Request for Proposals

Borealis Philanthropy is pleased to announce the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Fund for Trans Generations (FTG) 2nd year of grantmaking. This announcement includes background information about the FTG and important details about how to apply for funding.

About the Fund for Trans Generations

The Fund for Trans Generations (FTG) is based at Borealis Philanthropy. The Fund for Trans Generations (FTG) was created by a diverse group of funders to ensure that frontline trans activists and organizations have the financial resources and engagement needed to advance the safety, security and rights of trans people. The Fund's grantmaking is informed by and responsive to trans communities and movements. The current funders are Arcus Foundation, NoVo Foundation, and Anonymous Donors. More information at: https://borealisphilanthropy.org/grantmaking/fund-for-trans-generations/

About Borealis Philanthropy

Borealis Philanthropy is a philanthropic intermediary that helps funders allocate resources efficiently, and in a manner most impactful for change. We value grantmaking that is responsive to communities and aim to bridge funders and grantees.

FTG Grantmaking Process and Timeline

The deadline for proposals is **September 18, 2017**. Borealis staff, FTG donors, and an advisory committee of trans and gender non-conforming leaders will review the proposals in November 2017. Grant notifications will be made in December 2017. Below you will find more information about funding priorities, criteria, and upcoming informational webinars.

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.

Funding Priorities

Who and what we are looking for:

- Organizations and work based in intersectional feminism, and led by and focused on the needs of trans girls and women;
- Organizations and work grounded in and responsive to communities;
- Strategic organizing and advocacy models that build the power of trans communities;
- Generative work that builds on the accomplishments and progress made so far, while building a stronger, more strategic movement for the future;
- Organizations that are led by and/or serving those that have historically been excluded from national funding, including trans people who are: girls and women of color, youth of color, rural activists, elders; incarcerated and/or formerly incarcerated people; people with disabilities; indigenous; and
- Work based in hope and joy.

What we cannot support:

- Capital projects; or
- Scholarships, fellowships, or organizations or projects led by only one person.
- Organizations or projects that only provide services. We will consider organizations or projects that provide services if they also engage in organizing, advocacy, and other community empowerment strategies.

Funding Guidelines

Funding will provide general operating support for U.S. based trans-led organizations or projects whose operating budgets are under $200,000. **This RFP is only for trans-led organizations that <u>were not</u> funded in our last grantmaking cycle.** However, rapid response grant recipients are eligible to apply. Current FTG grantees will be notified about a request for renewal proposals by mid January 2018. If you are unsure about your eligibility to apply, we encourage you to attend one of the upcoming webinars on August 23 or September 7 (Details below).

Here is how we define trans-led and budget size:

- 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 $200,000; we have no minimum budget requirements.

Grant Amounts

The FTG provides general operating support grants ranging from $15,000 to $25,000.

Interested in learning more?
We will be hosting informational webinars in August to explain the Request for Proposals process and answer any questions you may have. Please participate in one of the upcoming webinars on either:

- Wednesday, August 23 at 11am PST/12pm MST/1pm PST/2pm EST
  https://zoom.us/webinar/register/bd77b048f68a0f3e7c24e00bf0acd2b8
- Thursday, September 7 at 1pm PST/2pm MST/3pm PST/4pm EST (This webinar will be simultaneously interpreted into Spanish)
  https://zoom.us/webinar/register/eb4f6b6098216caa8c34be5db4a05ad8

Webinars will be recorded, and information shared on each webinar will be the same. We hope you will join us for one of these webinars, and please share this opportunity with your networks!

Rapid Response Funding Opportunities Also Available!

We also recognize that communities often need additional resources to respond quickly to organized opposition and to unanticipated events. The FTG rapid response fund provides support for situations that require immediate response and for proactive activities that pursue strategic opportunities. You can learn more about our Rapid Response fund on our website.

How to Submit a Proposal

Proposals must be submitted by using the Borealis online proposal system. You can learn more about how to apply and set up your own online account [here](). If you would like to review the questions and information needed to submit a proposal, you may find that [here](). You can find the complete Request for Proposals announcement and related information [here]().

We are able to accept applications by video and in Spanish. For video submissions, please be sure to provide all required financial information and answer all questions in the proposal narrative. Instead of submitting a written full proposal, you may submit a short (15 minutes max) video telling us about your work.

More information about the Fund for Trans Generations, including grantmaking timeline is [here.]()
If you have any questions about your proposal, please contact the FTG team [here.]()

*Thank you to Trans Justice Funding Project and Leeway Foundation for this adapted definition of trans-led.

FTG GENERAL SUPPORT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Eligible groups: Organizations or networks that are aligned with the FTG funding guidelines and priorities. Must be U.S. based, trans-led, and have operating budgets under $200,000.

Deadline: September 18, 2017

HOW TO APPLY

1. **Create an account or log on:** We use an online proposal system that can be accessed here. The hyperlink is:
https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=borealisphilanthropy

   - New Users: please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials. Be sure to keep this login information for your organization's records. *TIP: This email address is the one we will use to communicate with you if we have questions, which sometimes require immediate response. We suggest using an email address that is available to anyone at your organization who needs to access the application.*
   - Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password" link to the left to reset your password.
   - Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, DO NOT create a new account. Please contact FTG@borealisphilanthropy.org to receive your username and password.

2. **Begin your application:** Upon logging in select "apply" from the left hand menu, then select "Fund for Trans Generations – General Grantmaking – Year 2" and click "apply."

3. **Complete and submit your application:** Unfinished applications can be accessed using the same link:
https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=borealisphilanthropy