

The Transgender Strategy Fund

General Operating Grants - Full Application



This Request for Proposals (RFP) is for one-year General Operating Grants. This funding opportunity has two (2) Focus Areas, **California Based Work** and **Supporting Communities Against Anti-TGNC Movements**.

The following information is for applicants that have been invited to move to the Full Application stage.

Eligibility

The **General Operating Grants - Full Application** is open to applicants who completed a Funding Request and were invited by TSC to complete a Full Application.

Grant Amounts

Focus Area 1: California Based Work	Focus Area 2: Supporting Communities Against Anti-TGNC Movements
General Operating Grants will range from \$50,000 - \$75,000	General Operating Grants will range from \$25,000 - \$75,000

Use of Funds

These grant funds will be distributed to grantees in the form of general operating support. General operating support grant funds may be used for any activities or expenses, as long as the expenditures are for charitable purposes, do not violate any laws or IRS guidelines, and do not jeopardize the nonprofit status of the organization.

Application Process

Eligible organizations can apply for a General Operating Grant by submitting a **Full Application**.

The Full Application will expand on the information the applicant organization provided in the first step of the application process, the Funding Request. TSC suggests you have the Funding Request available as you complete the Full Application. Applicants will need to complete a Full Application in Good Grants. You will receive an invite to complete this final stage, in the same Focus Areas as the Funding Request.

Applicants must submit the required documents in Good Grants, using the **Required Documents tab**, and may proceed to submit a Full Application through one of two methods, on **the Application tab**.

Applicants can either:

1. Complete a written application form
2. Request a virtual Zoom interview application.

Please note that the required documents must be submitted BEFORE the interview takes place.

Applicants must select just **one** means of applying. Applicants will be able to make this selection in Good Grants. TSC does not have a preferred method of application and encourages applicants to choose the format that is more appropriate and comfortable for them.

Please note the following:

- If an interview is not scheduled by April 24, 2023, applicants must complete a written application.
- If a written application is submitted, an interview cannot be scheduled.

All applications, written and interviews, must be completed by May 12, 2023

Completing the Application

The information below is provided to better assist you in completing the application:

- You will receive a link in your email to start your application.
- If you choose to submit your application by scheduling and completing an interview, please start your application in Good Grants, click on the Applications tab, and check the interview box; this will populate a Calendly link to sign-up for an hour-long interview time.
- Be sure to have the listed required documents available.
- Be sure to review the questions and prompts below along with the description of what is expected for each to ensure the best responses possible.

Required Documents

The following items are required for all applicants and must be submitted at least two (2) business days before your application interview is held or with the submission of a written application.

Please be certain to rename all documents with your organization name included:

- Organization's (or fiscal sponsor's) IRS 501(c)3 Determination Letter.
 - If you are fiscally sponsored, you must also submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between your organization and your fiscal sponsor.
- Organization's (or fiscal sponsor's) 2020 or 2021 Audit -OR- 990 -OR- 990-N.
- Organization's (or fiscal sponsor's) W-9.
- Organization's 2023 fiscal year budget, including revenue with individual funders listed, where applicable, and expenses. If you do not have an existing organization budget, please use the template provided on the TSC website.
 - If fiscally sponsored, only include the revenue and expenses for the organization applying, and not the fiscal sponsor's budget.

Timeline for General Operating Grants

General Operating Grant – Full Application

April 17 - May 12, 2023

Applicants can submit a written application:

April 17 - May 12

Applicants can complete an interview:

April 24 - May 12

Interviews must be scheduled by April 24

Full Application Due: May 12

- All required documents must be submitted in the grants portal
- Completed either a written response or an interview to application questions

Notified of Decisions: June 2023

Grant Period

June 2023 - June 2024

Application Request Questions & Prompts

The questions and prompts provided below along with a description of what makes a strong response, the character or time limit for each, and the corresponding points.

Focus Area 1: California Based Work

- 1** Please expand on your response to question 4 in the Funding Request - How does your organization support TGNC communities in California?

A strong response will outline how your organization's main programs or primary advocacy activities support TGNC communities in California and will detail how your organization addresses the main area(s) of need that were outlined in question four of your submitted Funding Request. This question asked you to describe the main area(s) of need for TGNC people in your community (region/locale).

1,500 characters; 15 minutes; 20 points

- 2** How do you intend to use the funds under this grant, if received?

A strong response will build upon the answer provided in the previous question and explain the ways your organization will either continue to provide that support or what new support will be offered with this funding, such as through providing TGNC-specific services or conducting TGNC-focused advocacy or by having collaborative partnerships with local service providers.

1,500 characters; 15 minutes; 15 points

- 3** Please share the biggest challenge your organization has experienced over the past two years and how your organization addressed this challenge.

TSC supports TGNC-led organizations at all levels. A strong response demonstrates that you have a good understanding of the barriers to success and provides context about how your organization has grown to overcome challenges.

750 characters; 5 minutes; 5 points

- 4** Please share your proudest organizational accomplishment over the past two years.

This provides an opportunity to share major successes that your organization has achieved. A strong response highlights what was accomplished and why it was important to your organization and/or your community(ies). This may include key organizational changes that have led to the growth of the organization.

750 characters; 5 minutes; 5 points

- 5** How do you measure how successful your organization is at meeting its goals?

A strong response will include a description of what success means to your organization under this initiative (i.e., goals) and how you will achieve those goals.

500 characters; 5 minutes; 5 points

Focus Area 2: Supporting Communities Against Anti-TGNC Movements

- 1** Please expand on your response to question 4 in the funding request - Describe the work your organization is doing to support TGNC communities with relation to recent anti-TGNC movements affecting your area.

A strong response will outline how your organization's main programs or primary advocacy activities are working to combat the anti-TGNC movements in your state and will detail how your organization addresses the main area(s) of need that were outlined in question four of your submitted Funding Request. This question asked you to describe the main area(s) of need for TGNC people in your community (region/locale).

1,500 characters; 15 minutes; 20 points

- 2** How do you intend to use the funds under this grant, if received?

A strong response will build upon the answer provided in the previous question and explain the ways your organization will either continue to provide that support or what new efforts will be launched to combat the anti-TGNC movements in your state, such as through providing TGNC-specific services or conducting TGNC-focused advocacy or by having collaborative partnerships with local service providers.

1,500 characters; 15 minutes; 15 points

- 3** Please share the biggest challenge your organization has experienced, as it relates to anti-TGNC movements in your state or region, over the past two years and how your organization addressed this challenge.

TSC supports TGNC-led organizations at all levels. A strong response demonstrates that you have a good understanding of the barriers to success and provides context about how your organization has grown to overcome challenges.

750 characters; 5 minutes; 5 points

- 4** Please share your proudest organizational accomplishment in addressing the effects of anti-TGNC movements in your state over the past two years.

This provides an opportunity to share major successes that your organization has achieved. A strong response highlights what was accomplished and why it was important to your organization and/or your community(ies). This may include key organizational changes that have led to the growth of the organization.

750 characters; 5 minutes; 5 points

Focus Areas 1 & 2

- 6** OPTIONAL – TSC offers No-Cost Capacity Building -to TGNC-led organizations. Is this something your organization would be interested in receiving?

Your response to this question will not influence the outcome of a grant decision. If your organization is interested in Capacity Building, you can also mention what areas of focus your organization is most in need of.