

Movement Building and Systems Change

Grant Program Information Session

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Welcome

- ▶ Please put your name and organization into the chat
- ▶ Housekeeping
 - ▶ Please make sure your mic is muted unless called upon
 - ▶ Feel free to put questions into the chat as we go

Presentation Overview

- ▶ Introduction to the Lohengrin Foundation
- ▶ Overview of the Movement Building and Systems Change Grant Program
- ▶ Question and Answer Session
- ▶ Close out

About the Lohengrin Foundation

- ▶ The Lohengrin Foundation is a private family foundation established in 1963 and located in Chicago, IL.
- ▶ The Foundation's mission is to advance equity, opportunity, and justice to eradicate systemic barriers and promote vibrant, safe, and thriving communities.
- ▶ The Foundation's values are Equity, Opportunity, Justice, and Collaboration.

Strategic Grantmaking Program Areas:

▶ Educational Equity

- Leadership and Learning
- Educational Opportunity
- Arts Education

▶ Social Justice

- Movement Building and Systems Change
- Safety and Justice
- Immigrant, Refugee, and Migrant Justice

▶ Strategic Collaborations for Emergent Issues & Systems Change

- The Foundation will seek out and accept inquiries from coalitions, collaboratives, and organizations working to address emergent issues and key policy opportunities that may present themselves on an ongoing basis.

For more information about the Foundation or our grantmaking program areas and related timelines, please visit our website at www.lohengrinfndn.org.

MBSC 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 organizations to seek funding who are working to address them through **an intersectional approach** or in conjunction with other **community-identified goals.**
- ▶ Organizations that directly **engage youth, parents, returning citizens, and justice-informed individuals and leaders are encouraged to apply.**
- ▶ We also seek organizations connected to other community groups collaborating for systemic change. Additional priority will be given to groups working **on intersectional, intergenerational, and racial solidarity efforts.**
- ▶ Grant is capped at **\$50,000** and is renewable for **three years.**

MBSC Grant Program

▶ Eligible Applicants

- ▶ We fund registered 501(c)(3) organizations in good standing or groups fiscally sponsored by a registered 501(c)(3) organization.
- ▶ We fund organizations serving **Chicago, Boston, and Boston's gateway cities.**

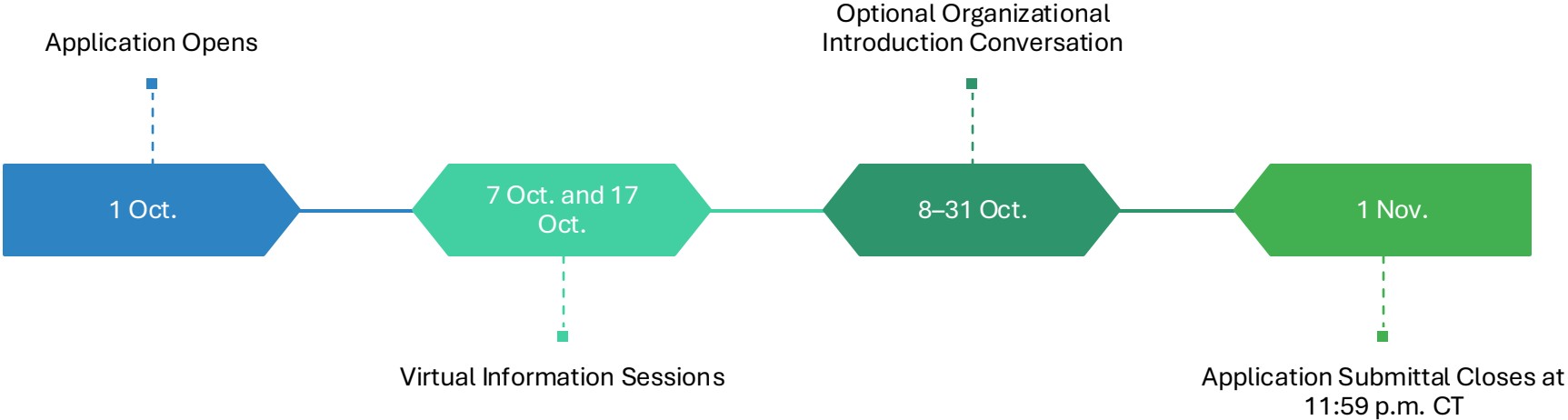
MBSC Program Goals

- ▶ Community-driven and asset-based engagement, solution development, and problem-solving.
- ▶ Power building through healing practices, training, base, and community building activities, including civic and leadership development opportunities.
- ▶ In-depth political, issue, and systems analysis to address the direct issues and underlying historical, racial, and systemic inequities.
- ▶ Collective action, including public accountability and civic engagement.

MBSC Program Goals

- ▶ Unify and collaborate through coalitions, partnerships, and strategic alliances within and across issue areas and sectors.
- ▶ Expanding beyond traditional movement-building approaches, including social media, the arts, narrative change work, and alternative system development and planning.
- ▶ Measuring 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.

MBSC Grant Program Timeline



MBSC Program FAQs

- ▶ 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.

Question and Answer Session

- ▶ Please use the raise hand feature or put your question in the chat.

Close out

- ▶ Application link: www.lohengrinfdn.org
- ▶ Email questions to: MBSC@lohengrinfdn.org
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