

The Commemoration Fund will support bold and innovative efforts to correct social, political, and economic injustices that impact Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and People of Color in our community. Our grantmaking addresses disparities rooted in white supremacy and systemic racism with sustainable, collaborative solutions.

# COMMEMORATION FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

# Application Due Date: February 1st, 2022

# **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Grants will support work that is innovative in correcting social, cultural, political, or economic injustices impacting Black, Indigenous, Latinx, or other People of Color in our community.
- There is special interest in grants focusing on the following areas: Justice, Health Equity, Education Enrichment, Advocacy, and Leadership Development.
- Grants may support: 1) general operations, 2) a specific program or facility, 3) equipment or vehicle purchase, 4) consulting, 5) planning or training activity, 6) a research project, or other efforts that aim to address a disparity rooted in white supremacy and systemic racism.
- Grants will NOT be considered for dinners, runs/walks, special events, political events, or fundraisers. Grants will not be made directly to a church, unless an independently governed 501c3 is in place.
- Eligible requests may range from \$3,000 to \$100,000.
- **Preference will be given to one-time grants.** Multi-Year grants will be considered, up to three years, but must demonstrate substantial and transformative impact.
- Applicants should be able to identify how efforts will be sustained beyond the term of the grant.
- Applicants will be asked how the progress, outcome, and impact of a grant can be measured.

### **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS WILL...**

- Have 501(c)3 status, with an IRS determination letter that is either permanent or provisional
- Operate in Tulsa County
- Be able to demonstrate programs and/or services focusing on Black, Indigenous, Latinx, or other People of Color
- Be able to demonstrate budget and financial management necessary to administer and account for grant funds. Audited or CPA-prepared financial statements are preferred if available, but not required.

#### For Applicants, preference will be given to:

- Nonprofits with minority leadership at the executive and board level
- Nonprofits headquartered and operating in minority-majority communities of Tulsa County

#### Additional Application Documentation to include the following:

- A copy of the organization's IRS 501c3 determination letter
- A copy of the applicant's latest 990 tax filing, including all attachments
- A listing of the applicant's Board of Directors (including Board Composition)
- A listing of the applicant's Leadership Team (including Team Composition)
- Financial Information, including:
  - Most recent fiscal year ending financial statements and/or most recent quarterly statements (professional, CPA-reviewed statements lend the most credibility to a grant application)
  - o Final Operating Statement including Actual Expenditures (vs. Budget, if available)
  - Organization's budget for the current fiscal year (if available)
- A budget for the specific project or program, with grant request identified if only part of a larger budget
- A list of relevant, current, and potential donors
- A copy of the organization's statement and/or policy related to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- A copy of the strategic plan (if available)

# **HOW TO APPLY**

The application will be available online on **November 15, 2021**. Applicants will have the opportunity to 1) apply and submit electronically, or 2) print and send a completed copy to:

#### **Commemoration Fund**

c/o Clarence Boyd, Program Officer

401 S. Boston Ave, Ste 900, Tulsa, OK 74103

Please direct any questions to Clarence Boyd at <u>cboyd@zarrow.org</u>.

#### Equal Employment Opportunity

The Commemoration Fund requires that all nonprofit entities receiving grants adhere to an Equal Employment Opportunity statement that includes non-discrimination regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), disability, political affiliation, genetic information, or religious belief.