-violent direct action – before, during or after
- A high-impact creative cultural or media intervention
- Starting a new project or effort that generally meets our criteria for Movement R&D (YES – it's OK to propose timely Movement R&D projects)
- Organizing an important gathering or conference on a shoestring budget
- Travel scholarships for a crucial gathering or action

PROCESS TO INITIATE A RR REQUEST

Our Rapid Response process is member-led, and so the large majority of our requests are initiated directly by members. However, in special circumstances Solidaire staff will post requests on behalf of organizations that are doing vital work in need of immediate assistance.

If you'd like to be considered, please share the information below with a staff member by emailing: info@solidairenetwork.org.

INFORMATION NEEDED

1. **WHAT** is your Rapid Response action or project, and what are your goals?
2. **WHO** is organizing the action? Please share some background information to help our members get a sense of who's involved and who's driving this project.
3. **WHY** is the action important for us to fund? Make the case!
4. **HOW MUCH** money do you need?
How much have you already raised?
Any important financial, tax-status, or donation info?
What would this funding do that wouldn't happen otherwise?
5. **HOW TO CONTRIBUTE**
Provide online (website, PayPal) and offline (mailing a check) instructions.
Also please indicate whether contributions are tax deductible (facilitated by a 501c3 organization or fiscal sponsor) or not.