

Bridge to Freedom is now accepting applications for its first small grants program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for the small grants program, an organization must be:

- A 501(c)(3) public charity or operating under the fiscal agency of an organization that is a qualified 501(c)(3) public charity
- Working with a current operating budget of less than \$1,000,000
- In operation for fewer than five years, as determined by its date of incorporation
- Incorporated in the State of Illinois
- BIPOC-led at all levels of leadership, meaning that a minimum of 51% of executive staff and a minimum of 51% of the board of directors identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)
- Serving the Chicagoland area

FUNDING PARAMETERS

- Request can be for a specific program or for general operations
- The grant will be for a one-year performance period
- Applicants are limited to one application per grant cycle

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete the official application form and include with the form:

- A copy of the letter certifying your organization's 501 (c)(3) status
- A copy of your organization's Articles of Incorporation
- Organization budget for the current fiscal year, including income and expenses
- A brief budget breakdown of how you will use the grant, if seeking a project grant
- First page of most recently completed Form 990
- Most recently updated list of executive leadership and board of directors, including their affiliation and race/gender

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

(Round 1 July 30, 2023//Round 2 October 30, 2023)

Applications will be accepted via email to micavbattle@gmail.com.

Applications received after the deadline date and time may be subject to disqualification.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on eligibility, quality of program, and program's ability to stimulate positive change in the community.

A brief final report on the use of the grant funds will be due 13 months from the date of decision.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Dr. Mica V. Battle at micabattle@gmail.com.

**Bridge to Freedom
2023 Grant Application**

Legal Name of Organization

Mailing Address / Phone Number / Main Email Address of Organization

FEIN #

If you are currently operating under a fiscal agent, provide the fiscal agent's FEIN #

Year Founded

Year Incorporated

Applicant Name / Title / Email Address

What Percentage of Your Organization's Executive Staff are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color)?

%

What is Your Organization Budget for the Current Fiscal Year?

\$

Amount of Grant Request:

\$

Organization Mission Statement (1,000 characters maximum)

Organization History (1,500 characters maximum)

Describe the Population You Serve (1,000 characters maximum)

Describe the Geographic Area You Serve (500 characters maximum)

What Problem/Need is Your Organization Trying to Solve? (2,000 characters max).

Summary of Key Programs or Services (1,500 characters maximum)

How Do You Propose to Use the Grant, if Awarded? (1,500 characters maximum)

Number of People to be Served by the Grant?

One Goal & One to Three Objectives (2,000 characters maximum):

*(the **goal** is what you intend to achieve as an organization; the **objectives** are the measurable activities you do to meet the goal)*

Data Collection Tools (1,000 characters maximum):

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided above is accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

Please include with your application one copy of each of the following documents:

- 501c3 letter of determination (if using a fiscal agent, please provide fiscal agent 501c3)
- Articles of Incorporation
- List of board members, including their professional affiliations and race/gender
- Current organization budget, including income and expenses
- First page of most recently completed Form 990
- Brief budget breakdown of how you will use the grant, if seeking a project grant