

**Movement Building and Systems Change Grant Program
Frequently Asked Questions
(Application Closes November 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.)**

Purpose: This document contains the frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to the Lohengrin Foundation’s Movement Building and Systems Change (MBSC) grant program.

This document will be updated weekly until October 28, 2024. Submit your questions to MBSC@Lohengrinfdn.org. You can also access Information Session recordings on our website at www.lohengrinfdn.org.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- ▶ **What types of grants are offered under the MBSC grant program?**
 - ▶ Campaign, Project, or Program Specific
 - ▶ General Operating

- ▶ **How do I apply to the MBSC grant program?**
 - ▶ To apply for the grant, visit our website, www.lohengrinfdn.org, and select the application link.

- ▶ **How does the Foundation define multi-year grant requests?**
 - ▶ This is a three-year grant. Its annual renewal will be based on activities taken during the previous 12 months.

- ▶ **What size organizations do you fund?**
 - ▶ We fund organizations of various sizes, but we want to ensure that grassroots community-centered organizations are represented in our portfolio.

- ▶ **Where do you target your grantmaking for the MBSC grant program?**
 - ▶ We fund organizations working in the cities of Chicago, Boston, and the gateway cities of Boston.

- ▶ **Can I apply if I have already received a grant from the Lohengrin Foundation?**
 - ▶ The Lohengrin Foundation only makes one grant per organization per 12-month period, so you can apply, but only one grant will be given during the 12 months.

- ▶ **Do you fund direct services with this grant program?**
 - ▶ This grant program explicitly seeks to fund organizations engaged in organizing, power-building, policy, and advocacy efforts that address educational equity, arts education access and funding, community safety, or criminal justice reform. We encourage you to view our other grant opportunities for direct service funding on [our website](#).

- ▶ **Do you support immigration efforts with the MBSC grant program?**
 - ▶ The MBSC grant program is focused on organizing, power-building, policy, and advocacy in the listed issue areas. We welcome groups working with immigrant communities to apply for this grant. If organizations specifically seek resources for policy advocacy, legal support, or deportation support, we recommend that groups look into our Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Justice grant program, which will open in the fall of 2025.

- ▶ **Why do I need to complete organizational demographics?**
 - ▶ The MBSC grant program seeks to partner with organizations that incorporate those most impacted by their issue area in organizational leadership and decision-making. The Lohengrin Foundation understands that BIPOC-led organizations are less likely to be funded by foundations and seeks to address this in our grantmaking. Grantmaking does not exclude non-BIPOC-led organizations from applying to our programs or being selected for funding.

- ▶ **What do I need to submit for outcomes and measurements?**
 - ▶ The Foundation seeks to include trust-based philanthropy in its grantmaking. It trusts that organizations know the best way to use data and methods to track the impact they hope to have. We seek organizations that measure progress and implications for impact at the individual, community, cultural, and systems levels with opportunities for routine reflection, redirection, and adaptation as needed to meet the evolving community and political landscape.

▶ **What does the organization mean by Boston’s gateway cities?**

▶ The Lohengrin Foundation follows the definition of gateway cities from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (under Chapter 23A Section 3A). The gateway cities include:

- ▶ Attleboro
- ▶ Barnstable
- ▶ Brockton
- ▶ Chelsea
- ▶ Chicopee
- ▶ Everett
- ▶ Fall River
- ▶ Fitchburg
- ▶ Haverhill
- ▶ Holyoke
- ▶ Lawrence
- ▶ Leominster
- ▶ Lowell
- ▶ Lynn
- ▶ Malden
- ▶ Methuen
- ▶ New Bedford
- ▶ Peabody
- ▶ Pittsfield
- ▶ Quincy
- ▶ Revere
- ▶ Salem
- ▶ Springfield
- ▶ Taunton
- ▶ Westfield
- ▶ Worcester