seeding justice

Tenant Outreach Fund

Information Session - June 26, 2025

Welcome!

Housekeeping

- Introduce yourselves! Please say (or add to the chat) your name, pronouns, organization, and where you are joining from
- Our prompts will have a in front of them
- We will be recording this session
 - Will post recording on website soon, along with slides
- Questions along the way? Add them to the chat

Today's agenda

- Introduction to Seeding Justice
- Overview of Tenant Outreach Fund
- Online platform walk-through
- How to Apply + Supports available
- Q&A

Who is Seeding Justice?

- **501(c)(3) organization** founded in 1976 (MRG Foundation)
- "Operating foundation" and we raise funds that we grant out
- Mission: We build collective power by transforming philanthropy and funding movements, in the pursuit of justice and liberation for all communities.

What is a Community Fund?

- Pools of funding from a variety of sources
- Administered by Seeding Justice
- Redistribute wealth and power to communities most affected
- Through a community-led and community-driven process
- E.g. RHEF + CCCB, Columbia River Restoration Fund, New Arrivals Fund

















Tenant Outreach Fund

- In partnership with <u>Oregon Housing Alliance</u>
- State-awarded funds via legislation
- Fund has \$840,000 to award
 - Small, medium and large grants expected
 - \$10,000 to \$50,000 for small and medium grants
 - \$50,000 to \$100,000 for larger grants
- Especially interested in organizations that are serving most vulnerable and/or rural populations

Goal of the Fund

To support and resource **tenants at risk of eviction** from publicly supported housing or manufactured dwelling parks being closed or sold

Strategies

- 1. Community education and outreach
- 2. Practical supports for tenants
- Community- and self-advocacy
- 4. Community power building and leadership development
- 5. Sector infrastructure development and capacity building

Outcomes (AKA, How will you know your project was successful?)

- 1. Tenants know their rights
- 2. Tenants' urgent needs are met and their housing stabilized
- 3. Tenants are able to advocate for themselves and their communities to prevent evictions
- 4. Tenants build power through leadership development and organizing
- 5. Tenants and the organizations that serve them build and are able to access community wealth
- 6. Tenants and the organizations that serve them stand up longer term systems to prevent evictions

Eligibility

- 501(c)(3)-exempt organization;
- Fiscally sponsored project;
- Tribal government or entity

AND

Must be located and/or serve the people in Oregon

AND

 Must provide resources and support to tenants who are at risk of eviction from publicly-supported housing or manufactured dwelling parks at risk of being sold or closed.

Grant Types + Amounts

Urgent Needs grants

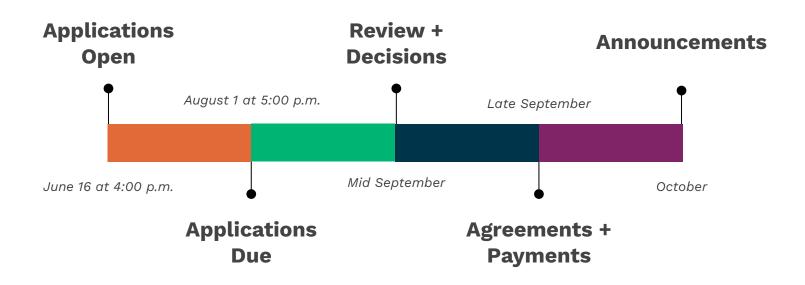
- Short-term projects
- Educate tenants and offer practical supports (such as back rent)
- Maximum amount: \$50,000

Longer-Term Solutions grants

- Longer-term grants
- Systemic solutions: power building, leadership development, and policy advocacy
- Maximum amount: \$100,000

\$125,000 maximum if applying for both

Key Dates

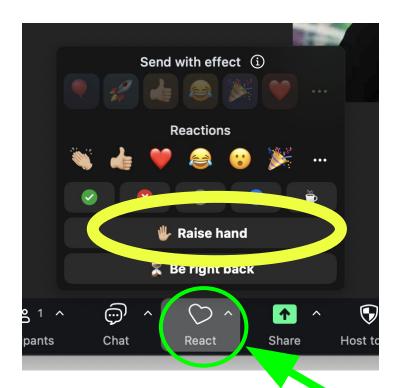


Online Platform Walk-Through

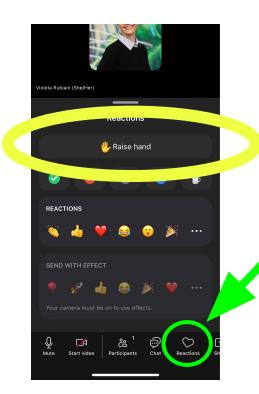
Website Walk-Through

Questions?

- Please use the "raise hand" feature
- Type in the chat
- Please keep questions general



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