



BUSH FOUNDATION

Ecosystem Grant Program Application Questions January 2020

Accepting applications January 14 – February 13, 2020
(closes at noon Central)

The application questions have been provided as a reference. To apply or find additional information, please visit <http://bfdn.org/Eco>.

Applicant Organization

If working with a fiscal sponsor, the fiscal sponsor is the applicant organization.

Is your organization certified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity? (Yes or No)

Is your organization a public agency/unit of government or Indian tribal government under Section 7871 of the Internal Revenue Code? (Yes or No)

What were your most recent fiscal year total expenses? *The most recent fiscal year total expenses should reflect the applicant organization. For example, if the applicant organization is a university, select the total expenses of the university (not a department or program within the university). Also, if you are applying using a fiscal sponsorship agreement, you should select the total expenses of the fiscal sponsor (not the fiscally sponsored organization).*

- Up to \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$249,999
- \$250,000 - \$499,999
- \$500,000 - \$999,999
- \$1M - \$4,999,999
- \$5M +

What issue area(s) does your organization address? The options below are from the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities.

- Arts, Culture and Humanities
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Human Services
- Public and Societal Benefit

Which of the following describes where the majority of your work takes place?

Minnesota	Oglala Sioux Tribe
North Dakota	Other Native nation
South Dakota	Prairie Island Indian Community
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Red Lake Nation
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe
Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Spirit Lake Nation
Grand Portage Band of Chippewa	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Upper Sioux Community
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Urban Native nation
MHA Nation	White Earth Nation
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Yankton Sioux Tribe

What best describes the community served by your organization?

- Rural
- Town or City – population under 50,000
- Town or City – population over 50,000
- Combination: Rural/Town/City

Provide a brief overview of your organization. If you are applying as a fiscal sponsor, briefly describe both your organization and the organization you are sponsoring. *Maximum 3,000 characters (approximately 500 words).*

Fiscally Sponsored Organization (if applicable)

If you are applying using a [fiscal sponsorship agreement \(http://bfdn.org/FS\)](http://bfdn.org/FS), this section applies to you. The information below should be about the organization working on the project and that is being sponsored, not the organization sponsoring the work. In addition, a signed fiscal sponsorship agreement is required for all applicants using a fiscal sponsor arrangement.

Fiscally Sponsored Organization: organization name, mailing address, phone number, website
 Fiscally Sponsored Organization Primary Contact: name, title, email

Focus Areas

1. Which of these [Bush Foundation focus areas \(http://bfdn.org/FocusAreas\)](http://bfdn.org/FocusAreas) best describes your organization's work. If your organization works in more than one area, please choose the one that best fits with your work.

- Community Innovation: Support collaborative problem solving
- Leadership: Inspire, equip and connect leaders
- Community Creativity: Use art and culture to solve community problems
- Education: Support student centered learning
- Native Nation Building: Strengthen tribal sovereignty
- Social Business Ventures: Support businesses to solve social problems

2. Describe how your organization addresses the goal of the focus area you selected in question one. *Maximum 1,800 characters (approximately 300 words).*

Type of Support

3. Does your organization support other organizations and leaders in one of the following ways? Choose the option(s) that best characterizes your work. It is not expected that you provide support in all of the methods listed below.

- Provide critical data and analysis
- Advance public awareness and policy solutions
- Spread great ideas and build capacity
- Build and support networks of leaders

4. Based on what you selected in question three, answer one or more of the following questions, only as applicable to your organization's work. It is not expected that you provide support in all of the methods listed below and it is not necessary to provide an answer to every question. Answer the question(s) that most closely aligns with your organization.

a. Describe how your organization provides critical data and analysis. *Maximum of 1,800 characters (approximately 300 words).*

b. Describe how your organization advances public awareness and policy solutions. *Maximum of 1,800 characters (approximately 300 words).*

c. Describe how your organization spreads great ideas and builds capacity. *Maximum of 1,800 characters (approximately 300 words).*

d. Describe how your organization builds and supports networks of leaders. *Maximum of 1,800 characters (approximately 300 words).*

Equity and Value

5. What is the unique and significant value you provide to other organizations or leaders? Describe the impact. Provide at least two specific examples and share any relevant outcome data or other evidence. *Maximum 1,800 characters (approximately 300 words).*

6. Across all our work, we are committed to advancing racial and economic equity in our region. As we review potential Ecosystem grantees, we will consider whether organizations have the skills and orientation to support leaders and organizations working toward that end. How is your organization advancing racial and economic equity internally and/or externally in the broader ecosystem? *Maximum 1,800 characters (approximately 300 words).*

References

Please provide contact information for three references. They should be people who can describe how your work makes their work more successful or impactful. We may contact your references if you are selected as a finalist. The reference information should include: contact name and title, organization name, mailing address, email and phone number. *Maximum 900 characters (approximately 150 words).*