



# Frontline Resource Institute

2022 Funding Opportunities

# Our Vision

The Frontline Resource Institute (FRI, pronounced “free”) supports frontline communities working to advance environmental and climate justice by providing the resources and technical assistance to build a world where all can achieve healthy, safe, and sustainable environments.



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# Thank You!!

# 2022 Funding Opportunities

FRI is releasing two grant opportunities intended to assist environmental and climate justice organizations that serve frontline communities in building organizational capacity and promoting shared learning between grant recipients.

These grant opportunities are part of FRI's Collective Action Fund at the Tides Foundation.



# 2022 Funding Opportunities

Grant Opportunities fall under two tracks:

**Track 1: Organizational Strategy Development** (approximately four grants, \$150,000 each)

**Track 2: Organizational Capacity Building and Organizational Durability** (approximately eight grants, \$50,000 each)

**Note:** Applicants can only apply to ONE track, not both.



# Track 1: Organizational Strategy Development

Track 1 grants are intended for environmental and climate justice organizations that have a track record of sound financial and grants management.

Note: Fiscally sponsored projects will not be eligible for Track 1.

The goal is to allow established environmental and climate justice organizations to take a step back from day-to-day mission-based activities and take time to set up, plan for, and meet strategic planning organizational development goals.



# **Track 2: Organizational Capacity Building and Organizational Durability**

Track 2 grants are intended for smaller organizations that may not be eligible for Track 1 grants but whose work is impactful and promising.

The goal is to fund the work of environmental and climate justice organizations that need programmatic and operational support but may not have an established track record of grants management in the \$50,000 range.





# Eligibility Requirements (Tracks 1&2)

All grant applicants (tracks 1 and 2) must meet the following criteria:

- Organization has (or is seeking to establish) initiatives or programs that advance EJ, CJ, or related environmental and/or social causes.
- Organization can demonstrate sound grants management of at least one previous grant award greater than \$1,000.
- **U.S. Applicants:** Organization has its own IRS 501(c)(3) designation, or has a fiscal sponsor, who is a 501(c)(3).
- **International Applicants:** Please reach out to [FRI@edf.org](mailto:FRI@edf.org) for more specific guidance on eligibility.





# Eligibility Requirements (Track 1 only)

- Organization has its own IRS 501(c)(3) designation. Projects that are fiscally sponsored will not be eligible to apply for Track 1.
- Organization can demonstrate sound grants management of at least one previous grant award greater than \$50,000.
- Organization conducts independent annual financial audits and can attach a copy of the audit from the last fiscal year as part of the Track 1 application. Or, can provide organizational budget, or any other documentation that demonstrates organizational management of at least one grant above \$50,000 USD.
- Organization has a mission directly connected to advancing EJ or can demonstrate that EJ (or CJ, frontline justice, etc.) is at the core of the organization's identity and work.
- Organization has an established board of directors.



# Application Instructions

FRI is using JustFund ([www.justfund.us](http://www.justfund.us)), an innovative grantmaking solution created by funders and organizers of color, to facilitate the application process.

If you have a JustFund account, click 'Sign In' and go to 'Funding Opportunities' to review the RFP and start your proposal. Contact [info@justfund.us](mailto:info@justfund.us) for questions regarding account access.

If you don't have a JustFund account, click 'Sign Up' and complete the registration form, noting "FRI" in the "What funding opportunity are you applying to?" field.

**Registrations may take up to 48 business hours for approval. Applicants are urged to register as early as possible.**



# Application Questions

For specific application instructions, go to [www.frontlineresourceinstitute.org](http://www.frontlineresourceinstitute.org).

**Justfund uses a common application for all grant opportunities, which includes the following questions:**

- Proposal Summary (max 140 characters)
- Proposal Description (recommended 2500-3500 characters)
- Team Description (recommended 1250 - 2500 characters)
- Financial Need (recommended 1250 - 2500 characters)



# Supplemental Questions

**In addition, FRI has included two supplemental questions:**

- Please describe the anticipated impact of your proposed activities. How will the proposed activities strengthen your organization? How will the proposed activities support your organization in advancing Environmental Justice and/or Climate Justice outcomes?
- What are the most pressing challenges that your organization has faced over the last several years, and what kind of resources or assistance would strengthen your team in the face of these challenges?

**TRACK 1 ONLY:**

- Please provide the dollar amount, in USD, of the three largest grants you have received.



# Application Attachments

| <b>Track 1: Organizational Strategy Development</b><br>One of the following three is REQUIRED:           | <b>Track 2: Organizational Capacity Building and Durability</b><br>All attachments are OPTIONAL, but could include: |
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| Independent annual financial audits  | A Theory of Victory/Theory of Change  |
| Organizational budget  | Other Programmatic Materials  |
| Other documentation that demonstrates organizational management of at least one grant above \$50,000 USD |   |



# Application Submission Timeline

Timeline subject to change based on number of submissions received or other factors that may arise.

## RFP Posted

July 18, 2022

## Applications Due

August 16, 2022 at 5  
PM PST

## Application review period

August 16, 2022 at 5  
PM PST

Review will consist of evaluation by an independent group of environmental justice experts, who will recommend awardees. Final recommendations will be made by an Independent Advisory Committee.

## Grant recommendations to the Tides Foundation

Week of September 26,  
2022

Tides Foundation will review applications for alignment with eligibility criteria and make grant awards.



**REMINDER: You must create a JustFund account by August 12<sup>th</sup> in order to apply for both grant opportunities!**

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# Selection Criteria

Final recommendations to the Tides Foundation for recipients of both tracks will be made based on these guidelines:

- Applicant shows they meet eligibility requirements for their relevant track.
- Applicant responses completely answer each question in the application.
- Applicant responses clearly demonstrate the purpose, planned activities, outcomes, and impact of the proposed use of grant funds.



# Selection Criteria

Priority may be granted to:

- Organizations led by people of color, Indigenous leaders, and low-income leaders from communities served by the organization.
- Applications that center the leadership of young people in the proposed work.



# I've been awarded a grant. Now what?

**Cohort Learning Calls:** Grantees will participate in quarterly update calls and one in-person meeting during the final quarter of the grant period with members of their grant cohort. The purpose of these meetings is to build relationships and share information about progress (successes, challenges, lessons learned).

**Grantee Reporting:** At the middle of the grant period, grantees will submit a 2 - 4-page narrative in preparation for a September 2023 convening. Questions will cover topics such as accomplishments and impact to date, challenges (and how they were addressed), lessons learned, and how grant funds are being used.



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**Grantee Convening:** Grantees in both tracks will prepare for and attend a convening in September 2023 to network, share solutions, and report out on progress. Funding to attend will be provided separately from the grant award.



# FRI and EDF

EDF's Justice and Equity Team is supporting FRI's launch. This includes convening and facilitation of the Conceptual Committee's strategic ideation process.

Once FRI's strategic vision and process is in place, EDF will step back, and FRI will be a standalone entity.



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