



Letter of Connection

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- ① Organization Information ② Scope of Work

Before connecting, please see the [Become a Grantee Partner](#) page of our website for additional information regarding our funding priorities and eligibility requirements.

Process & Deadlines

Letters of Connection (LOCs) are the **first of two phases in our grantmaking process**. They help us start conversations. We value each LOC shared with us, yet given our finite resources, we anticipate more eligible and promising LOCs than we can fund. Therefore, we review every LOC, contact some to learn more, and invite few to submit grant applications (**phase two**). Annually, organizations can submit one or more LOCs for either grant portfolio, and the same LOC form applies to both of our main grant portfolios.

- **Grant Portfolio I: Environmental Justice & Protection** - LOCs due: **January 15**.
- **Grant Portfolio II: Social Justice** – LOCs due: **July 15**.

Priorities

Our grant portfolios each have 2 priority areas.

- **Grant Portfolio I: Environmental Justice & Protection** – (1) water and (2) climate/energy.
- **Grant Portfolio II: Social Justice** – (1) voting rights and (2) criminal justice.

Directions

If your work aligns with ours, please complete this form. The form allows you to save your work and return at a later time. Simply click save at the bottom of the page.

Contact us at info@sapelofoundation.org with any questions.

Organization Information

Please answer questions on behalf of the organization submitting this LOC. If there is a fiscal sponsor, use the fiscal sponsor's information to answer entries as needed. Please write "fiscal sponsor" beside your answers for those entries.

All fields are required unless otherwise indicated.

Background & Contact Information

Organization Name

Federal Tax ID Number

Mission Statement

Mailing Address of Primary Office

List cities where your organization has other offices, if applicable

Website

Main Phone Number

Executive Director/Leader Name

Executive Director/Leader, Online Bio

Leave blank if not available.

Primary Contact Name

Primary Contact Direct Phone Number

Primary Contact Email

Does your organization have a strategic plan?

If yes, what year was the strategic plan approved?

Does your organization have a stated commitment to racial justice and equity, or otherwise center communities historically targeted for oppression in designing programs and engaging stakeholders?

Financial Information

Does your organization complete regular audits or financial reviews?

 

If yes, for what year was your most recent board-approved audit or financial review?

Total budgeted revenue, current fiscal year

Total budgeted expenses, current fiscal year

Actual total revenue, previous fiscal year

Actual total expenses, previous fiscal year

Does your organization have a reserve fund?

 

If yes, how much is currently in the reserve fund?

Is your organization a National or Regional Organization?

 

If yes, please share your Revenue & Expenses for your work in Georgia or the Southeast, depending on how your organization builds its budget.

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LOC Information

Under which grant portfolio are you applying?

Select the applicant type

Focus of the letter of connection

Summary Narrative

In any format you choose, share a narrative summary of your work that includes information about your plans for the next 1-2 years. We encourage you to use all or part of a previously written summary, if appropriate.

Consider exploring some or all of the following:

What are your goals and objectives for the coming year, and what strategies and tactics will you employ? How will you evaluate progress and success?

Share your theory of change as it relates to your approach to your work.

Does your work engage Sapelo Foundation priority areas or portfolios intersectionally? In what ways?

750 word limit

750 word limit.

Place Focus

Where is the primary place focus for the work described in your summary narrative?

- Statewide Effort, with meaningful inclusion of those living outside metro-Atlanta
- Local or Regional Effort, outside metro-Atlanta

We use the United Way's 13-county definition for metro Atlanta: Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dekalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale.

If statewide, please share in a paragraph or two how you authentically engage with a statewide audience (i.e., location of offices, staff, volunteers, events).

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If local or regional, list cities, counties, or regions where the work will take place. Are these spaces in which you already work?

Text

Marginalized Communities

In a couple of paragraphs, (1) describe the community or communities you serve and empower (include demographic data), and (2) share how you build power in the communities you serve?

200 word limit

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Collaborative Approaches

Please list your top collaborators. Include: (a) Organization names. (b) Cities or towns where their offices/full-time staff are based year- round.

List foundations that funded your organization, network, or collaboration in the last year.

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