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BONNER FOUNDATION

## **Bonner Racial Justice Community Fund 2022-23 Request for Proposals**

Welcome to the Bonner Foundation's grant process for the 2022-23 Racial Justice Community Fund. We encourage every school in the Bonner Network to apply to participate in the Racial Justice initiative to combat racial, social, class-based, gender, and other intersectional inequalities.

**Purpose:** The Bonner Foundation launched the Racial Justice Community Fund (RJCF) in 2020 to mobilize and support students, alumni, staff, faculty, and partners to work for anti-racist and racially just structural, policy, educational, economic, and social change. The Racial Justice Community Fund and Initiative was designed so that teams, with campus and community representatives, can leverage funds to create and carry out specific projects that address biases in structure, policy, practice, and beliefs while advancing racial justice, equity, and healing. The Racial Justice Community Fund seeks to directly support student leadership in the community and campus-based projects in collaboration with community partners that focus on meeting immediate community needs, resulting from racial inequities, as well as structural, policy, educational, economic, and social change. Previous projects have addressed sub-topics such as city policies, educational equity, health disparities, historical reckoning, and more.

**Proposal Criteria:** Funding may be available for teams and proposals that are addressing the objective of the RJCF, which is to dismantle and eradicate systemic racism. Proposed projects should be led by a team of at least two students, a staff and/or faculty member, and one or more representatives from community partner organization(s). A higher education institution may be considered as a partner as well as a focus of change. We also welcome a consortium approach involving two or more institutions in the Bonner Network to work on shared goals and activities. We strongly encourage you to review some of last year's Racial Justice Community Fund projects on the Bonner Foundation's [website](https://www.bonner.org). These funds are not eligible for use for new Bonner Program development or expansion.

**Funding:** Only institutions with an active Bonner Program are eligible for funding. Bonner Foundation funding is available for up to \$5,000. We strongly recommend building in stipends in your budget proposal for community partners who are going to collaborate with you on this project. This grant does *not* require a match. Unfunded Bonner Programs may apply for up to \$5,000 each. Funded Bonner Programs are encouraged to apply to participate in this national

“community of practice” by utilizing funding support from available Bonner Community Funds, Enrichment Funds, or Junior/Senior Leadership Funds. Submit this proposal to the Foundation and to your Bonner Program Director and/or Coordinator, who can guide you to receive Community Funds from your institution.

**Foundation Support:** The Bonner Foundation may offer up to six monthly webinars during the 2022-23 year that support individuals and teams involved in the Racial Justice project. We will share prospective topics and a calendar of dates in October, 2022, along with proposal decisions. Each funded team will be expected to have at least one member join webinars. In the past few years, these webinars have provided a national Community of Practice to team members, including student leaders, staff, and faculty. Topics have included:

- Introductions of Teams
- Frameworks for Effective Racial Justice Work
- Reviewing and Revising Project Goals with Peers and Practitioners
- Mobilizing with Partners or as a Coalition
- Fundraising and Sustainability
- Evaluating Your Project Work and Sharing Impact

**Proposal Documents:** Your final proposal submission should consist of the following:

- 1) Proposal Narrative Letter (see page 3 for guidelines)
- 2) Proposal Cover Sheet (see page 4 for guidelines)
- 3) Proposal Budget (see page 5 for guidelines)

See detailed directions and forms to submit below.

*We ask that you share a draft of your grant proposal for discussion with your Foundation liaison prior to submitting your full proposal.*

***Full proposals may be accepted on a rolling basis over the next few months, but they should be submitted no later than Friday, November 4, 2022. We will review proposals as they come in, and we also anticipate covering this topic during the Fall Bonner Congress (October 14-16) and Fall Bonner Directors and Coordinators Meeting (October 31-November 3).***

***Please email your letter, cover sheet, and budget as PDF documents to Ariane Hoy ([ahoy@bonner.org](mailto:ahoy@bonner.org)), Arthur Tartee ([arthur@bonner.org](mailto:arthur@bonner.org)), Liz Brandt ([liz@bonner.org](mailto:liz@bonner.org)), and Rachayita Shah ([rshah@bonner.org](mailto:rshah@bonner.org)).***

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## 2022-23 Proposal Narrative Letter

In a proposal narrative letter, less than two pages single spaces, please answer the following questions concisely, inserting your response text below each question. The letter should be signed by a staff or faculty advisor, student leader, and (at least) one partner representative. We recommend you keep each of your responses around 500-750 words.

1. Describe the **issue and community** in which you will focus. Share relevant demographics, history, economic, and political data.
2. Introduce any **community partners** (including nonprofit and/or government organizations) **and institutional partners** (such as departments, faculty, or programs) that you will collaborate with in the work. To be funded, a proposal must include at least one partner.
3. Describe **2-3 SMART project goal(s)** that your team aims to accomplish during this year of support from the Racial Justice Community Fund. A smart goal should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time bound. **Goals should be achieved by the following year, Fall 2023.**
4. How will your team **address both direct needs and systemic inequalities** through this project? Please explain your idea and its implementation in three to four steps/ phases, and add tentative dates to each step/phase.

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## **2022-23 Proposal Cover Sheet**

Please submit this proposal form along with your cover letter. Also, we ask that you share a draft of this worksheet with your Bonner Foundation campus liaison prior to submitting your final proposal.

**1) Name of Institution:**

**2) Project Lead (name, title, email, phone):**

**3) Team Members for all individuals who will be part of the project** (include name, title, role in project, email). *Note — our team should include at least two students, a faculty or staff member advisor, and a community representative):*

1. Name, Title, Role in Grant, Email

**4) Campus Department and/or Community Organization(s) Submitting a Letter of Support** (*Campus or organizations in surrounding communities that will be collaborating on the project):*

- Department/Organization name and website
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## 2022-23 Proposal Budget

**Grant requests may be up to \$5,000.** Please describe each line item in the indented item below. We encourage you to provide some support to community-based individuals who are providing time and leadership to work on the project.

**Budget Guideline:** no more than \$2,500 of the funds may be used for one time direct costs, such as supplies and materials. No match is required for the Racial Justice Community Fund. However, if your budget for direct costs exceeds \$2,500, you should identify another source, such as institutional funds, in-kind donations, a community partner share, etc. for these costs.

We also encourage you to dedicate at least \$500 (20%) to provide stipends or other supports for community residents or leaders who commit significant time to the project. The Foundation staff will discuss your budget with you.

Use [this template](#) to create a budget, adhering to these guidelines. Foundation staff will work with you to finalize a budget.

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
• Budget Line Item 1 - <i>Description</i>	\$	\$	\$
• Budget Line Item 2 - <i>Description</i>	\$	\$	\$
• Budget Line Item 3 - <i>Description</i>	\$	\$	\$
• Budget Line Item 4 - <i>Description</i>	\$	\$	\$
• Budget Line Item 5 - <i>Description</i>	\$	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>