

### 1. What are your grant portfolios?

- **Grant Portfolio I: Environmental Justice & Protection** –**Priorities:** (1) Land & Water and (2) Climate & Clean Energy.
- **Grant Portfolio II: Social Justice** –**Priorities:** (1) Civic Engagement and (2) Justice Reform.
- **Grant Portfolio III: McIntosh County** –Closed, invitation-only process.
- **Grant Portfolio IV: Tools** –Available to current and recent grantee/investee partners. Processes vary.

### 2. For Environmental Justice & Protection and Social Justice, how do you define your priority areas?

In our [Strategic Plan](#), we've outlined key issues within each of the priority areas that we care deeply about. Potential grantee partners with a significant programmatic focus on one or more of these issues will be prioritized for funding.

- Environmental Justice & Protection
  - 1. Land & Water
    - Water supply & access
    - State & federal conservation advocacy
    - Sustainable & equitable land use and protection
    - Coastal environmental advocacy and resilience
  - 2. Climate & Clean Energy
    - Data center proliferation
    - Electric membership cooperative organizing
    - Local and state clean energy advocacy
    - Weatherization and energy efficiency in low-wealth communities
- Social Justice
  - 1. Civic Engagement
    - Voter education & ballot access
    - Census
    - Youth civic participation & leadership
    - Civic power-building in under-resourced communities
    - First Amendment issues, particularly free speech & assembly
  - 2. Justice Reform
    - Alternatives to arrest and incarceration
    - School discipline & youth justice
    - Licensing reform & workforce access
    - Restorative justice

### 3. What are your Tools?

Our Tools Funds are additional support that is available to current and recent grantee partners.

- **Tool I: Organization Development Fund** – Support internal, individual development of one organization or network. Process: Monthly, open process for direct grantee partners that received grant award letters (not regrants) within two years.
- **Tool II: Collaboration Development Fund** – Support external collaborations across organizations or networks. Process: Monthly, open process for direct grantee partners that received grant award letters (not regrants) within two years.
- **Tool III: Smith W. Bagley Advocacy Award** – Celebrate one organization or network, in memory of our late president. Process: Annual, closed process.
- **Tool IV: Mini-Sabbatical for Advocates-in-Residence** – Providecurrent and recent grantee/investee partners with time and space to rest and recharge at a retreat on St. Simons Island, GA. Process: Annual, applications open July 15 and close September 15.



**4. What is your grantmaking timeline?**

Our grantmaking process is broken into 2 phases for prospective new or former grantee partners interested in funding. Phase I is the Letter of Connection (LOC). Grant applications for Phase II are by invitation only and are based on LOCs or Grant Reports for active grantee partners.

Timeline	Grant Portfolio I: Environmental Justice & Protection	Grant Portfolio II: Social Justice
<b>Grantmaking Phase I</b> – Letters of Connection Due:	January 15	July 15
<b>Grantmaking Phase II</b> – Grant Application Invitations Issued:	By March	By September
<b>Grantmaking Phase II</b> – Grant Applications Due:	Aprox. 4 – 6 week post invitation	Aprox. 4 – 6 week post invitation
<b>Board Meeting</b> – Grant Awards Issued:	Spring	Fall
<b>Learn</b> – Grant Reports Due:	January 15	July 15

**5. What is a Letter of Connection (LOC)?**

LOCs are the first of two phases in our grantmaking process for prospective new or former grant partners interested in funding through our Environmental Justice & Protection or Social Justice Portfolios. They help us start conversations, review alignment, and learn about all of the great work happening in our state. LOCs are not required for active grantee partners unless they are seeking to move from a project grant to a general operating grant.

**6. Can I submit more than one LOC annually for either/both of your two main grant portfolios (EJP and SJ)?**

Yes.

**7. What happens after I submit my LOC (phase one)?**

Our staff and a board committee review each LOC, and we'll let you know within two months of the respective LOC due date if you're invited to submit a grant application.

**8. What happens if I am invited to submit a grant application (phase two)? What are the deadlines?**

Grant applications are invitation-only. Invited applications are reviewed at our spring and fall board meetings. We always strive to give partners 4 to 6 weeks to complete a grant application, but due dates depend on our board meeting schedule for that year. We also ask new potential partners to join us for a learning call, so we can get to know you better. Generally, EJP applications are due in mid-March, and the board meeting is held between late April and mid-May. For SJ applications, they are usually due in mid-September, and the board meeting is held between late October and mid-November. We share decisions right after each meeting, and funding is disbursed once we receive the signed grant agreement.

**9. What type of grant reports do you require? What are the due dates?**

Although we look forward to staying in touch with grantee partners throughout the year, annual grant reports help us reflect together on the work of the past several months. We offer grantee partners a choice between oral reports and written reports. Both are equally accepted and encouraged. Report information is shared with partners at least 6 weeks prior to the deadline.

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



**10. Who are your grantee partners?**

You can see lists of recent grantee partners on the “[Grantee Partners](#)” page of our website.

**11. Where do your grantee partners work?**

Georgia: We either support **(a)** statewide efforts, with sustained and meaningful commitment to areas outside of metro Atlanta. Particularly those communities that have been historically under-resourced.;or **(b)** local and regional efforts based outside metro Atlanta.

**12. How do you define 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.