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2021 Grantmaking Frequently Asked Questions

Solidaire's 2021 grant cycle includes our [Black Liberation Pooled Fund](#) (BLPF) and our [Movement Infrastructure Fund](#) (MIF). Staff hosted a [webinar](#) on January 28th and have gathered FAQ related to these funds:

1. Can I apply to both the Black Liberation Pooled Fund (BLPF) as well as the Movement Infrastructure Fund (MIF)? Can we receive a grant from both funds?

Yes, groups may apply to both funds. Our staff will be reviewing all applications to determine best fit, and do not expect to give one entity a grant from both funds.

2. Can non-Black groups apply to the Black Liberation Pooled Fund (BLPF)?

No. The BLPF is focused on funding Black-led work. Because Solidaire believes in supporting groups that are most impacted by the oppressive systems in this country, we are centering Black resistance, futures, and infrastructure with this fund. Work supported will center the leadership, voices, experiences, and visions of Black people.

3. Are non-US groups eligible to apply?

Solidaire typically does not fund outside the United States. On occasion, we may partner with international intermediaries to move money outside of the US. You can also learn more about private foundations that fund internationally through the [Council on Foundations](#).

4. Do you have to be a non-profit or have a fiscal sponsor to apply?

No. Solidaire can support a number of formations for the work (c3, c4, LLC, collective, etc.). You will need to specify what kind of entity you are in the application process and attach tax determination. We may need to speak with you further after you apply if you are not a c3 or c4.

5. Can intermediaries apply?

Yes, intermediaries can apply. Solidaire understands the key role intermediaries can play. We are seeking to support groups that work directly with grassroots efforts.

6. I have never used Submittable, what should I do?

To formally apply to our Grant Cycle, you will need to create an account with [Submittable](#). Accounts are free. If you need assistance getting started, [this video gives you an overview](#).

7. If selected, are grants given in advance or as reimbursements?

Grants are given in advance. If selected for multi-year funding, we will give you funds annually unless another arrangement is made.

8. How do you recommend emphasizing a multi-year grant application?

Solidaire is looking to do more multi-year funding. In the application, you are welcome to name whether you are seeking project specific funding or multi-year. Our staff review team will also be following up with groups to best determine size and type of funding as we narrow the applicant pool.

9. Are there organizational size restrictions or limits? Does Solidaire's funding have to be a certain percentage of a group's budget.

Our grantmaking is looking to support various size organizations as well as new and legacy groups. Solidaire will not be looking at its funding based solely on a percentage of your current size. We want to work with our grantee partners to determine what resourcing you may need at this stage of your work.

The Black Liberation Pooled Fund has no size restrictions. The Movement Infrastructure Fund is generally limiting budget size to under \$3mil. If your organization is over \$3mil but works closely with grassroots partners, please contact Ada (ada@solidairenetwork.org).

10. Does Solidaire need to see a budget?

No, budgets are not required as a part of the application process. You may upload one if you'd like.

11. How many grants will be awarded?

There is not a set number of grants we plan to award.

12. Does Solidaire focus on any particular regions or states?

Solidaire funds across the United States. We do recognize certain regions or types of work are drastically underfunded by philanthropy, and therefore work to increase our investments in under resourced areas.

13. Are Solidaire staff available to help us determine fit? Who can I contact if I have further questions?

Generally, Solidaire staff are not available to determine fit. The application is open and we encourage folks to read our [grantmaking values and goals](#), as well as the fund descriptions. You can also [watch a past webinar we did here](#). However, if there are technical assistance questions or clarifications needed, for the BLPF contact Leigh (leigh@solidairenetwork.org) and for the MIF contact Ada (ada@solidairenetwork.org).