



2026 GRANT APPLICATION

Application Webinar
June 9, 2026, 12-1pm

This webinar will be recorded. The recording and slides will be available on our website at NextGenGivingCircle.org/Grantmaking.

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ABOUT NEXT GEN GIVING CIRCLE

Established in 2019 to
cultivate the next generation
of philanthropists

Committed to funding small,
local nonprofits

Committed to practicing
trust-based philanthropy

59

applicants

5

grantees

\$27.5k

to new grantees

\$5k

in follow-up grants

What We're Funding in 2026

Focus

Organizations working with historically under-resourced communities to build wealth or financial security through access to housing that promotes their health, well-being, and upward mobility

Budget

- Organizations with annual budgets of \$750,000 or less
- Applicants can apply for coalition or partnership-based work
- Applicants can use the general operating funds we provide to sustain existing work or pilot new work

Location

Organizations working in the Greater Washington region
(the Washington, DC metropolitan area includes Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in Maryland, and Northern Virginia)

Eligibility

**Current 501(c)(3) status or
fiscal sponsor**

Operating budget of \$750k or less

All must be working with historically under-resourced communities in the Greater Washington region to build wealth or financial security through access to housing that promotes their health, well-being, and upward mobility

**At least one year of
financial records or fiscal
sponsorship arrangement**

**Primarily support individuals in the
Greater Washington region**

(the Washington, DC metropolitan area includes Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in Maryland, and Northern Virginia)

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Sign up for 1:1 office hours between June 16-July 18

Apply by July 31, 11:59 PM EST (Spanish and audio/video formats available)

Ineligible applicants to be notified within 2 weeks

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Members review applications between August-September

Notice of application status sent by September 30

All applicants can request to receive feedback and/or 6 months of free capacity building resources

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Finalists are selected for a virtual meeting with members in October

Final grant decisions made in November

Grantee celebration in December

Funds disbursed before the end of December

Organization contact information

Mission statement

Fiscal year and budget

Leadership, staff, board, and constituents who identify as people of color

Other optional identity information and/or leadership structures

How do you work with people to build wealth or financial security through access to housing that promotes their health, well-being, and upward mobility? (25% of weighted score)

Tell us briefly about your programs or activities that work with individuals and families to strengthen their financial future. Please include how your organization defines and understands the need you seek to address, and how this shapes your approach.

How has your work made a difference? (25% of weighted score)

Share a few examples or stories that show the impact of your organization. You can use personal stories, data, or both — whatever best shows the change you are making. As much as possible, we recommend sharing about how you sustain your impact, whether for an individual or a community. The strongest applicants demonstrate the organization's commitment, effectiveness, and responsiveness to the needs of their community.

Who do you serve, and how do you involve them in your work? (25% of weighted score)

Tell us about your community (this can include factors like geography, age, socioeconomic class, race, ethnicity, and/or others). How do you listen to them, include their ideas, or involve them in shaping your work? (If you are a collective, member-led, or nonhierarchical organization, or applying as a coalition, feel free to explain that too!) We are especially interested in applicants that center the expertise and lived experiences of people impacted by inequities in their work by creating opportunities for them to influence decision-making and direction of the work.

What is your vision for your work and community, and how would NGGC's funding support you in meeting your goals? (25% of weighted score)

Tell us about your organization's vision for the work you do and the community you work with. We recognize that NGGC grants are small and meant for general operating support. The strongest applicants also share 2-3 specific, concrete, and realistic goals that align with NGGC's focus, and explain the impact of our grant on these goals given the amount.

Tips and reminders

Answers

Keep it short and clear. There's no "perfect" way to answer – just help us understand how you are working with your community to build wealth or financial security.

“Four Corners”

If you add links or attachments to external sources, they will not be reviewed as part of the process.

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Draft your responses in another place (like Microsoft Word) and then copy and paste them onto the form.



QUESTIONS?

Apply by July 31 at 11:59 PM EST
at NextGenGivingCircle.org/Grantmaking

If you have questions about your eligibility, email us at Info@NextGenGivingCircle.org.