

1. CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE GRANT IN A FISCAL YEAR?

Yes, you may apply for a grant more than once a fiscal year. Please keep in mind that because you apply does not mean your application will get approved.

2. WHAT IS A FISCAL SPONSOR?

A fiscal sponsor is a non-profit organization offering their legal and tax-exempt status to groups—typically projects—engaged in activities related to the sponsoring organization's mission, including taking on the responsibility of receiving and administering charitable contributions on behalf of the sponsored organization.

3. DO I NEED A FISCAL SPONSOR?

Fiscal sponsorship is often used by newly formed nonprofits that need to raise money during the start-up phase before they are recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS. Using a fiscal sponsor enables a program or organization that does not *itself* qualify as tax-exempt to attract funding for its operations that will -- through the fiscal sponsor - be tax-deductible to donors.

4. CAN I USE MY PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING?

NO, we do not send grant funding to personal accounts. You **MUST** have a business/organization bank account, or you may use a fiscal sponsor.

5. WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A FISCAL SPONSOR TO RECEIVE MY GRANT FUNDING?

If you cannot obtain a fiscal sponsor, please reach out to the BVM State Organizing Manager for your state.

6. WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE NOT RECEIVED MY FUNDING?

Please allow 2-5 business days from the date of notification. If you have not received funding during that time, please follow up with Charlotte@blackvotersmatterfund.org.

7. WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY GRANT FUNDING?

After all documents have been submitted, reviewed, and signed, you will receive a notification via email letting you know that your grant payment is being processed.

8. I SIGNED MY MOU, WHAT'S NEXT?

Once you have reviewed and signed your MOU, it will be sent to our leadership team for final review and signing off.

9. I HAVEN'T RECEIVED MY MOU?

If you have not received your MOU within 24 hours from notification, please send an email to Brianna@blackvotersmatterfund.org.

If you have a fiscal sponsor, your fiscal sponsor will receive the MOU first to review and sign. Once the MOU has been completed, you will receive a copy.

10. WHY WAS MY GRANT APPLICATION DENIED?

If your grant application is denied, you may follow up with the BVM State Organizing Manager for your state.

11. I DID NOT RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF FUNDING I REQUESTED?

If you were not approved for the full requested grant amount, please follow up with the BVM State Organizing Manager for your state.

12. I SUBMITTED A GRANT APPLICATION AND HAVEN'T RECEIVED A RESPONSE?

You will receive a notification via email letting you know that we have received your grant application and it is under review. Please allow 14-21 days before a decision is made. If you do not receive a decision within the given timeframe, please reach out to the State Organizing Manager of your state.

13. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT GRANTS?

The grant application portals open on the 1st of each month and the deadline to apply for grants is the 10th of each month @ 11:59pm est.