



Frequently Asked Questions

Below you will find a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that we have received from interested applicants.

Values and Priorities

How do you define intersectional feminism?

Feminism is the belief that people of all genders should be treated and valued equally, which requires an end patriarchy, transphobia, and misogyny. Intersectionality is the idea that we have multiple identities – such as those based on our race, gender, class, sexuality, ability, and more – and that these identities intersect and create unique experiences of oppression. When we combine these two ideas we get “intersectional feminism” which recognizes that we cannot achieve gender justice without an end to all forms of oppression. To learn more about gender justice and intersectional feminism and organizations doing this important work, check out the work of the [Third Wave Fund](#) and their grantees.

We recognize that trans and gender nonconforming people face discrimination, oppression, and violence as a result of the interlocking forms of oppression such as transphobia, sexism, racism, classism, ableism, and ageism.

We believe that trans issues are feminist issues and that in order to build an intersectional trans-inclusive movement, we must practice a feminist ethos in how we approach our work by centering the lives, experiences, and leadership of women, particularly women of color.

Is the Fund for Trans Generations (FTG) only focused on supporting trans girls and women of color?

Trans and gender nonconforming communities face disproportionate levels of violence and discrimination, particularly trans girls and women of color. In 2015 alone, there was a record high number of *known* trans people murdered-most of whom were trans women of color.

We believe that it is important to prioritize supporting those who are facing the most harm as well as those who have been traditionally under-resourced within trans communities (i.e. trans women of color, trans people with disabilities, trans people living in rural areas, Indigenous and Native trans communities, and trans youth and elders).

The FTG will not *only* focus on trans girls, women, and femmes of color. We lead with this emphasis because it is important to highlight where there is great need. However, this should not discourage applications from other members of the trans community, such as those focusing on trans men / trans-masculine people or non-binary people.

About Our Grantmaking

How do you define rapid response funding, especially given all the urgent needs facing trans and gender non-conforming communities?

We understand that there are many different urgent and timely issues impacting trans and gender non-conforming communities, particularly within the current political climate.

The FTG rapid response fund provides support to organizations that need additional resources to respond quickly to organized opposition and to unanticipated events, and proactive activities that present strategic opportunities for long-term movement-building.

We recognize that there are other urgent issues impacting trans communities that are outside the scope of our current rapid response parameters (e.g. Purchasing a building, rent support upon an eviction, access to urgent medical care, etc). We will be tracking your feedback and requests that fall outside the current scope of our rapid response funding priorities so that we can assess if we may need to adjust our grantmaking criteria.

For more details on our current rapid response funding priorities and criteria, please visit our website to find the FTG Rapid Response FAQ.

What's the difference between organizational (general operating) budget and project budget?

Organizational budget refers to the budget of your overall organization to run programs, pay staff and rent, and cover any costs associated with the overall functions of your organization. You should submit an organizational budget if you are a trans-led organization with a budget under \$200,000.

A project budget is only required for a trans-led project that is part of a larger organization that is not trans-led. A project budget includes the costs of running the program, such as staff, materials, stipends, etc. and may include a portion of overhead costs.

Please Note: For the 2017 General Grantmaking cycle, we are only accepting applications from trans-led organizations.

Does the FTG make multi-year grants?

The Fund for Trans Generations currently has resources to make grants for two years, so our goal is to provide two-year grants where possible and appropriate. Borealis will be working with the current FTG donors to bring new donors into the FTG collaborative fund so that we will be able to increase the resources going to trans communities and so we can extend our grantmaking beyond two years.

Accessibility

Are there other ways to submit an LOI (Letter of Inquiry), full proposal, or rapid response request if written language is inaccessible?

Yes, we have received LOIs and full proposals by video submission. If you are interested in submitting a video application, please contact FTG@borealisphilanthropy.org.

Are the LOI instructions or other application materials available in other languages? Can I submit an application in Spanish?

We have provided LOI and full proposal instructions in Spanish and have received LOIs, full proposals, and rapid response requests in Spanish. We will consider providing materials in other languages in the future as we're able and the need arises.

A note about screen readers

We recognize that our website and the visuals provided on the FTG informational webinar were not accessible to people who are blind or need screen readers to view images. We will work on this for future communications and visuals used for the FTG.