

Frequently Asked Questions

Please explore the following frequently asked questions for additional insight about this funding opportunity.

WHO DO WE MEAN BY “BLACK LONG ISLANDERS”?

An equity profile of Long Island describes the current landscape of black Long Islanders: “In the region, 33 percent of residents are people of color, including a diverse mix of racial and ethnic groups. African Americans make up 7 percent of Long Island and Black immigrants account for another 2 percent. A majority of Black Long Islanders list their ancestry as ‘African American’ although Haitians and Jamaicans make up nearly a quarter of the region’s Black population” (PolicyLink and PERE, 2017, 20).

DOES HAVING ANOTHER GRANT FROM THE LONG ISLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DISQUALIFY AN ORGANIZATION FOR FUNDING?

No. Organizations currently receiving funding from the Long Island Community Foundation are still eligible to apply if they meet the fund’s eligibility requirements.

HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE REVIEWED? WHO WILL REVIEW MY APPLICATION?

Applications will be screened by staff at the Long Island Community Foundation and representatives from the Long Island Racial Equity Donor Collaborative. Given this fund is operated through a collaborative fund hosted at the Long Island Community Foundation (a division of the New York Community Trust), all funding decisions made by the fund require final approval from the New York Community Trust.

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE PLANNING GRANT FUNDING DECISION?

All applicants will be notified about a final decision by early September 2020.

WHEN CAN I EXPECT TO BEGIN PROJECT WORK?

Project work can begin as soon as agreements are executed, but the official start date is anticipated to be during the month of September 2020.

WHAT WILL THE REPORTING STRUCTURE LOOK LIKE?

Grantees will be expected to submit one final report with narrative and financial components.

IS THERE AN AGE RESTRICTION FOR THE TARGET POPULATION?

No

WHEN DOES THE PROJECT START AND END?

September 2020 - March 2021

CAN I APPLY FOR AN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT NEXT YEAR IF I DON’T SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A PLANNING GRANT?

No. Implementation grants will only be awarded to grantees who participated in the planning grant phase and have submitted an application for the implementation grant.

WHAT IS THE AWARD SIZE OF THE PLANNING GRANTS?

Up to \$25,000

CAN ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE A REGIONAL OFFICE ON LONG ISLAND APPLY?

No. However, if the LEAD organization has a regional office on Long Island, a partner organization is not required to have an office on Long Island.

FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SUBMITTING PLANNING PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS, DO ALL OF THE DETAILS OF THE PARTNERSHIPS NEED TO BE SOLIDIFIED?

No. However, it is important to show that the parties in the partnership have communicated and agree to collaborate with each other.

HOW CAN A PLANNING GRANT BE USED?

Planning Grant funding can be used toward the following:

- Staff, consultant, partner time devoted to the project
- Sub-grants or contracts to partner organizations for project work (e.g., research)
- Project materials and supplies
- Costs associated with community outreach
- Appropriate overhead costs related to the project

WILL ALL PLANNING GRANT RECIPIENTS AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE AN IMPLEMENTATION GRANT?

No. In order to receive an implementation grant, the planning grant recipients must apply for an implementation grant. Very few implementation grants will be awarded (number TBD).

Note: This list will be updated periodically to include additional questions as they arise.