



2021 Transportation Justice Funding Opportunity

Frequently Asked Questions

What does this grant fund?

This grant can fund organizations whose work in Massachusetts advances transportation justice and/or the mitigation of rising emissions and air pollution from the transportation sector. Applicants may apply for funding under any one of four categories or a combination of categories: *capacity-building, community engagement/advocacy, and projects/programming.*

For a list of projects funded in 2019 and 2020, please see our [RFP page](#).

Who should apply?

Community-based organizations working at the intersection of transportation and justice for and/or with underrepresented and under-resourced communities in Massachusetts. 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 501(c)3 designation or a fiscal sponsor.

Can individuals apply?

No. Individual activists are not eligible to apply as individuals, but are encouraged to partner with organizations that qualify.

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?

Friday, May 28th, 2021, 5:00 PM.

When are funds available?

Grants are due to be distributed starting the week of July 1st, 2021, 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 July 2nd, 2022.

Will this grant be extended or repeated?

Applicants should not expect T4MA to offer funding beyond this grant period.

What expenses are eligible?

Funding can be used to pay for programmatic activities, research, issues 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 funding was expended. The grant report is due August 2nd, 2022.

Is this solely 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 Community Engagement Coordinator in his 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 may apply, but 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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