



Rapid Response FAQ

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Current Context

As we have witnessed recently and historically, the conditions of trans communities can change rapidly due to increased visibility and transphobic attacks by individuals and institutions.

Organizations and communities often need additional resources to respond quickly to organized opposition and to unanticipated events. The FTG rapid response fund will provide support for situations that require immediate response and for proactive activities that pursue strategic opportunities.

The Fund for Trans Generations is rooted in the following values:

- Moving beyond equality to justice;
- An intersectional feminism grounded in queer, trans, and gender nonconforming communities of color;
- A commitment to addressing the root causes of transphobia, misogyny, racism, classism, and homophobia;
- A focus on the resilience of trans communities and leaders of the trans movement; and
- A commitment to solidarity, collaboration and transparency.

Borealis Approach to Rapid Response

- Simple grant application process – one-page proposal and standard supporting materials where applicable.
- Make grants quickly – ten days or less from the day all proposal materials are received; electronic grant agreement signatures and direct deposit options to increase promptness of payment processing.
- Accepted on a rolling basis.

Criteria and Eligibility

- Organization or project must be trans-led. We adhere to the Trans Justice Funding Project definition, which holds that the majority of the people in charge of the group identify as trans or gender non-conforming. “In charge” includes any of the following examples:
 - the director, if there is one, should identify as trans or gender non-conforming.
 - the majority of the governing board collective, advisory committee, or similar governing body, if there is such a body, should identify as trans or gender non-conforming.
 - the majority of any staff members should identify as trans or gender non-conforming.
 - If the organization or project is volunteer-run, the majority of volunteers should identify as trans or gender non-conforming.
- Project budget should not exceed \$600,000; we have no minimum budget requirements. A project based at an organization with a budget larger than \$600,000 may apply as long as it is trans-led.
- Organizations or projects may apply for a rapid response grant at any time and may only receive one rapid response grant per every 12-month period. Grant amounts will not exceed \$20,000 per organization.

Funding Priorities

We will prioritize supporting organizations and projects based in trans communities that are facing high levels of harm and who have limited access to foundation support.

Request examples may include the following:

- Communications, advocacy, and organizing trainings to defeat anti-trans legislation
- Direct actions that confront transphobic legislation, attempts to dismantle trans protections, or other activities aimed at harming trans communities.
- Travel support for a timely trans convening or training opportunity
- A new project or network that is doing proactive movement-building work and needs support to lay the groundwork for this

Rapid response funding will not support the following requests:

- Capital projects
- Scholarships
- Projects/organizations that focus solely on providing emotional or social support/engagement
- Cash flow challenges

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