

Grant Guidelines **APPLICATION for a NEW GROUP GRANT**

The Mission of the Rosenberg Fund for Children

The Rosenberg Fund for Children (RFC) was established to provide for the educational and emotional needs of children, whose parents have suffered because of their progressive activities and who, therefore are no longer able to provide fully for their children. The RFC also provides grants for the educational and emotional needs of activist youth whose targeting has resulted in a significant adverse life impact. Professionals and institutions will be awarded grants to provide services for beneficiaries.

Who Can Apply

Applications may be submitted by parents, custodians, and guardians to benefit children in the United States whose parents' pursuit of progressive values (i.e. that all people have equal worth, that people are more important than profits, that world peace is a necessity, and that society must function within ecologically sustainable limits) has left them unable to fully provide for that child for reasons such as:

- The activist has lost a job.
- The activist has been harassed, suffered physical injury or mental disability.
- The activist has been imprisoned or has died.

Applications may also be submitted by or on behalf of targeted activist youth. *Please do not use this form. Use the Targeted Activist Youth application form instead.*

Group Grants

Although we usually receive applications from parents on behalf of their children, in special cases (for instance when anonymity is required for personal safety) we accept applications directly from a program or provider on behalf of a group of young people who meet our granting guidelines. In addition, programs focused on serving the educational and emotional needs of children in a community that has experienced pervasive repression in response to the community's resistance to oppression can apply directly to the RFC for a group grant.

What the Rosenberg Fund for Children Funds

The RFC funds institutions and individual providers selected by applicants who support the values listed above. Subject to our financial ability, we will fund school tuition, camp tuition, counseling, cultural lessons, recreational programs, and after-school programs.

The RFC is unable to consider grants for individual's general living expenses, like housing, clothing, and food, or for the benefit of those who have sufficient alternative sources of support. The RFC usually does not make grants directly to activists, custodians or guardians. **The RFC does not pay for legal defense costs.** The RFC does not make grants to institutions that the Board believes operate in opposition to one or more of the beliefs listed above.

Granting Process

The RFC Board of Directors will award all grants. Grants are awarded in the Spring and Fall. The postmark deadline for applications for Spring grants is March 21st and for Fall grants is October 13th. ***Grant requests requiring immediate attention because of special needs may be considered at other times on an individual basis.*** Applicants should complete the attached application form and mail it to the RFC at the above address. For questions or assistance, please call us at 413-529-0063.

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1. A. Activism & Targeting. Please provide a summary of the group's activism (organizing, protests, etc) and the resulting targeting or repression. Please be as clear as possible about which group members were involved in what actions and whether they experienced repression as individuals or as a group. We will be unable to review your application if your answer provides us with insufficient information. Feel free to provide documentation such as a newspaper article or link to additional online information. (Please type if possible.)

B. Please describe the current situation of the members of the group including their financial situations, work and living situations, and health. Include anything special about the children's current living situation, health or emotional state.

NOTE: Discrimination is not enough. We have received applications from those who have endured discrimination. While we deplore such discrimination, the RFC only funds those who have suffered discrimination in response to their activism. That is what we mean by "targeting."

2. A. Name and address of person completing this form:

Name _____

Address _____ zip _____

Email _____

Telephone: work (____) _____ other (____) _____

Best way to contact: _____

Title or Relation to group/organization: _____

Signed

Date

B. Please list the name, title and contact information of other crucial members of the group (e.g. executive director, founder, Board member, etc) if other than the person completing this form.

C. General information (number, ages, etc) of children/youth who would receive services funded by the grant:

3. Special Circumstances: Please describe anything special about the organization's current situation, legal or financial state.

4. Type of Request: (Please check all that apply)

____ One-time special grant

____ Group grant for organizations providing services to the children of targeted activists

____ Group grant for young people in a community that has experienced pervasive repression in response to the community's resistance to oppression

5. Please describe the program the grant will fund.

6. **Grant Request: Amount Requested from the RFC: \$ _____**
Please note that group grants have a maximum of \$3500 per group per granting cycle.

Date service to start: _____ Date service to end: _____

Any deadline we should know about: _____

7. **Budget.** Please detail the organization's financial need and how the funds will be used (e.g. \$2000 for computer equipment, \$400 for snacks for youth programs, etc). While we likely will not be able to fund the entire amount needed, it is helpful for our Board to have a sense of the financial situation, including any other sources of support (grants, donations, other income, etc), your annual operating budget and any planned fundraising for the fiscal year.

8. Processing the grant

If the grant is funded, to whom should the check be made payable and mailed:

Make check payable to: _____

Title/relationship to group/organization: _____

Address: _____

9. How did you learn about the RFC? _____

Please attach additional paper if the space provided for the answer to any question is inadequate.

CHECKLIST - We must have the following before we can review your application:

1. Completed application form.
2. Grant request (Question 6).
3. Budget (Question 7).
4. Any supporting material.

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Rosenberg Fund for Children
116 Pleasant Street, Suite 348
Easthampton, MA 01027

OR: granting@rfc.org

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU IN THIS PROCESS.