



Haymarket People's Fund COVID-19 Community Response Urgent Response Grants

Haymarket People's Fund is an anti-racist and multi-cultural foundation committed to strengthening the movement for social justice in New England. Through grant making, fundraising and capacity building we support grassroots organizations that address the root causes of injustice. Haymarket also organizes to increase sustainable community philanthropy throughout the region.

Overview

COVID-19 has amplified what we have been fighting against for decades. The numbers and statistics of the disparities amongst people of color affected by this virus is a clear indication that racism has deeply affected communities of color.

Haymarket has received a \$1,000,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to redistribute to grassroots groups across New England responding to the COVID-19 public health crisis and the health inequities it has amplified. This includes support for basic needs such as food, shelter, and economic assistance.

Haymarket has always funded grassroots organizing, but during this time we are seeing organizers become “essential workers” for their communities as their work has had to pivot to provide support and services.

We are prioritizing funding work being led by and taking place in communities of color across New England.

Examples of Use

(These are a few examples of what funding can be used for, but we know this does not cover everything and are open to other community responses to COVID-19.)

- Food Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Economic Assistance
- Mutual Aid
- Access to Computer & Wi-Fi
- Personal Protective Equipment (masks, gloves, sanitizer, etc.) for Community
- Community Health & Wellbeing
- Payroll and General Operating Budgets
- Other



Grant Range

Haymarket's COVID-19 Community Response Urgent Response Grants are from \$5,000 to \$15,000. On a case by case basis we will consider requests above or below this range. This is a one-time funding opportunity.

Eligibility & Funding Criteria

- Work needs to be taking place in New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont).
- Organizations with budgets under \$300,000. We will consider proposals for grassroots groups with budgets over \$300,000 who have limited access to traditional funding or who are specifically working on COVID-19 related issues in and with their communities, on a case by case basis.
- Priority will be given to frontline people of color-led organizations.
- Organizations need to be led by and accountable to the community they serve/work with.
- Organizations with anti-racism and anti-oppression values and practice
- Groups with limited access to traditional funding.
- 501(c)3 tax exempt status from the IRS or a fiscal sponsor. If you do not have either you can apply if your work falls within what the IRS defines as charitable or educational tax-exempt activities.

What We Will Not Fund

- Groups based outside of New England or work focused outside of New England.
- Individuals or individual projects.
- Projects sponsored by a government agency.
- Small businesses, alternative businesses, or business associations.
- Other foundations.
- IRS regulations prohibit us from funding the following:
 - Electoral work that promotes specific candidates.
 - Union organizing work, unless it is a campaign involving and benefitting the wider community.
 - Civil disobedience or other actions that involve breaking the law.

Application Process & Grant Dispersal

- The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 15, 2020 by 5:00 pm**. We will continue to accept applications after this date until all funds are distributed. Haymarket's Funding Panel and review committee will meet every two weeks starting after May 15, 2020 to make decisions.

For more information, questions or to receive an application email Jaime Smith at jaime@haymarket.org.