



Frontline Justice Fund

Tides Foundation has announced the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Frontline Justice Fund's Fall 2024 grantmaking cycle. Applicants will be able to view the RFP on the [Frontline Justice Fund](#) and [JustFund](#) websites beginning September 5, 2024.

For the Fall 2024 grantmaking cycle, the Frontline Justice Fund will grant up to \$2M and anticipate grant amounts will fall in the range of \$25K-\$150K. To streamline our grantmaking processes and make it less burdensome for grant seekers, proposals should be submitted through the [JustFund](#) common proposal format. Grantees must first create a JustFund user account to respond to the RFP.

By directing funding to frontline communities who are using legal and regulatory advocacy to address environmental degradation and injustice, we aim to create durable and impactful systemic change so that all can thrive.

Please help us spread the word by sharing this announcement with your networks. For further information about the Frontline Justice Fund, please visit the [Frontline Justice Fund](#) website where you can also view our [2023 Annual Report](#).

- **Proposals must be received by 09/26/2024 09:00 PM Eastern**
- **Decisions expected to be announced no later than 11/27/2024**

For questions about how to submit your proposal, please refer to JustFund's [Help Center](#) or contact grants@justfund.us. On September 19th, JustFund will host a webinar training for new applicants at 1pm Pacific/4pm Eastern. Please register [here](#).

If you have any questions about the Frontline Justice Fund, the RFP, or need additional support with your submission, please contact Tides at fjf@tides.org.

Link to the Frontline Justice Fund's RFP on the JustFund portal can be found [here](#).



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Tides Foundation Frontline Justice Fund Fall 2024 RFP

About

About Tides

We believe that a just and equitable future can exist only when communities who have been historically denied power have the social, political, and economic power they need to create it.

To make that a reality, we work in deep partnership with doers and donors to center the leadership of changemakers from these communities, connecting them to services, capacity building, and resources to amplify their impact.

Our values influence all that we do, from cultivating deep partnerships with movement leaders and helping donors shift resources to advancing the crucial work of justice and equity.

Everything we do at Tides is in service of helping leaders on the ground move us all toward a just and equitable future. We partner with individuals and organizations committed to shifting the social sector toward more equitable norms and practices, and provide equity-focused services ranging from operational support and grantmaking to donor advised funds and more.

About The Frontline Justice Fund

The Frontline Justice Fund is a Tides Foundation environmental grantmaking initiative that equips communities impacted by climate and environmental hazards with the critical resources they need to take on big polluters in the courtroom and beyond.

The Frontline Justice Fund is a Tides Foundation grantmaking initiative launched in 2022 focused directly on supporting frontline community groups who are fighting for environmental and climate justice through legal and regulatory advocacy. FJF bolsters these groups by ensuring they have the resources they need to succeed and thrive beyond the courtroom. Using a participatory grantmaking model and governed by an Independent Advisory Committee of environmental justice leaders, FJF acknowledges the personal risk and financial toll of prolonged legal battles undertaken by community groups fighting entrenched perpetrators of the climate crisis. The Frontline Justice Fund is designed to protect, repair, and prepare communities to confront environmental and climate legal battles in the short and long term by providing access to rapid response or multiyear funding to cover non-legal costs associated with mounting and sustaining successful advocacy campaigns.

Launched in 2022, the Tides Foundation Frontline Justice Fund (FJF) provides grants to groups representing communities who are living with and fighting against toxic pollution, the fallout from climate disasters, and the looming threat of new and expanding oil pipelines, mines, petrochemical plants, and other dangerous and destructive projects. In concert with public mobilization, leveraging the power of the law with highly impacted community-based plaintiffs is by far the most compelling pathway in advancing equitable environmental protections and safeguards. By directing funding to under-resourced communities that are using legal advocacy to address environmental degradation and injustice, we can help to secure the rights of people and nature and create durable and impactful systemic change so that all can thrive.

For additional information:

[Website](#)

[2023 Annual Report](#)

What We Fund:

Groups **must be** actively engaged, or will be actively engaged within the next twelve months, in community-based legal, regulatory, and/or legislative advocacy to advance environmental and climate justice at the local level, specifically to confront existing or proposed extractive industry infrastructure, remediation, and reduction of legacy pollution, and/or fostering the growth of community-supported clean energy and energy efficiency solutions. Please do not apply for funding if your group does not meet this primary eligibility criteria.

Groups **must be** from under-resourced communities most impacted by environmental harm and injustice, and from chronically under-funded regions that face systemic barriers to resources and opportunities, especially the Southeast, Gulf South/TX, Great Lakes/Midwest, the Southwest, Appalachia and the Ohio River Valley. While groups from states and territories of the United States are able to apply, the majority of funding in this grantmaking cycle will be allocated to these regions. Groups must represent communities where resources will have a direct impact on the frontlines from communities most impacted by environmental harm, with broader implications in the fight for environmental and climate justice. Please do not apply for funding if your group does not meet this primary eligibility criteria.

Grassroots and frontline groups **must have** an organizational and/or climate program or project budget of less than or close to \$2 million. Please do not apply for funding if your group does not meet this primary eligibility criteria.

Groups **may be** actively organizing, or plan to be actively organizing within the next twelve months, community-led efforts against recent Supreme Court rulings and its impact on lower court decisions that attack clean air, water, land, and public health, including [Chevron deference](#) that will result in dire consequences for public health, safety, and the environment by rolling back long-standing precedents and regulations.

All grantmaking will be made to frontline, community-based groups only. Please do not apply for funding if you are frontline-serving organization.

What We Do Not Fund:

Organizations and programs operating outside of the states and territories of the United States.

Projects inconsistent with a legitimate charitable purpose and applicable law, including any political campaign intervention or impermissible private benefit.

Projects inconsistent with Tides vision, mission, and approach, our organizational values, and FJF's funding priorities.

Frontline-serving organizations including nonprofit public interest legal service organizations and for-profit law firms.

Groups that currently have an open grant with FJF are not eligible to apply for this cycle of grantmaking, unless your grant term will end in 2024. If your grant term ends in 2024, your group is eligible to apply.

Types of applicants eligible to apply for this grant cycle include:

- 501(c)(3) or a Fiscally Sponsored Project of a 501(c)(3) Federally Recognized Tribe
- 501(c)(4) or a Fiscally Sponsored Project of a 501(c)(4) for nonpartisan, charitable activities
- For-profit for charitable activities

Grant Award Range

The Frontline Justice Fund seeks to provide up to \$2 million in total funding during the Fall 2024 Grant Cycle.

Eligible organizations will be able to receive 12-month or 24-month grant awards with a range of \$25,000 to \$150,000.

Key Dates

Deadline to apply: 09/26/2024 06:00 PM, PDT

Decisions Expected to be Announced: 11/26/2024

Application

Before you get started, learn more about how the [JustFund Common Application™](#) works. Please ensure that all fields in your profile are up to date. As part of your application, your profile information will also be submitted and dated at time of submission.

Application Specific Questions

- What legal or regulatory actions are currently underway or planned by your organization within the next twelve months? The primary purpose of the Frontline Justice Fund is to support the litigation, regulatory engagement, advocacy, and/or legislative education efforts of community-based, frontline organizations to fight existing or proposed projects that threaten their health, safety, and well-being. All funding from this cycle will be granted directly to these organizations. We are not able to fund proposals that support these organizations with their services. *
- Where are your actions and advocacy taking place (state, community, municipality, agency, etc) and who is leading and involved in these efforts (coalition, neighborhood group, etc)?*
- Is your group, program, or project actively engaged in or planning to organize community-led efforts against recent Supreme Court rulings and its impact on lower court decisions that attack clean air, water, land, and public health, including Chevron deference that will result in dire consequences for public health, safety, and the environment by rolling back long-standing precedents and regulations? If yes, please describe. *

Application Specific Attachments

- Organizational Budget. Please attach budgets for 2024 and 2025 if available. If you are a project or program as part of a larger organization, please attach your annual project/program budget.
- Proposed Grant Budget. Please include the total amount of the funding request with narrative details and associated line items that reflect the grant proposal. This should

include an itemized budget for the grant amount you are requesting and how you anticipate using FJF funding. Estimated amounts are permitted. If you are requesting multi-year support, beyond a one-year grant, include the proposed duration of funding (2 years max) associated with expenditures.

- List of current funders. Please include information about current funding gaps or urgent needs, if relevant.

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How To Apply

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