



Guidelines for Grantees

Overview

The Growth and Resilience Project is a grant program at DonorsTrust. Initial funding for the project is drawn from DonorsTrust operating reserves, notably the Whitney Ball Memorial Fund.

The Growth and Resilience Project is a rapid funding catalyst for strategic, results-oriented projects that mitigate current and prevent further economic destruction brought on by the COVID-19 crisis. Funding priorities are in four areas:

- Employment and job creation
- Economic deregulation
- Reducing barriers to entry, especially in education and health care
- Countering narratives for government intervention and overreach

Grants are limited to 501c(3) public charities including non-US organizations with domestic “Friends of” programs or those that have received a U.S. equivalency determination letter.

Priority consideration shall be given to organizations (1) seeking initial seed money to launch a relevant, high value effort and/or (2) filling unexpected funding gaps on existing relevant efforts. We will consider requests that seek matching funds or will consider making a grant that can be used as a catalyst to raise additional funds. Initial grants shall not exceed \$50,000. Actual approved amounts may be less.

The advisors to the fund are Lawson Bader (President of DonorsTrust); Kim Dennis (President of the Searle Freedom Trust); Tracie Sharp (President of State Policy Network); Adam Meyerson (President of the Philanthropy Roundtable); and Brad Lips (CEO of Atlas Network). Current information about the project is available at <https://www.donorstrust.org/resilience/>.

Grant Approval Process

Proposals shall be submitted electronically via ResilienceNow@donorstrust.org. Proposals shall ideally be but not limited to three pages and must be directed towards at least one of the four core areas for potential support. Potential grantees should include general details of their institutional operating budget, amounts raised to date for the project at the time of submission or the program’s intended budget if seeking initial seed money, including any request for matching funds. There should be clear descriptions of scalability, replicability, timeline, measurable impact, and desired result.

If approved, DonorsTrust will transmit grants via ACH to ensure funds are received quickly and electronically in case the grantee institution has no mail service and/or is working remotely. In certain instances, based on urgency, we may wire an approved grant.

Reporting

Approved grantees shall submit a report on the status of the program/project six months after receiving the initial grant. These reports shall be distributed to the grants committee and made available to donors who have made contributions into the Growth and Resiliency Project upon request.