



2019 Transportation Justice/ Transportation and Climate Grant Opportunity

Frequently Asked Questions

What does this grant fund?

This grant can fund individual activists and organizations whose work advances transportation justice and/or the mitigation of rising emissions from the transportation sector. Applicants may apply for funding under any of four categories: *capacity-building, community engagement/advocacy, projects/programming, and the Transportation and Climate Initiative*. For example, you may provide a proposal for a campaign with multiple components, which could include the categories of projects/programming and community engagement/advocacy.

What is the Transportation and Climate Initiative?

The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), a program of the Georgetown Climate Center, is regional collaboration between twelve Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states to tackle the issue of carbon emissions from the transportation sector. You can learn more about TCI [here](#).

All applicants, from Massachusetts and TCI states, can apply for funding under TCI. However, non-Massachusetts applicants can only apply under this category.

Who should apply?

Community-based organizations and activists working at the intersection of transportation and justice for and/or with underrepresented and under-resourced communities. Underrepresented and under-resourced communities include, but are not limited to:

- Communities of Color (Black, Asian, Arab, Latino/a/x, Native American)
- Low to Moderate income
- Older adults
- People with Disabilities
- Communities that lack of access to grocery stores, public transportation, and/or affordable housing
- Environmental justice communities, such as those disproportionately impacted by nearby power plants, oil refineries, factories, sewage plants, large scale bus depots, airports, etc.

What size and kinds of organizations are eligible?

There is not a cap on the size of an organization that applies. Organizations that submit for funding should have either 501c3 designation or a fiscal sponsor.

Can individuals apply?

Yes. Independent activists are eligible.

Is this grant for new ideas, or for existing programs?

Applicants can submit both new ideas, as well as activities that are currently in progress. For proposals that include work in progress, we will ask for its current status and an estimation of completion.

What is the deadline to apply?

Deadline extended: Friday, **December 7**, 2018, 11:59 pm.

When are funds available?



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Grants are due to be distributed starting the week of January 7, 2019, following an agreement with the grantee.

Do we need to have a budget breakdown for the proposal?

Yes. Applicants will need to provide a budgetary estimate of the activity/activities listed in their proposals.

When must funds be spent?

Funds must be expended by Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

Will this grant be extended or repeated?

No. This is a one-time grant.

What expenses are eligible?

Funding can be used to pay for programmatic activities, research, campaign work (excluding direct lobbying on specific legislation), travel expenses, community outreach, and staff time. Expenses relating to physical equipment, such as computers or office furniture, are not eligible.

Is there a reporting requirement?

Yes. Grant recipients will need to provide a summary of activities undertaken during the grant period, as well as how the funding was expensed. The grant report is due Friday, January 31, 2020.

Is this for transportation organizations?

No. We do require that the proposals intersect with access to transportation, but you do not have to strictly be a transportation organization in order to apply for funding. We welcome proposals from the sectors of housing, public health, economic development, food access, technology, culture and other disciplines.

Who decides on funding?

The members of the Transportation Justice Working Group, which oversees the implementation of transportation justice in T4MA's policy platforms, and guides the Transportation Justice Organizer in her work, will select proposals and determine funding.

Why is priority being given to non-T4MA members?

We are prioritizing organizations and activists who are outside of the traditional transportation advocacy circles. T4MA members are **not excluded** from applying, however they also have the opportunity to apply for funding directly through the coalition.

What if I have a question that is not answered here?

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