



FTG Funding Opportunities Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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What is the Fund for Trans Generations?

Borealis Philanthropy's Fund for Trans Generations (FTG) invests in trans-led organizing to support a future where transgender, gender non-conforming, and nonbinary people live with freedom, safety, and self-determination. FTG works to prioritize the needs of trans-led organizations that are grossly underfunded, and create opportunities to access financial resources for their communities. Since 2016, FTG has supported over more than 100 grantees with over \$10 million in funding.

What are the values of FTG?

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.





What funding opportunities are currently available?

As an intermediary, the Fund for Trans Generations (FTG) is continuously fundraising from other foundations to redistribute to groups via general support, rapid response and, previously, COVID-19 specific grants. At this time, FTG has only rapid response funding available. Our general support funding has a closed process as we are still raising funds to be able to bring on new groups.

Can you tell me more about the Rapid Response Fund?

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.

What are some examples of the work being funded by the Rapid Response Fund?

We will prioritize supporting organizations and fiscally sponsored 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



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 any staff members 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.
- If the organization or project is volunteer-run, the majority of volunteers should identify as trans or gender non-conforming.

Budget Criteria & Timelines

RAPID RESPONSE BUDGET CRITERIA

- 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 \$10,000 per organization with an average size grant being \$53,000 to \$7,000.
- We are only able to fund organizations with their own 501(c)3 status or fiscally sponsored projects based in the United States and US territories.
- We accept requests on a rolling basis. Once your request is submitted you should hear back from our team in two to four weeks.
- You will receive an update on your application within 6-8 weeks after submission.

Where can I apply?

You may access the rapid response application [here](#). Once in Salesforce, you will see the corresponding application named “FTG 2024 Rapid Response.” If you’re having issues with Salesforce please reach out to our grants management team at grants@borealisphilanthropy.org.

Still have questions?

We know grant writing, accessing a new portal, and/or navigating philanthropy can be overwhelming. If you have any other questions, reach out to us at FTG@borealisphilanthropy.org.

GRANTS TO 501(C)(3)S REQUIRE:

- Grant narrative
- IRS determination letter
- Current organizational budget
- Most recent audited or unaudited financials **OR** most recent 990 **OR** a statement of activities and balance sheet

IF A 501(C)(3) IS APPLYING FOR SUPPORT FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT:

- Grant narrative
- IRS determination letter
- Most recent audited or unaudited financials **OR** most recent 990 **OR** a statement of activities and balance sheet
- Project budget

IF A FISCALLY SPONSORED PROJECT IS APPLYING FOR FUNDS:

- Grant narrative
- Fiscal sponsor's IRS determination letter — Fiscal sponsor's most recent audited or unaudited financials OR most recent 990 OR a statement of activities and balance sheet
- Project budget
- Fiscal sponsorship MOU/contract

WHAT GRANTS MANAGEMENT LOOKS FOR IN A FISCAL SPONSORSHIP MOU

(note: this is not legal advice):

- Correct parties listed in agreement — MOU lasts for the length of projected grant period
- Executive contacts at fiscal sponsor and sponsored project are listed
- Agreement is signed by both parties — Fiscal sponsor exercises full discretion over grant funds
- Fiscal sponsor's tax-exempt status covers the sponsored project, enabling project to receive tax-deductible contributions

At the end of a grant period for a project grant to a 501c3 or a grant to support a fiscally sponsored project, Grants Management will collect:

- **Project narrative** *In some cases, this may be accomplished with the fund's existing reporting and check-in activity (ex. phone call check-ins, Movement-Define Learning, or frequent cohort meetings)*
- **A list of expenditures for the grant OR budget vs. actuals**