The Resilience Fund
Call for Proposals

The Resilience Fund was created in early 2017 as a collaborative partnership of the Greater Washington Community Foundation, the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, and other foundation and individual contributors. It seeks to address the critical needs of nonprofits responding to changes in federal policy and budget priorities, as well as the climate of intolerance and hate, both of which are disproportionately impacting people of color, and immigrant and refugee communities. Our main objective is to provide funding in response to both urgent and systemic issues facing our community—in the near-term and long-term—and plans to be nimble in responding to new issues as they emerge.

Since the Fund’s inception, we’ve granted out $270,000 to 10 organizations supporting residents and families affected by the new Administration’s changes to international travel, immigration, and deportation policies as well as building social cohesion and combating anti-other sentiment. The Resilience Fund welcomes invited organizations who are responding to federal policy shifts that impact our region to submit a proposal indicating your interest in the Fund. For example, we will entertain inquiries linked to immigration, other policy roll-backs that disproportionately impact various communities in our region, efforts that expand access to citizenship and democracy. Additionally, the Fund is interested in work that is happening regionally that has been impacted by the humanitarian crisis that is happening at the US border with Mexico, particularly work that centers around legal support for detained parents or children who have been separated and are now being held in the region.

Grants may support special projects, programs, or including general operating support. Grant awards may range from $10,000-$50,000.

For questions, you may e-mail Melen Hagos at mhagos@thecommunityfoundation.org.

Executive Summary Cover Page (part of the online application form)
1. Organization name and address and full contact info
2. Name of Executive Director and email/phone/fax
3. Name of main contact for this proposal, if other than Executive Director and email/phone/fax
4. Tax exempt status/EIN Number
5. Fiscal Agent Organization name, address, and Director of the organization (IF APPLICABLE)
6. Total organizational budget (current year)
7. Program/Project budget (if applicable)
8. Fiscal year (MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY)
9. Requested Amount
10. Organization’s mission
11. Type of Request: [List either “Program” or “General Operating Support”]
12. Purpose of Request

Narrative Questions: (2 pages maximum, uploaded as an attachment)
1. Briefly describe your organization’s history and recent accomplishments.
2. The Resilience Fund was established to respond to the growing culture of hate and intolerance and the rapid shifts to federal policy and budget priorities. How does the program or idea that you are pursuing align with the goals and mission of the Fund? Briefly describe the purpose of this request.
3. What results are you committed to achieving? How do you intend to accomplish this? What is the timeline for these results? What evidence will prove your success?
4. If applying for general support, provide names and brief description of roles of your organization’s partners and collaborators. If applying for project support, provide names and brief description of roles of partners and collaborators on this project.
Attachments

1. Narrative questions
2. Organization’s current budget
3. One-page project budget, if the request is for project support