



Now Accepting Letter of Inquiry

ABOUT THE LETTER OF INQUIRY PROCESS

The **Communities Transforming Policing Fund (CTPF)** accepts letters of inquiry on a rolling basis. Submitting a letter of inquiry is the first step in the process of applying for funding. Within 2-4 weeks of submission, we will respond to your letter to let you know whether we are able to move to the proposal stage. In some cases, we might let you know we need additional information before moving forward. *Please note that for groups invited to submit a full proposal, we have a streamlined process, which allows groups to submit recent proposals they have submitted to other foundations or to schedule a conversation with us in lieu of submitting a narrative proposal.*

Given the rolling process and depending on how many requests we receive, it is possible that all funds will be disseminated before the end of the year. Therefore, eligible groups are encouraged to apply sooner than later.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & PRIORITIES

The LOI process is open to any groups not currently receiving funding through CTPF. Current CTPF grantees who need supplemental/rapid response funding do not need to submit LOIs and should contact us directly about their needs.

To be eligible for funding, groups must:

- Be an independent 501(c)(3) or be fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization
- Work authentically within communities most impacted by policing and incarceration.
- Have an explicit, demonstrated commitment to racial, economic, and gender justice that is reflected in the organization's leadership and staffing and in how it conducts its work
- Demonstrate a clear power-building and leadership-development strategy that meaningfully engages directly impacted communities in defining problems, solutions, and actions.

Priority consideration will be given to:

- Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)-led organizations
- Organizations led by individuals who have been directly impacted by the criminal legal system
- Ongoing campaigns in jurisdictions with particularly timely opportunities for change
- Groups who do not receive significant support from national foundations



What we don't fund:

- Direct services work that is not connected to advocacy/organizing work
- Academic research
- Individuals
- Government entities
- International projects

GRANT AWARDS AND BENEFITS

CTPF provides general operating support grants to provide groups with maximum flexibility. We anticipate most grants will be one-year grants ranging from \$15,000-\$30,000. Amounts will be determined based on the nature of the request and available resources. In addition to financial support, all grantees will have access to ongoing capacity building opportunities, including regular learning webinars on key issues related to their work, opportunities for peer sharing with other grantees, and weekly newsletters that compile field news, updates, resources, and funding opportunities. Please indicate if your request is a rapid response request and we will do our best to respond to those requests within 2-weeks.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LETTER OF INQUIRY

The letter of inquiry should be no more than 2-pages and include the information below. Please feel free to use bullet points in your answers if you prefer.

- Contact Information
 - Name and Title, Organization, Email Address, Phone Number, Mailing Address
 - Are you a 501(c)(3) or a fiscally sponsored project? If you are a fiscally sponsored project, who is your fiscal sponsor?
- Budget Information
 - Current total annual budget
 - Amount of funding requested.
- Narrative (*Please note that you may submit a proposal previously submitted to another foundation for this section*)
 - The mission of your organization or collective
 - A brief overview of our organization or campaign's strategies and goals
 - Is this a rapid response request?

To submit your LOI to the Communities Transforming Policing Fund please fill out the LOI form at: <https://forms.gle/44J4mH6SqH3Sjt3p7> or email ctpf@borealisphilanthropy.org