

2022 NC Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Grant Application

Overview - Please Read

Program Overview: The Commission works to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the State relating to the observance of the legal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 's birthday. It also works to promote among the people of NC an awareness and appreciation of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The purpose of this grant is to empower small organizations and nonprofits whose missions align with Dr. King's vision of racial and economic equality for all people. We are granting five awards of up to \$5000 each to organizations in North Carolina serving BIPOC communities. **The deadline for grant submissions is January 18, 2023 at 11:59pm.**

Eligibility:

- Eligible applicants include 501(c)3 nonprofits, faith-based organizations and grassroots initiatives that are Black or BIPOC led and based in North Carolina.
- We will prioritize awarding funding to organizations who have never received prior grant funding and/or are low-budget organizations. While we don't have a set budget cap, the average organizational budget of a grant recipient is under \$300,000.
- Funded organizations must serve BIPOC communities in North Carolina

Please note that grants **cannot support** deficit financing, for-profit businesses, individuals, or projects that do not support BIPOC communities in North Carolina.

Accountability of reporting

Each grantee will be required to submit a 6-month report on how the funds were spent and the impact of the funding on your organization and/or community.

Spending restrictions:

- not to be spent on salary support
- discouraged from spending funding on discrete project; this funding is meant for sustainable capacity building and organizational growth
- deficit financing
- for profit businesses
- individuals or projects
- initiatives that do not advance the purpose of racial justice, environmental justice, cultural events, journalism, health equity, and economic equity
- food

Examples of ways to spend money include but are not limited to:

- grant writer
- computer
- other equipment (not for individual ownership)
- leadership training
- web development
- graphic design
- organizational development (e.g., board development, financial sustainability, etc.)
- staff development (e.g., mental health and trauma informed care trainings, etc.)
- speakers and facilitators
- Filing the organization as an entity with the NC Secretary of State and establishing a 501c3 with the IRS
- needs assessments and feasibility studies

**If submitting an application via email send application and supporting documents to mlk.commission@doa.nc.gov*

NC MLK COMMISSION



FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

ORGANIZATIONAL NAME (Make sure your organization name **matches exactly** as it reads on your IRS 501c3 determination letter.)

MAILING ADDRESS (NOTE: This is where all grant documents will be mailed. Please double-check that this is correct.)

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

CONTACT PERSON (this person will receive email notifications of this application)

Name _____

Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I attest that I am authorized and have permission to submit this application on behalf of the organization. Please TYPE: YES, followed by your FULL NAME.

- Yes
- No

SIGNATURE _____

Would you like to list an additional contact person?

- Yes
- No

Organization Website

Organization Facebook Page

Organization Instagram Page

Organization LinkedIn

Project Administrator

Project Administrator, email

Who Prepared this Application?

Preparer, Email

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Type of Organization

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Government Agency
- Church
- Special project using a fiscal sponsor
- Other

Year your organization or church was founded

Are you applying for programming involving youth (under 18 years old)?

- Yes
- No

Mission/Vision/Values

Provide an overview of the organization to include a mission statement, vision, and/or values.

Organization Activities

What services do you provide, a description of who benefits from your work, and the geographic area you serve? If you are a church, please answer this question for the ministry you are seeking to support.

Mission and how it aligns with MLK Commission

We seek to support organizations that promote the following, but are not limited to racial justice, environmental justice, cultural awareness, journalism, health equity, and economic equity. **Please describe how your organization promotes one or more of the priority funding areas.**

Statement of Need

Please state the need/s of your organization and how this financial award would support the capacity building of your organization (e.g., infrastructure building, consulting, grant writing, purchasing computers, etc.) What are the major challenges of your organization and how can the Commission provide training and/or technical assistance to your organization?

Service Areas

Please list the neighborhood(s), cities and/or counties you serve.

Partnerships

We recognize that community-based work often requires partnerships to succeed. Please describe any current and/or potential collaboration or partnerships your organization has.

FINANCIALS

Enter Your Federal ID Number

Total Staff PAID

Total Staff UNPAID

What was your income/revenue for 2021 (please do not include in-kind)?

If you are a church, please include both your overall church budget and the ministry budget for which you are seeking funds.

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- **W-9 for your organization or Church:** You must complete and mail or email the W-9 form found here: [IRS W-9 Form](#)
- **Please mail or email your IRS 501c3 determination letter, IRS church group ruling letter, or church attestation that you fulfill tax-exempt guidelines.**
- If you are a sponsored project under a 501c3 nonprofit, please mail or email their **501c3 IRS determination letter and Memorandum of Understanding between your organization and your fiscal agent.**
- If you are a church under a group ruling, please mail or email the **IRS group ruling determination**
- If you are a church without an IRS ruling (501c3 or group ruling), please submit an **attestation on church letterhead, with authorized signature, that confirms your church meets the requirements of IRS Section 501(c)(3) to be considered tax exempt:**
 - the church is organized and operated exclusively for religious, educational, scientific or other charitable purposes;
 - net earnings are not inured to the benefit of any private individual or shareholder;
 - no substantial part of the church's activity may be attempting to influence legislation;
 - the church does not intervene in political campaigns; and
 - the church's purposes and activities are not illegal or violate fundamental public policy.
- **Please mail or email your organizational (or church) budget for 2021 (actuals).**

- **Please read and sign the Public Records Disclosure Agreement. (Required)**

Public Records Disclosure Agreement

Per N.C. General Statutes 131-1 through 131-11, North Carolina Public Records Law states that the public records and information compiled by the agencies of North Carolina government or its subdivisions are the property of the people; therefore, it is the policy of the State that the people may obtain copies of their public records and public information for free or at a minimal cost unless otherwise specifically provided by law.

21. The person submitting this application does acknowledge that the information provided herein may be subject to North Carolina Public Records Law.

Print Full Name

Sign Full Name

Date
