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The Transgender Strategy Fund - Amp Grants Funding Opportunity

Transgender Strategy Center (TSC) is offering funding through the Transgender Strategy Fund- Amp Grants to support organizations and informal networks led by and serving transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) people that include a focus on HIV within their work.

The primary aims of this initiative are to (1) build the sustainability of grassroots TGNC organizations; (2) support a pipeline of innovative TGNC leaders through a menu of no-cost capacity building offerings that will accompany the grants; and (3) prioritize organizations located in geographic regions that have been persistently under resourced by traditional philanthropy.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive funding through this initiative, organizations must meet the following requirements:

- Be TGNC-led* and providing services to TGNC people. Priority will be given to organizations led by and serving Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC).
- Have a 501(c)3 tax designation or have a fiscal sponsor that has a 501(c)3 tax designation.
- Have a component of your organizational work that meaningfully addresses HIV-related disparities among TGNC communities.
- Have an organizational budget no higher than \$250,000.

This funding opportunity will provide general operating support grants of up to \$20,000 to organizations in the U.S. (inclusive of geographic areas that are not a part of the continental U.S. - [click here](#) to see a full list) that support TGNC communities and conduct HIV-related advocacy or linkage to care and support programming.

The process to receive funding is two-fold:

1. Interested organizations submit written responses to the Funding Request questions and prompts via google forms. A link to the Funding Request form and guiding questions are listed below.
2. **A subset of applicants that submitted Funding Requests will be invited to move forward and meet with TSC staff to complete an Application Interview.**

**We adhere to the Trans Justice Funding Project definition of TGNC-led: the majority of people in charge of the organization identify as trans or gender non-conforming. Non-trans led organizations with a trans focused project are not eligible for this funding.*

About Transgender Strategy Center

TSC elevates and amplifies transgender voices and leadership within communities across the United States, centering goals on economic and racial justice, authentic inclusion, and equity in health and well-being. We do this by providing coaching, training, and technical assistance, and grantmaking to trans leaders and organizations. We tailor our assistance to meet the needs of each unique person and organization. Additionally, TSC offers training and coaching to cisgender-led organizations that would like to do a better job of serving transgender communities.

TSC is committed to building trans power and sustainability. Our mission prioritizes providing support, training, and coaching to grassroots trans-led organizations throughout the United States. We believe genuine trans liberation only comes through the leadership of trans communities.

No-Cost Capacity Building & Technical Assistance

TSC provides grassroots, trans-led organizations with a wide range of capacity building and technical assistance (TA) topic areas, from program expansion to executive leadership training. As part of the funding under this initiative, TSC would like to provide capacity building and technical assistance to those funded organizations at no cost to the grantee. See [TSC's website](#) for more information.

Grant Amounts

Grant awards will range from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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.

Funding Request Process & Review

Information about the process for accepting and reviewing Funding Requests is briefly outlined below. Additional information about the process can be located on the [TSC website](#).

- The number of questions was intentionally limited and only gathers the most relevant information needed for the reviewers to make informed recommendations to ensure that the Funding Request should take no more than 2-3 hours to complete.
- Funding Request responses will be used to determine how well the applicant organization aligns with the goals and focus of the Transgender Strategy Fund – Amp Grants.
- After the deadline for submitting Funding Requests, a grant review committee composed of TGNC people with professional and lived experience in providing direct services to TGNC communities, HIV service provision and advocacy, gender and reproductive rights and justice, will review all Funding Requests.



Completing the Funding Request

The information below is provided to better assist you in completing the Funding Request.

- It is strongly encouraged that you complete the Funding Request questions and prompts in a separate document and then paste your responses into the Google Form. [You will need to have a Google account](#) associated with an email you check regularly.
- Be sure to have your organization’s budget accessible.
- [The Funding Request stage includes the submission of a completed staff and Board representation table](#), you can download it from the [TSC website HERE](#). The purpose of the collection of this data is to ensure that the leadership and staffing of, and the communities served by the applicant organization align with the communities of priority for this initiative. Instructions are provided in the table. Be sure to complete the representation table beforehand.
- 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.
- For questions related to the process or completing the Funding Request, please reach out to grantmaking@transgenderstrategy.org.

The questions and prompts are provided below along with a description of what makes a strong response, the character limit (including spaces) for each, and the corresponding points.

To access the Funding Request via Google Forms, please click the link [HERE](#).

2 Please provide your organization’s current fiscal year’s budget amount. If your organization uses a fiscal sponsor, do not use the fiscal sponsor’s budget

Please note that while no points are assigned to this prompt, any organizations with a budget over \$250,000 will not be considered for funding.

4 How do you engage Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) TGNC people within and outside of your organization?

The Transgender Strategy Fund prioritizes supporting the needs of BIPOC TGNC communities; therefore, a strong response includes a description of how BIPOC TGNC community members are engaged in the development of programming and services that your organization provides, along with how the BIPOC TGNC staff of your organization are engaged in program development and leadership.

1,500 characters; 12 points

6 Please describe the Transgender and Gender Nonconforming (TGNC) communities your organization serves, particularly BIPOC community members. How have they been impacted by HIV?

A strong response will include the racial demographics of the people served by your organization and specifics about how TGNC people in your community are affected by HIV.

1,500 characters; 10 points

8 How do you measure how successful your organization is at meeting its mission? (For example, 80% of your clients were provided stable housing in one year.)

A strong response will include a description of what success means to your organization.

1,000 characters; 5 points

1 Please provide your organization’s mission statement.

As long as the organization’s mission aligns with the values and focus of the Transgender Strategy Fund, full points will be awarded.

500 characters; 1 points

3 Please share the services or activities of your organization.

A strong response provides details about the main programs or primary advocacy activities of the organization.

1,000 characters; 5 points

5 How do you engage people living with HIV within and outside of your organization?

This funding is supported by ViiV Healthcare’s Amp Grant initiative. As such, a primary focus of this support is on meaningful engagement of people living with HIV. A strong response will include how staff and volunteers living with HIV are engaged in program development and leadership as well as how people living with HIV in the community(ies) your organization serves are meaningfully engaged.

1,500 characters; 12 points

7 Please describe the HIV epidemic in your local area. What experience does your organization have providing HIV-related services and/or conducting HIV-focused advocacy?

A strong response will include an explanation of the HIV epidemic in the community(ies) your organization serves (e.g., data on HIV in the city or county your organization serves) along with details of the HIV-specific services or advocacy that your organization provides/conducts or partnerships you have with local HIV service providers.

1,500 characters; 5 points

9 OPTIONAL – TSC offers No-Cost Capacity Building & Technical Assistance to TGNC lead 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 you responded yes to the above question, what areas of focus is your organization most in need of



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Required Document for Funding Request

Only one document is required to be submitted with the Funding Request responses. A completed staff and Board representation table must be completed in order for your Funding Request to be accepted for review. You may access the blank representation table on the [TSC website HERE](#).

Instructions on how to complete the table are found on the first tab of the workbook. Should you have any questions or need assistance in completing the representation table, please reach out to grantmaking@transgenderstrategy.org.

Next Steps

Following the Funding Request, **a subset of applicants will be invited to submit a full application via** an Application Interview held on Zoom. Details of the process, tips for preparing for the Application Interview, and the Application Interview prompts and questions can be found on the TSC website.

Please refrain from reaching out to TSC about funding decisions during the Funding Request review stage.

If you have questions or need assistance with the Funding Request, you can email TSC at grantmaking@transgenderstrategy.org.

Timeline for Funding Request Stage

The timeline below outlines the important dates for the Funding Request stage, the Application Interview stage, and the grant period. Applicants will be notified of grant decisions within three weeks from participating in the Application Interview.

Call for Funding Requests Released - January 11, 2022

Informational Webinar - January 25, 2022 at 1pm ET / 10am PT

- *See TSC website to register*

Funding Requests Due - February 4, 2022

Applicants Notified of Decisions - February 21, 2022