



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Black Giving Circle Grant Program

Dear Colleague,

Established in 2015, the Black Giving Circle seeks to create sustainable change in the Black community by leveraging the efforts of donors and celebrating Black philanthropy. This year the Black Giving Circle Fund again is pleased to announce its competitive grant opportunity that offers financial resources of up to \$30,000 for one year to an eligible nonprofit whose projects demonstrate benefit for the Greater Hartford Black community.

Applying for and/or being awarded the Black Giving Circle Fund grant will not preclude any agency of being eligible to apply or receive any other Hartford Foundation for Public Giving grant award.

Purpose and Goals:

The Black Giving Circle Fund is seeking proposals for projects that benefit the Black community. Recognizing the ongoing need to address persistent disparities affecting the Black community, the Black Giving Circle Fund seeks to support innovative and transformative strategies that build upon the Black community's strengths and assets to address these needs.

Eligible Applicants:

The Fund will consider proposals from individual organizations or collaborative proposals by multiple organizations that have a successful record of serving the Black community in the Greater Hartford region. All applicants must be federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or use a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)(3). The applicant/co-applicants must demonstrate a track record of serving a majority of Blacks and detail how the proposed project builds upon that success.

Eligible Requests for Funding: Eligibility is restricted to organizations with a demonstrated record of service to the Black community and the funding requested should be for programs/projects that clearly and intentionally serve a majority of Black participants. Requests for funding can be for any program/project enhancement or strengthening, equipment/capital project, or capacity building need.

Eligible funding requests must focus on one or more of these areas:

- **Establishing a new or innovative program/service**
- **expanding access to an existing program/service**
- **enhancing current practices**

- **purchasing equipment and/or renovation improvements**
- **building agency infrastructure that advance the Black community**

Selection Criteria:

All projects should clearly articulate:

Community Need - highlight the unmet community need and how the need was determined

Community Input – explain how community input will be utilized for this project

Target population – identify the subset of the Black population that is serviced/engaged

Organizational capacity- articulate what makes the organization uniquely positioned to address this need

Quality of the proposed project – demonstrate the extent to which the proposal is based on best practices or credible research and why the approach was chosen

Management of funds – detail use of funds and the cost-effectiveness of the project

Impact – describe expected outcomes and plans for their measurement

Sustainability – detail how the project will continue beyond the grant period

Application:

To apply for this grant opportunity, please [click here](#).

Please direct any questions or clarifications to Michael Wotorson (mwotorson@hfpg.org or 860-548-1888, ext. 1020) or Chari Chester Anderson (canderson@hfpg.org or 860-548-1888, ext. 1016). Any technical questions should be directed to Grants Administration (grantsadministration@hfpg.org or 860-548-1888).

Grant Award: The Black Giving Circle Fund expects to fund a grant request of up to \$30,000 for one year.

Key Dates:

Issuance of Request of Applications:	July 20, 2021
Technical Assistance Meeting:	August 2, 2021
Application Due:	September 1, 2021
BGCF Grantmaking Meeting:	November 18, 2021

Please note: Applicants under consideration will be required to present at the virtual grantmaking meeting on **November 18, 2021** and give brief presentations of the proposed project to members of the Black Giving Circle Fund. The presentation will be up to 15 minutes and presenters should be prepared to answer questions about the proposal.

For more information on the fund visit www.hfpg.org/blackgivingcircle.