

About the ProsperOK Community Investment Committee Fund

One key priority for ProsperOK is the development and growth of a Community Investment Committee (“CIC”) to self-govern a portion of grantmaking and adopt principles of community-directed grantmaking. As presently envisioned, the CIC will fund Tulsa County grassroots organizations and/or organizations working in areas of Tulsa most harmed by the criminal legal system – with an emphasis on engaging Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) in providing services and/or strengthening movements. The CIC will play several roles: (1) Identifying and sourcing potential grantees, (2) Assessing grant proposals and awarding grants, and (3) Informing ways for grantmaking to become more transformative over time. The CIC will govern \$350,000 total in grantmaking.

About This Funding Opportunity

1. The Community Investments Committee is accepting proposals from **Monday, May 23, 2022 through Friday, June 24, 2022.**
2. This is a one-time grant opportunity.
3. Successful applicants will receive all grant funds after a grant agreement is established.
4. All potential applicants must submit an online application. (Please see “How to Apply” section of the document).
5. All grant proposals will be reviewed through CIC’s community-directed grantmaking committee process.
6. Site visits and meetings will not part of the grant proposal review process. However, a CIC representative may contact an organization to clarify information included in a proposal or to request more information.
7. Applicants will be updated on the status of their proposal by mid-August 2022.

Funding Request and Reporting Requirements

1. Applicants **may** request funds up to **\$25,000** for general operating support. Requesting less than **\$25,000** will not enhance the probability of receiving a grant. CIC’s support may be used to secure matching grants, but CIC will not require matching funds.
2. Within 12 months of receipt of the funds, successful applicants **must** be able to:
 - a. Expend or encumber the funds and provide proof of expenditure or encumbrance of the funds.
 - b. Provide written information on how the grant funds helped or will help the organization serve and promote equity, or economic opportunity, or racial justice for lower-income communities, communities of color and other marginalized groups harmed by the criminal legal system in Tulsa County.

Required Eligibility Criteria for Organizations

The proposal process is open to any organization serving people in Tulsa County that meets the following criteria:

1. Are tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or have a fiscal sponsorship agreement with a 501(c)(3) organization.
2. Have an annual operating budget of **\$200,000** or less. (Fiscal Sponsors may have annual operating budgets greater than **\$200,000.**)
3. Can demonstrate how:
 - a. Fulfilling their mission serves and promotes equity, or economic opportunity, or racial justice for lower-income communities, communities of color and other marginalized groups harmed by the criminal legal system in Tulsa County.
 - b. They are fulfilling their mission by engaging Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) in providing services and/or strengthening movements e.g., their work includes a power-building and leadership-development strategy that engages communities most harmed by the criminal legal system in defining problems, solutions, and actions.

- c. They center racial equity principles in fulfilling their mission.

Priority Considerations for Funding Organizations

In addition to the required eligibility criteria listed, organizations that meet the following criteria will receive priority consideration for funding:

1. Governed and managed by Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) e.g., 51% or more of their board members and 51% or more of their staff leaders are BIPOC.
2. Governed and managed by Individuals who have been directly harmed by the criminal legal system e.g., 51% or more of their board members and 51% or more of their staff leaders are individuals who have been directly harmed by the criminal legal system.
3. Grassroots organization working in areas of Tulsa County most harmed by the criminal legal system.
4. Organization using advocacy, organizing and civic engagement to promote equity, or economic opportunity, or racial justice for folks living and working in areas of Tulsa County most harmed by the criminal legal system.
5. Organizations working in alliance and collaboration with other organizations serving and promoting equity, or economic opportunity, or racial justice for lower-income communities, communities of color and other marginalized groups most harmed by the criminal legal system in Tulsa County.

Exclusions/What CIC Does Not Fund

1. 501(c)(4) organizations
2. Candidates running for political office
3. Capital construction costs
4. Endowments
5. Individual persons
6. Individual schools
7. Medical or academic research
8. Organizations whose primary work or decision-making body is based outside of Oklahoma
9. Organizations with budgets over \$200,000
10. Scholarships
11. Sectarian or religious purposes