



GROUNDWORK MINI-GRANT FUND

OVERVIEW

Alongside our Groundwork Organizer Network (GON), the Groundwork Mini-Grant Fund supports local, grassroots organizers closest to the ground, the true trusted messengers in communities across our focus states. We are looking for the movement-makers, base-builders and progress-seekers who are doing the work year-round in the most under-resourced and overlooked regions of the country, with little to no recognition or funding to sustain their work.

Groundwork Mini-Grant Fund (GMF) awards range from \$250 to \$2,000 and are open to organizations in any of Groundwork's existing focus states (AL, MS, OK, WV). GMF funds are designed to cover smaller, specific, and/or short-term programmatic, education, self care, training and other capacity needs related to an organization's central mission and work. GMF applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis each month, until Groundwork's monthly GMF budget is exhausted. While there is no limit to how many times an organization can apply, priority will be given to spreading resources throughout the organizing ecosystem in our states and funding a diverse array of projects and proposals. The same criteria as GON is used for the GMF, which you can [reference here](#).

Expeditious decisions will be made on all GMF applications, as we know short-term needs are often time-sensitive, but we ask for a lead time of at least two weeks. Please note that applicants for the GMF must have registered legal status (501c3 or 501c4) or be fiscally sponsored. GMF recipients are asked to provide Groundwork with a brief summary of how the funds were used within three months of disbursement.

PROCESS

If you are an organization already connected to and in touch with our team, you can [fill out a mini-grant application at any time here](#).

If you are an organization that has not yet connected with our team, note that we require an introductory call before considering your application. Please [fill out our Grant Interest Form here](#) and a team member will be in touch to schedule a call.

MINI-GRANT FUND SNAPSHOT

Here are a few of the amazing organizations the Groundwork Mini-Grant Fund has supported and the kinds of creative organizing efforts they're deploying in our focus states.

To see all of Groundwork's Mini-Grant Fund awardees, [click here](#).

FREEDOM OKLAHOMA

2SLGBTQ+ Oklahomans faced an unprecedented amount of targeted harm from the Oklahoma legislature during the 2022 session. Freedom Oklahoma is an organization on the front lines fighting back. It hosted a youth-focused event that centered trans joy in the OK community.



DELTA FOUNDATION, INC.

The Delta Foundation, Inc. in MS will train dozens of court-involved youth to register voters and increase civic participation through their Voter Engagement Project. Groundwork's mini-grant will be used to pay stipends to the young organizers.

TRANSFORM ALABAMA

Transform Alabama mobilizes citizens through producing intergenerational community events, collecting oral histories, and creating multimedia content that promotes civic engagement. The group launched an online media campaign, "Race 2 the Polls," which worked to increase civic engagement and voter turnout.

