

BOF Justice Grant Program - Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQs) What is the BOF Justice Grant Program?

The BOF Justice Grant Program is a funding initiative launched in collaboration with the Black Opportunity Fund (BOF), the Law Foundation of Ontario (LFO), and TD Ready Commitment. The program aims to support Black-led, Black-serving, Black-focused (B3) organizations that work to address systemic injustices and promote equity within Black communities across Canada.

Why are you selecting a minimum of 6 out of 13 organizations with initiatives based in Ontario?

The generous funding from the Law Foundation of Ontario must be directed towards Justice related programs based in Ontario. These initiatives must follow specific guidelines with a focus on programs that promote legal knowledge and help individuals understand and use the law to improve their lives or exercise their legal rights.

The Black Opportunity Fund is currently working to build relationships with other partners to increase grant funding for Justice related initiatives in regions across Canada.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Organizations that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- Black-led, Black-serving, or Black-focused (B3) organizations that are committed to advancing justice and equity for Black communities.
- Must be a registered nonprofit or charity in Canada with a focus on justice, legal empowerment, or advocacy for Black communities.
- Must have a measurable plan for using the grant to expand justice initiatives.
- Must have an existing justice-related project or a proposed project with secured initial funding.
- Must maintain an active online presence (e.g., website and/or social media).

How much grant funding will the selected organizations receive to support their programs?

Successful applicants may receive grant funding for a single year or over two years. This funding could range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

What supporting documents are required to apply for this grant program?

- Submissions must include a project budget for the initiative seeking funding.
- Up-to-date financial records from the past two years, either audited financial statements or unaudited financial statements, tax returns, and bank statements.

- To be considered for annual grant funding that is \$50,000 organizations must submit audited financial statements for the past three fiscal years that were completed by a licensed public accountant.

Can I apply for this grant if my organization does not have 3 years of audited financial statements?

Yes, your organization can apply for funding consideration if it does not have audited financial statements. Providing audited financial statements is only a requirement for organizations that may qualify for a maximum of \$50,000 annually in grant funding.

My organization is a B3 that has an initiative focused on advancing justice and equity for Black communities. Can we apply for this grant program even though we're not a registered charity or not-for-profit organization?

B3 organizations that are unregistered can seek relationships with a registered charity or not-for-profit organization to serve as their trustee. The charitable or not-for-profit organization will serve as a fiscal sponsor to hold the grant funds on behalf of the unregistered organization to ensure compliance with relevant tax and legal requirements.

Financial documents submitted should be related to the trustee organization supporting the application from the unregistered organization.

Can you share examples of ineligible expenditures that cannot be covered with the funding from this grant?

- Purchase of real property (land or buildings)
- Depreciation of capital assets
- Fines and penalties
- The cost of alcoholic beverages
- The portion of the cost of any travel, meals, and accommodation costs that exceeds the rates for public servants set out in the National Joint Council of Canada's Travel Directive
- The portion of hospitality costs that exceed the rates set out in the Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference, and Event Expenditures (Appendix 2 of Canada's Treasury Board)
- The portion of the cost of any goods and services purchased by the Grant Recipient for which the Grant Recipient may claim a tax credit or reimbursement
- Expenditures that are outside the submitted proposal on file, including unreasonable in Black Opportunity Fund's, TD Ready Commitment's, or The Law Foundation of Ontario's opinion
- Any expenses that are covered by another funding source, including TD

Ready Commitment, and The Law Foundation of Ontario. Projects may receive funding from other sources, but those funds may not cover the same expenses as this grant.

How do I apply for the grant?

Applications will be accepted until **January 23, 2025**. Before proceeding with your application, please review this [applicant guide](#) to help you navigate the SurveyMonkey Apply platform.

Please visit our [application portal](#) to complete your submission. Ensure that all required documents are included, as incomplete applications will not be considered.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions or need assistance with my application?

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact the BOF Programs Team at BOFGrants@blackopportunityfund.org