

DNC Community Engagement Grants

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) is pleased to announce our Community Engagement Grant Project. Community stakeholders and small grassroots organizations that work with coalition communities (Black, Latino, AAPI, Native, women, youth, disability, LGBTQ+, rural, etc.) can apply for microgrants to conduct voter registration and voter education in their communities. These grants should be used to support existing work and assist with resources for community events. The individual microgrant will be \$500 per recipient and small organizational grants will be up to \$2,500. There are limited grants that will be awarded on a rolling basis after applications are submitted.

Who Should Apply:

- Individual Grants - Community organizers that want to assist with outreach to people from their community, and ensure they have the training and tools to register and engage voters. This can include providing voter education resources to barbershops and salons, tabling at festivals and markets, or registering students on your campus.
- Organizational Grants - Local community organizations that are leading in outreach to diverse voters. This grant will be a collaborative investment in non-partisan voter registration and education programming. Please see note below for additional qualifications for organizational grants.

NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL GRANTS: Please note that organizations may not apply for a grant if they are involved in or are making “independent expenditures,” “electioneering communications,” or other paid public communications concerning elections that trigger coordination issues under 11 C.F.R. 109.21(c) (or analogous state campaign finance coordination laws) this cycle, or are otherwise engaged in partisan get-out-the-vote or voter registration activities that cannot be coordinated with federal party committees and candidates, unless the individuals who will be working on the nonpartisan voter registration and education programming referenced in the application will be separated from that independent and/or partisan work by a firewall within the organization that satisfies the requirements of 11 C.F.R. 109.21(h).

For these purposes, “partisan get-out-the-vote or voter registration activities” means GOTV or voter registration drive activities:

- Expressly advocating for the election or defeat of a clearly identified federal candidate or candidates of the Democratic Party as part of the voter registration or GOTV drive;
- Directed primarily to individuals previously registered, intending to register, or currently registered with the Democratic Party;
- Not made available regardless of the registrant’s or voter’s political preferences;
- For which the individuals conducting the activities are paid based on the number of individuals registered or transported to the polls who support one or more particular candidates or political party; or
- Where the potential registrant or voter is not notified in writing that they are eligible to receive the voter registration or GOTV services regardless of their political preference.

Conversely, “non-partisan voter registration and education programming” means programming that does not meet any of the factors listed above.

Application Period: applicants will be considered on a rolling.

How To Apply: all interested applicants should submit a draft proposal of work through this [application form](#). Any additional questions should be sent to coalitionbuilder@dnc.org.