



Haymarket People's Fund 2020-2021 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 grantmaking, 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

Urgent Response Grants **help grassroots, social change organizations respond quickly to unforeseen crises or opportunities that critically affect your organization and constituency.** This includes unexpected events, political crises, or organizing opportunities. Given that communities are still in need and responding to the COVID-19 public health crisis, grants can support basic needs such as food, shelter, and economic assistance.

Haymarket has always funded grassroots organizing but understands that during these times, 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. Priority will be given to frontline people of color-led organizations who incorporate anti-racism and anti-oppression values and practice into their work. We do not fund groups with budgets over \$300,000.

Groups are eligible for one Urgent Response Grant in addition to a Sustaining Grant during our 2020-2021 Grant Cycle.

Grants are NOT to be used for ongoing program work (including expenses the organization should have anticipated), for financial crises or a shortfall in projected funding, or because the group missed a funding deadline.

Grant Range

Haymarket's Urgent Response Grants are up to \$10,000.

Eligibility & Funding Criteria

- Work needs to occur in New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont).
- Organizations with budgets under \$300,000.
- 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

To receive an application, you must first call (617) 522-7676 ext. 115 and speak with a Haymarket staff person about your request.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis as long as funding is available. Interviews are by phone as needed. Groups will be notified about grant decisions 2 - 3 weeks after we receive your application.

For more information, questions, or to receive an application, email Jaime Smith at jaime@haymarket.org or call 617-522-7676 ext. 115