



FUND FOR IDAHO

2016 Grant Guidelines

Grantmaking Philosophy

FUND FOR IDAHO is a grant-making foundation dedicated to building a more civil, just, and sustainable Idaho. Our grants are a catalyst for positive change toward a more compassionate, environmentally sound and healthy society. We place grant-making decisions in the hands of a committee of both activists and philanthropists. This way, our grant-making process reflects both the wisdom and experience of both the donor community AND those actually doing on-the-ground activism so we can make the most effective grant decisions.

Grantmaking Goals

Grant applications are evaluated based on how well they address each of these grantmaking goals:

1. **Supporting community-based** and/or **grassroots activists/advocates** working to address **root causes of social or environmental issues through systemic or policy change.**
2. **Actively engaging those affected by a problem** in the process of **identifying and pursuing solutions.**
3. Providing forums for **creative collaboration** and **capacity building** between groups, leaders and community members.

Grant Funds: Fund for Idaho now makes grants from three distinct grant funds:

Startup Fund

Funds groups 3 years old or less to organize on a specific giving priority for up to one year
Grants up to \$2,000

Grassroots Organizing Fund

Funds issue organizing projects on a specific giving priority for a one year period
Grants up to \$3,000

Anchor Fund

Provides general support to build organizing capacity and organizational stability, renewable for a second year
Grants up to \$5,000

Giving Priorities

FUND FOR IDAHO supports strategic issue and policy change work by groups organizing in the following areas:

Human Rights:

Empowering marginalized communities, including women, LGBTQ, those with disabilities, those with mental illness, immigrants, and rural communities; and assuring economic fairness, including food security, health care access, and access to shelter

Environmental Health:

Protecting land & people from contamination, fostering informed consumer choices, and promoting renewable energy development

Eligibility: To apply for a grant from the FUND FOR IDAHO, an organization must meet all of these criteria:

- Be based in Idaho and working in Idaho;
- Have its own IRS 501(c)(3) status (may be fiscally sponsored) or be a recognized tribal government;
- Have an annual operating budget UNDER \$300,000 (fiscal agent's budget may exceed \$300,000).

Restrictions: FUND FOR IDAHO does NOT fund the following:

- Organizations with an annual operating budget OVER \$300,000
- Social service projects or direct service delivery without a policy change or issue organizing component
- Federal, state or local government entities.
- Organizations based outside of Idaho
- Individuals
- Capital Campaigns (building construction or renovation)
- Scholarships to colleges or universities
- Any group that practices or promotes partisan or legally defined discriminatory policies relating to race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, age or ability.

Application Forms

Please use the links in the Grantmaking section of our website to download the necessary application forms. Completed applications are due by June 30, 2016.

All new applicants must have a conversation with us **before** submitting an application!