

Special Projects Initiative Grant



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AMPT: Advancing Nonprofits

Vision:

Significant, sustained investment in Chicago's Black and Latine communities.

Mission:

AMPT: Advancing Nonprofits (AMPT) is committed to strengthening the organizational health and support long-term development of small nonprofits on Chicago's west and south sides, prioritizing Black and Latine communities, while simultaneously helping to transform philanthropy by addressing systemic racial inequities and serving as a model for anti-racist systems, processes and practices.

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- **Build** the capacity of nonprofit organizations
 - Black and Latine-led
 - South and West side communities
 - Budgets less than \$2 million
- **Amplify** your work
- **Prioritize** developmental relationships

AMPT History

AMPT was developed in 2019 in response to key recommendations from research to increase capacity building supports to Chicago's West and South side nonprofits.

In 2015, a group of 24 foundations began meeting to discuss how to intensify and coordinate capacity building for Chicago nonprofits; soon joined by nonprofits and intermediary organizations.

Completed Point the Way capacity-building landscape study in partnership with Learning for Action (LFA) in which 300+ Chicago organizations participated:
<http://learningforaction.com/featured-pointtheway>.

Further focus groups and conversations with 50+ nonprofits on Chicago's West and South sides, confirming that organizations with the greatest needs:

- Have the fewest **resources** and the greatest burden to provide services
- Need the time and **connectivity to collaborate** with and/or learn from other nonprofits
- Want help assessing and prioritizing their **capacity building needs**
- Lack access to sustained resources to increase their **effectiveness over time**

Values

- We center **Community Organizations** and their leadership
- We stand against all forms of oppression
- We believe in **Community Power**
- We practice **Cultural Humility** and **Pride**
- We practice **Joyful Engagement**

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Who is eligible?

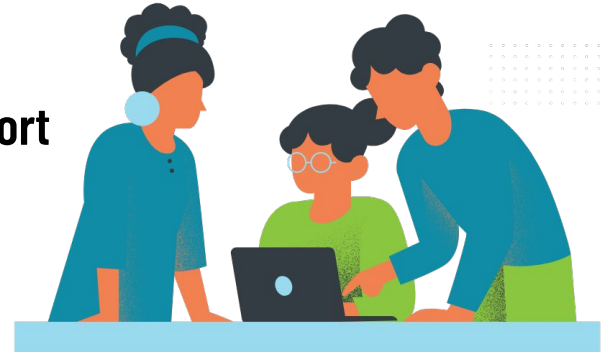
What is the timeline?

What does the application look like?

Questions?

Special Projects Initiative Grant Eligibility

- **501c3 status or Fiscally Sponsored**
- **Black and Latine-led Organizations**
- **Serving Black and Latine people in Chicago**
- **Organization Budget Less Than \$2 Million**
- **Organizations That Did Not Already Receive:**
 - **2023 AMPT Partnership Plan or**
 - **2023 AMPT Antiracist Restorative Practice Cohort**



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Grant Evaluation Rubric

Grant applications will be evaluated using this rubric.
Total scores range from 3 to 15.



Black and Latine Leadership

Underrepresented Black and Latine Leadership

1	Black and Latine people are not members of the executive leadership or the board of the organization.
2	Black and Latine people serve on the board for the organization, but there are no executive leaders who identify as Black and Latine.
3	Black and Latine people serve as executive leaders for the organization, but there are no board members who identify as Black and Latine.
4	The organization currently has executive leaders and board members who identify as Black and Latine.
5	The organization was founded by and currently has executive leaders and board members who identify as Black and Latine.

Well Represented Black and Latine Leadership



Grant Evaluation Rubric



Antiracist Values and Mission

Does Not Address Antiracism

1	There is no mention in the organization's mission about people who are Black, Latine, or subject to the systemic oppression in our society.
2	The mission is vague about the population of people it serves and how it would lead to the empowerment of people who are Black, Latine, or subject to the systemic oppression in our society.
3	The mission-driven work of the organization would lead to the empowerment of people who are Black, Latine, or subject to the systemic oppression in our society, but does not clearly state this.
4	The mission-driven work of the organization centers people who are Black, Latine, or subject to the systemic oppression in our society.
5	The mission is clear that the organization seeks to center the lives of people who are Black, Latine, or subject to the systemic oppression in our society and is clear about how it empowers them.

Centers Antiracist Values



**Community-Based****Not Based in Black and Latine Communities**

1	The organization's address is not located within nor does it serve communities that are predominantly Black or Latine within the city limits of Chicago or the surrounding suburbs.
2	The organization's address is within the city limits of Chicago, but the communities served are not where predominantly Black and Latine people live.
3	The organization's address is not located within the city limits of Chicago, but is in the immediate surrounding suburbs and where predominantly Black and Latine people live.
4	The organization's address and the communities it serves are located within the city limits of Chicago where predominantly Black and Latine people live.
5	The organization's address and the communities it serves are located within the city limits of Chicago and are predominantly areas on the South and West sides of the city that are places where predominantly Black and Latine people live.

Based in Black and Latine Communities on the South and West Sides of the City of Chicago



GRANT TIMELINE

August 23rd	Applications Open
August 29th	Information Session
September 18th	Applications Close
September 19th - October 6th	Review of Applications by AMPT Advisory Council
October 18th	Grants Awarded & Funds Distributed



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Grant Application

<https://www.amptchicago.org/special-projects-grant>

- [Links](#) to Full Grant Evaluation Rubric
- Links to the Application in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Application asks for:
 - Demographic information
 - Your programs
 - Mission/Vision
 - How much you are requesting
 - What you want to use it for
 - A [budget](#) (must be PDF, Word, or Excel)

Successful Application Narrative



“We anticipate using this Special Projects Initiative Grant in two ways. First, it will go towards our **youth mentoring programming** called My Life Matters My Dreams Matters. Where we take our youth, who we call Dreamers through various topics surrounding life development, social emotional skills, academic achievement, mental health, cultural experiences, and more. We take our Dreamers through a **process of Goal Setting called Dream It! Believe It! Achieve It!** We are planning on **use this grant to purchase supplies for the program, transportation for a field trips, tutoring services, and an evaluation consultant.** We also give the Dreamers an opportunity to come up with a Service Project. They will plan it from ideation to inception which they will be given a budget to execute their plan. We also would like to **hire a Social Media Coordinator/Admin.**”



Successful Application Narrative



"If fortunate enough to receive this grant, we will **utilize the the funds to finalize and update the website** and begin the ground work for the interactive, engaging and much needed teen and young adult town hall esque meeting entitled, "**Generation NOW.**" The funds will be allocated to **hiring a seasoned web site developer** to finish the website in addtion to acquiring the: **flyers to distribute to the community, chairs and tables** and liability insurance for the Generation NOW meeting."



Successful Application Narrative



“We will use the special projects fund for our **end of the year fundraising campaign**. Before us, there was **no independent paper serving the bilingual community of Cicero and Berwyn**, towns which have a documented history of corruption and exclusion. As an independent media organization we’re not just providing local news but also paid opportunities for local residents to learn journalism skills and report on issues that matter to them. During the last two months of the year we have an opportunity to **participate in a program called Newsmatch**. Individual donations that we receive during these two months are doubled by the Miami Foundation and if we meet certain goals, we can qualify for additional bonuses which may triple donations. We’re a small team of two and don’t have the capacity or expertise to take full advantage of this opportunity alone. Last year, we hired a consultant to help us strategize and best utilize our limited resources. We went from being able to raise \$16,000 in 2020 to \$46,000 in 2021 during these two months thanks to the help of Mas Alla Consulting. We learned a lot of lessons last year including how we can **be more intentional about peer-to-peer fundraising** and the importance of getting local matches as well as marketing/communicating our accomplishments. The **special projects grant will help us work with Mas Alla in a greater capacity**, and earlier in the year, which we need to be able implement new strategies and take full advantage of these matches in order to meet this year’s goal of raising \$75,000.”



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- Hire a consultant
- Intern stipends
- Start a new program
- Expand an existing program
- Host an event
- Professional Development for staff
- Attend conferences
- Travel expenses for a program (renting a van)



Reporting Requirements

- **Short online survey in June 2024**
- **Participation in a Focus Group about your experience**



Questions?

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Upcoming AMPT Programming



Amplify Your Communications

Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 10am

Amplify Your Consultant Partnership

Tuesday, Sep. 19 at 10am

Amplify Your Volunteer Management

Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 12pm

Nonprofit Share Space

Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 12pm



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Thank you!

***For questions about the Special Projects Initiative Grant, please contact
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