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Resilient Response Fund

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Application Information

This application is for nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, fiscally sponsored projects, and/or mutual aid groups (organizations) seeking short term funding in response to long term organizational impacts due to federal funding or recent policy changes. (Complete details.)

The fund offers targeted support to organizations responding to federal policy and funding changes, with grants available across four categories:

1. **Event & Meeting Support** – Up to **$1,000** per group to fund gatherings to plan collective action in response to federal impacts.
   Reporting: one-page meeting notes or summary; can be completed via 30- to 60-minute phone call.
   Timeline: funding to be expended within three months following grant award.

2. **Immediate Organizational Needs** – Up to **$10,000*** of funding per organization to address a specific, time-bound need for outside expertise an organization faces related to federal funding impacts, such as legal, financial, human resource, or cybersecurity support.
   Reporting: one-page consultant report or nonprofit provided statement that identifies what advice was received and/or how issue was resolved; can be completed via 30- to 60-minute phone call.
   Timeline: project to be completed within three months following grant award.
   *If organization needs consultation on more than one issue (e.g., HR consultant and finance expert), they may apply separately for each.

3. **Strategic Response** – Up to **$20,000** per organization to plan for mid or long-term strategy shifts made necessary by the impact of federal funding and policy shifts, such as management/leadership training; mentoring/coaching; other identified technical assistance and organizational capacity-building (planning, legal, HR) that supports strategy shift and/or to stabilize or plan for future stability.
   Reporting: one-page consultant report or nonprofit provided statement that identifies what advice was received and/or how issue was resolved; can be completed via 30- to 60-minute phone call.

4. **Collaborative Solutions** – Up to **$30,000** per collaborative group to fund exploration or implementation of shared services models, mergers, long-term strategic partnerships, or coalition building; such as two or more organizations working together on shared staff/services, communications/narrative, merger/long-term strategic partnership/coalition building; consulting, facilitation, etc. for defined strategy which could be external (collaborative services) or internal (shared back office or merger).
Reporting: one-page consultant report or nonprofit provided statement that identifies what advice was received and/or how issue was resolved; can be completed via 30- to 60-minute phone call.
Timeline: project to be completed within six months following grant award.

Eligible Organizations

- Articulated organizational impact from federal fund/policy changes in the past six months.
- Primary work is in San Diego County.
- Mission and demonstrated work aligns with inclusive and equitable values, including:
  -creating an inclusive, equitable, and dynamic future for all San Diegans
  -contributes to an effective social change ecosystem.
- Demonstrate a clear need for Resilient Response Fund support and organization's request for funding is within the eligible expenses of this grant, and funds be spent in six months or less.
- Preference for nonprofits with limited access to other technical assistance or strategic planning resources.
- May be a 501(c)3 organization, fiscally sponsored project of a 501(c)3, or mutual aid/community group with the ability to accept funds (any tax implication will be recipient's responsibility).
- Organizations of all budget sizes may apply.

Eligible Expenses

- Consultants/advisors fees, meeting expenses (food, venue, childcare, etc.)
- Volunteer stipends for unstaffed organizations will be considered 'staff time'
- Other expenses with approval

Funding may not be used for:

- General operating support
- Ongoing program support
- Capital improvements
- Budget shortfalls or fundraising events
- Previously planned or long-term campaigns or consulting engagements

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and scored per the evaluation criteria by grant category by a four-person peer review panel. Applications scoring the maximum points for the grant category will be awarded a grant. Applications scoring below the maximum points may be reconsidered following review with Catalyst staff based on guidance by peer review panel.

An initial review will be conducted by Catalyst staff to ensure eligibility criteria is met and that no conflict of interest exists.

Evaluation criteria:

- Grant amount
- Description of issue
- Description of project and anticipated outcomes/goals
- Anticipated expenses
- Timeline

Scoring:

1. INADEQUATE (Information not provided)
2. DEVELOPING (Lacks sufficient information)
3. GOOD (Complete but lacks thorough description)
4. EXCELLENT (Well-conceived and thoroughly developed)

Review and Award Timeline

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling bases beginning two weeks after grant application opens, with grant notification closely following, until funds are exhausted. Each round of applications will have a priority review including: 501c3's & Fiscally Sponsored projects under $500K budget, Tribal, Mutual aid/community groups. Applications will be reviewed and scored per the evaluation criteria by the Peer Review Panel.

Peer Review Panel

The Peer Review Panel is comprised of four individuals selected geographically and at varying leaderships levels. The Peer Review Panel will use the evaluation criteria to score each application. Applications scoring the maximum points for the grant category will be awarded a grant. Catalyst staff will validate scores.

Additional Information

Grant Agreement Requirements
No action on these is required now. For any organization awarded a grant, the following will

be required:

- IRS Form W9
- Electronic funds transfer (bank) information
- Fiscal sponsor information, if applicable

Support

For a PDF version of the grant application including, anticipated timeline, and FAQ's [click here](#).

For questions or concerns, contact [Michele Silverthorn](#) or [use this link](#) to schedule a 15-minute conversation.

Note: You can save and resume your submission over time if desired. When you click the "Save" button you'll be emailed a link that you can use to resume your application.

Organization Information

Organization Name

Tax ID Number

Enter EIN number for organization or fiscal sponsor.

If applicable, Fiscal Sponsor Name

Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City   State   Zip Code

Point of Contact Name

First   Last

Enter contact information for the main point of contact for the application.

Point of Contact Email

Point of Contact Phone

Second or Fiscal Sponsor Contact Name

First   Last

If applicable, enter contact information for a second contact or fiscal sponsor point of contact for the application.

Second or Fiscal Sponsor Contact Email	Second or Fiscal Sponsor Contact Phone

Regional Data Collection

As part of our work to track efforts in the region, we are collecting the following data. **Responses do not impact eligibility.**

Organizational Budget

What were your organization's total operating expenses in the last full fiscal year?

Geography

Which areas of San Diego County does your organization serve [HHSA region]?
☐ Central

☐ East

☐ North Central

☐ North Coastal

☐ North Inland

☐ South

Refer to HHSA regions *select all that apply.*

Issue Area

Which sector best represents your organization's primary mission and programmatic focus?

Select the category that best describes your sector of work.

Priority Areas

Please indicate which of the areas are priority for your organization.

☐ Advocacy and Coalition Building	☐ Financial Management	☐ Program Design and Delivery
☐ Board Governance	☐ Fund Development	☐ Strategic Planning
☐ Collaboration and partnerships	☐ Infrastructure and Technology	☐ Wellness and Resilience of Leaders and Staff
☐ Communications and Public Relations	☐ Leadership Development	☐ Workplace Culture
☐ Evaluation and Impact Measurement	☐ Legal Guidance (HR and Compliance)	

Select up to five priority areas.

Grant Application

*For additional application information including, grant category explanations*click here.

Select the Grant Category you are applying for:

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④ Event & Meeting Support   ⑤ Additional Questions

Event & Meeting Support Application

OPTION: *Upload a current description of your grant request, for example a previously submitted application or referral from Amplified or NPI.*
OR *Answer the following questions to outline your request. Responses should be kept brief.*

Eligible projects: gatherings to plan collective action or community response to federal impacts

Grant Request Amount *

[   ]

Up to $1,000 per group

Optional: Upload a current description of your grant request, for example a previously submitted application or referral from Amplified or NPI. Description should include: issue/need, goals, organization(s) and leader(s) involved, and timeline.

| Upload | or drag files here. |

If you prefer to submit a new application, clock back and select Start a New Application from the drop down.

Description of Issue: Explain your immediate issue/need due to federal funding or recent policy changes. *

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Outline the goal of the group and planned event(s). *

Name the organizations and leader(s) involved. *

Share any related efforts, how is this different/necessary? *

Provide an outline of expected milestones and/or timeline. *

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(4) Immediate Organizational Need   (5) Additional Questions

Immediate Organizational Needs Application

OPTION: *Upload a current description of your grant request, for example a previously submitted application or referral from Amplified or NPI.*
OR *Answer the following questions to outline your request. Responses should be kept brief.*

Eligible projects: time-sensitive needs requiring outside expertise to address a specific issue such as legal, financial, HR, or cybersecurity support related to federal changes.

Grant Request Amount *

Up to $10,000 per issue

Optional: Upload a current description of your grant request, for example a previously submitted application or referral from Amplified or NPI. Description should include: issue/need, goals, organization(s) and leader(s) involved, and timeline.

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If you prefer to submit a new application, clock back and select Start a New Application from the drop down.

Description of Issue: Explain your immediate issue/need due to federal funding or recent policy changes. *

Consultant or organization that has been identified to address issue. *

Description of project and anticipated outcomes/goals: What is needed to solve the immediate issue/need that will have lasting impacts for the issue/need/organization as related to the shift(s) at the federal level (e.g. funding or policy changes)? *

Provide a brief explanation of anticipated expenses. *

Provide an outline of expected milestones and/or timeline. *

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⑤ Additional Questions

Strategic Response Application

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OR *Answer the following questions to outline your request. Responses should be kept brief.*

Eligible projects: management/leadership training; mentoring/coaching; other identified technical assistance and organizational capacity-building (planning, legal, HR) that supports strategy shift and/or to stabilize or plan for future stability.

Grant Request Amount *

Up to $20,000 per organization

Optional: Upload a current description of your grant request, for example a previously submitted application or referral from Amplified or NPI. Description should include: issue/need, goals, organization(s) and leader(s) involved, and timeline.

| Upload | or drag files here. |

If you prefer to submit a new application, clock back and select Start a New Application from the drop down.

Description of Issue: Explain your immediate issue/need due to federal funding or recent policy changes. *

If selected, list consultant or organization that will support the shift/need. *

[text box]

Description of project and anticipated outcomes/goals: What is needed in the short-term that will solve the long-term problem and will have lasting impacts for the issue/need/organization as related to the shift(s) at the federal level (e.g. funding or policy changes)? *

[text box]

Provide a brief explanation of anticipated expenses. *

[text box]

Provide an outline of expected milestones and/or timeline. *

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⑤ Additional Questions

Collaborative Solutions Application

OPTION: *Upload a current description of your grant request, for example a previously submitted application or referral from Amplified or NPI.*
OR *Answer the following questions to outline your request. Responses should be kept brief.*

Eligible projects: shared staff/services, communications/narrative, merger/long-term strategic partnership/coalition building; consulting, facilitation, etc. for defined strategy which could be external (collaborative services) or internal (shared back office or merger).

Grant Request Amount *

Up to $30,000 per collaborative group

Optional: Upload a current description of your grant request, for example a previously submitted application or referral from Amplified or NPI. Description should include: issue/need, goals, organization(s) and leader(s) involved, and timeline.

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If you prefer to submit a new application, clock back and select Start a New Application from the drop down.

Description of issue or reason collaboration is important now: Explain your immediate issue/need due to federal funding or recent policy changes. *

Description of project and anticipated outcomes/goals: What is needed in the short-term that will solve the long-term problem and will have lasting impacts for the issue/need/organization(s)? *

Provide a brief explanation of anticipated expenses. *

Provide an outline of expected milestones and/or timeline. *

Include (or upload) a statement of commitment from participating organizations. *

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Additional Questions

In addition to the Resilient Response Fund, I would also be interested in:

☐ Short-term investment for recoverable grants

☐ Capacity building/technical assistance workshops

☐ Cohort-style peer learning

☐ Pro-bono consulting services

☐