

BNGP values clarity, honesty, and reflection. We understand that systems change is complex and evolving work. We do not expect certainty. We value thoughtful analysis, meaningful collaboration, and a willingness to learn and adapt.

PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

1. Tell us about your initiative. What problem are you working to address, how did this effort begin, and who has been involved in shaping it so far?
2. Which BNGP priority area(s) does your initiative align with? How does your work advance progress within that priority?
3. What root causes of poverty are you working to address? How do policies, practices, mindsets, or decision-making structures currently contribute to the problem?
4. How is your initiative rethinking or improving how this work is done? Describe any new, adapted, or strengthened approaches you are using to advance systems change. This might include piloting new models, shifting decision-making power, forming new partnerships, testing ideas, or building in reflection, learning, and adaptation.
5. How would you describe the growth stage of your initiative? Check the option that best matches your work:
 - **Early/Emerging:** We are building understanding of the problem and exploring possible solutions and partners.
 - **Building:** We understand the problem and root causes, have engaged key partners and people with lived experience, and are working toward shared strategy and alignment.
 - **Growing:** We are moving from planning to coordinated action with defined roles, shared leadership, and expanded engagement.
 - **Mature:** We have implemented changes to policies, practices, mindsets, or decision-making structures and are refining our strategies based on learning.
6. What specific planning or capacity-building need are you seeking funding for at this stage? How will this support strengthen your ability to advance systems change?
7. Who are the key partners involved in this initiative, and what role does each play?
8. Who is most impacted by the root causes you are addressing? How are people with lived experience meaningfully engaged in shaping decisions, strategies, or leadership within this initiative?
9. By the end of the grant period, what progress do you hope to make? What would meaningful progress or success look like at this stage of your work?
10. Please share any additional information about this work that you think is important or relevant (optional)

BUDGET & FINANCIALS

Project Budget

Upload your 1-year project budget for the year that funds are requested. Please use this [2026 Project Budget Sheet](#).

Organizational Financials

We are interested in understanding your organization's recent financial story. You might be wondering what we are looking for and how we'll make decisions based on what you share. One of our goals is to build relationships with nonprofits that we invest in. This means we would like to better understand a nonprofit's financial position so we know how best to support them in the short- and long-run. In reviewing financial documents, we are looking to see that nonprofits can cover their expenses and fulfill their mission. We also want to understand a nonprofit's financial story, how they are monitoring finances, and how the organization is thinking about its financial health.

Organizational Budget

Please share the organizational budget for your current fiscal year.

PDF Upload Preferred. Be sure to include income and expenses. If you do not have a current fiscal year budget for your group/alliance/organization, you can use this optional [organizational budget template](#) and modify it to suit your needs.

Financial Documents

Please upload:

- Your organization's most recent Audited Financials (if applicable, not all nonprofits are required to have an audit)
- Your organization's Balance Sheet* (Statement of Financial Position) for the most recent completed fiscal year
- Profit and Loss Statement* (Statement of Activity) from the start of your current fiscal year to date

* If your organization does not have these requested documents, help us understand your financial story, how you monitor finances, and how your organization thinks about its financial health. Please upload a document with this information. PDF upload preferred.

Fiscal Sponsor Financials (fiscally sponsored applications only)

If your organization has a fiscal sponsor, please also upload the **fiscal sponsor's**:

- **Balance Sheet** (Statement of Financial Position) from the most recent completed fiscal year
- **Profit and Loss Statement** (Statement of Activity) from the start of your fiscal year to date.