



FUND FOR IDAHO

2018 PERSISTENCE FUND

Grant Guidelines

Grantmaking Philosophy

In response to this disturbing time of social and political unrest, Fund for Idaho's **Persistence Fund** is supporting organizations coming together to overcome the rising tide of intolerance and divisiveness in Idaho. These grants will fund the work of Idahoans who have come together to push back against the forces that would remove compassion and justice from our Idaho values. Grant decisions are made by an inclusive, diverse committee of both activists and donors so we are sure we tap into the wisdom and experience of both the donors AND those actually doing on-the-ground activism. We do this to ensure we make the most strategic grant decisions.

Grantmaking Goals

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

1. **Support community-based** and/or **grassroots activists/advocates** work to advance policy change that ensures fairness, integrity, and compassion for all Idahoans.
 2. **Actively engage those affected by a problem** in the process of **identifying and pursuing solutions**.
 3. **Promote collaboration with other groups** based on identifying issues they have in common.
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Grant Funds: **Persistence Fund** grants provide **matching funds** of up to \$7,500 to organizations working in concrete ways to push back against the policy changes that endanger immigrant rights, access to health care, disability rights, and cause environmental degradation.

Giving Priorities

The **Persistence Fund** supports strategic issue and policy change work by groups organizing in these areas:

Human Rights:

Empowering and defending marginalized communities to assuring economic fairness, immigrant justice, and access to essential services.

Environmental Integrity:

Protecting land & people from contamination and destruction.

Eligibility: To apply for a grant from the Fund for Idaho, an organization must meet all these criteria:

- Be based in Idaho and working in Idaho;
 - Have 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).
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Restrictions: Fund for Idaho does NOT fund the following:

- Organizations with an annual operating budget OVER \$300,000
 - Social services or direct service delivery with no policy change goal 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, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, religion, national origin.
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Application Forms

Please use the links in the Grantmaking section of our website to download the necessary application forms. Completed applications are due (postmarked by) August 31, 2018.

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