



# The Resilience Fund

## 2019 Grant Cycle

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

[The Resilience Fund](#) was created in early 2017 as a collaborative partnership of philanthropies and individual donors led by the Greater Washington Community Foundation. It seeks to address the critical needs of nonprofits responding to changes in federal policy and budget priorities, as well as the climate of intolerance and hate, both of which are disproportionately impacting people of color, immigrant, and refugee communities.

Since the Fund's inception, it has raised and leveraged more than \$1 million and made grants to organizations supporting our neighbors affected by changes to immigration and deportation policies, as well as efforts to build community cohesion and combat "anti-other" sentiment. Grants have supported immigrant-serving organizations providing advocacy, legal, or medical services; training on legal and civil rights; and, assistance with family reunification.

### GRANTMAKING OPPORTUNITIES

For our 2019 giving round, The Resilience Fund is accepting proposals from organizations who are responding to changes in federal policy and budget priorities impacting the Greater Washington region. Grant awards may range from \$10,000-\$30,000.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Organizations must be 501(c)3 nonprofits OR have partnerships that appoint a 501(c)3 nonprofit institution as their fiduciary agent.
2. Organizations are required to operate in Washington, DC or the following counties: Montgomery and Prince George's, MD; Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas, and Manassas Park in Virginia.
3. Organizations must demonstrate that the proposed work is directly responding to changes in the federal policy landscape over the past two years.



## Funding Opportunity: Addressing Federal Policy Impacts

The Resilience Fund will entertain applications from organizations locally responding to changes in federal policy and budget priorities. Please note that The Resilience Fund will not fund ongoing work.

The Fund welcomes proposals linked to:

1. Policy shifts that are adversely impacting immigrants from the Africa and Caribbean Diaspora.
2. Issues affecting the social safety net including Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and SNAP that disproportionately impacts people of color, immigrant, and refugee communities.
3. Civil discourse or community engagement.
4. Efforts that expand access to citizenship and democracy.
5. Residual effects of the 2019 government shutdown.

### Executive Summary (part of the online application form)

1. Organization name and address and full contact info
2. Name of Executive Director and email/phone/fax
3. Name of main contact for this proposal, if other than Executive Director and email/phone/fax
4. Tax exempt status/EIN Number
5. Fiscal Agent Organization name, address, and Director of the organization (IF APPLICABLE)
6. Total organizational budget (current year)
7. Program/Project budget (if applicable)
8. Fiscal year (MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY)
9. Requested Amount
10. Organization's mission
11. Purpose of Request

### Narrative (3 pages maximum, uploaded as an attachment)

1. Briefly describe your organization's history and recent accomplishments.
2. Describe specifically how your organization intends to use the funds requested to carry out the project described in the application.
3. What change in the federal policy landscape is your project intended to address? How does it align with the goals and mission of the Fund? How have these changes impacted your target population?
4. What is the plan for implementation of this project?
5. What results are you committed to achieving? How do you intend to accomplish this? What is the timeline for these results? What evidence will prove your success?
6. If applicable, provide names and brief description of roles of your organization's partners and collaborators.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposal Narrative
2. Organization's current year budget
3. One-page project budget



## APPLICATION PROCESS

Proposals must be submitted through our online grant application system, Gifts Online. No hard copy, email or faxed proposals will be accepted. Applications are due by [4:00pm on Monday, July 29](#). Proposals will be reviewed in July/August 2019 and applicants will be notified if they have been selected for funding by September 2019.

To access the application link, please [click here](#). Instructions on how to access the grants management portal can be found at the end of this document.

## QUESTIONS

For any questions regarding this funding opportunity or technical assistance with the online application system, please reach out to Melen Hagos. No calls, please.

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