



Ohio Transformation Fund Rapid Response Grant Program

The Ohio Transformation Fund (OTF) is a collaborative fund developed by national and local funders to advocate for safe, healthy communities and an equitable democracy across Ohio. Through a collaborative funding approach, the OTF aims to strengthen practitioners working in the field, address key capacity gaps, and engage other Ohio-based and national funders and donors. As an initial strategy, the OTF is focused on transforming the criminal justice system and supporting efforts to address the negative impact of the current system on families and communities.

The Ohio Transformation Fund provides a limited number of Rapid Response grants outside the traditional grantmaking timeline. The purpose of the Rapid Response program is to provide flexible and responsive support when windows of opportunity emerge to take immediate action.

Eligibility

Requests for OTF Rapid Response grants must meet the following criteria:

- Strategic – The action promotes the advancement of criminal justice reform in Ohio and is aligned with the theory of change of the OTF.
- Unanticipated and/or time urgent – The specific event or situation your organization is responding to was unanticipated and/or the action must happen quickly to be effective.

Timeline

The OTF accepts Rapid Response grant requests at any time. Once a grant has been approved, funds can usually be delivered within four weeks. Rapid Response recipients do not need to be current grantees of the OTF.

Guidelines

Rapid Response grant requests may be up to \$25,000. Prospective Rapid Response grant recipients are required to provide a two-page request and a simple project budget.

Please include the following information in your Rapid Response request:

1. Organization Name
2. Contact Name, Address, Email, and Phone Number

3. Brief organization description
4. Project Name
5. Project Description
6. Potential project impact as it relates to the goals of the Ohio Transformation Fund
7. Share why this request is both strategic and unanticipated.
8. Amount Requested (*Up to \$25,000*)
9. Project Budget
10. Supporting Information
 - a. Description of the diversity of your staff and board.
 - b. Copy of the organization's most recently filed **Form 990**
 - c. IRS issued **501c(3) tax-status determination** letter of requesting organization or, if applicable, fiscal sponsor.

Your request, including all items from the checklist above, must be submitted by email to Elissa Schneider, Interim Executive Director of Ohio Transformation Fund at elissa@ohtransformationfund.org with the subject line 'Rapid Response Application'. Please be in touch by email or phone at 614.580.5109 with questions about the Rapid Response grant process.