

# **MRC Foundation**



**General Fund Grants  
Spring 2020**

# A few reminders

→ We are recording!

◆ Recording and transcript will go on website soon

→ Slides available via link in Chat box

→ Questions?

◆ Use your Chat button 

◆ Send questions to [grants@mrgf.org](mailto:grants@mrgf.org)

**Who we are**

**Hello!**



**Violeta Rubiani,**  
Grants Program Director

*Pronouns: She/Her/Hers*

# Mission

**MRG Foundation's** mission is to inspire people to work together for justice and mobilize resources for Oregon communities as they build collective power to change the world.

# Background

- Born in 1976 in Eugene
- Three ideals:
  - ◆ Shift not just wealth, but also power to make decisions
  - ◆ Decision-making should be in the hands of those most impacted
  - ◆ Change, not charity
- Funding comes from endowment and fundraising

# Grantmakers

- **Alessandra de la Torre**, Medford
- **Bruce Morris**, Bend
- **Chris Baker**, Portland
- **Davis Rose**, Portland
- **Lisa Arkin**, Eugene
- **Mercy M’Fon Shammah**, Portland
- **Shaun Franks**, Ashland
- **Ubaldo Hernández**, Hood River



**What we fund**



# Eligibility

- Be based in Oregon
- Have 501(c)(3) tax exemption, have a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor, or engage in “charitable activities”
- If current grantee, be current on grant reports
- Not have an active grant

# We don't fund

- Direct service or social service agencies
- Hospitals, colleges, schools, or co-ops
- Animal welfare
- Individuals or businesses
- Lobbying
- Illegal activities
- Union organizing
- Work that has already happened

# Priorities

- **Community organizing, leadership development, collective action** and/or other strategies that build power; and
- Understand and are actively fighting **against systems of oppression**, violence and injustice; and
- **Intersectional lens**; and
- Addressing root causes, not just effects; and
- Led by the **people most impacted**.

**Grants**

## **A bit of context**

- \$180,000 budget for this Spring
- More than 100 applications expected
- 15-20 applications funded
- Amount range: \$6,000 to \$12,000

# Amounts + Types

## → Operating Support

- ◆ 501(c)(3) exempt
- ◆ Annual budget under \$500,000
- ◆ Max amount \$15,000

# Amounts + Types

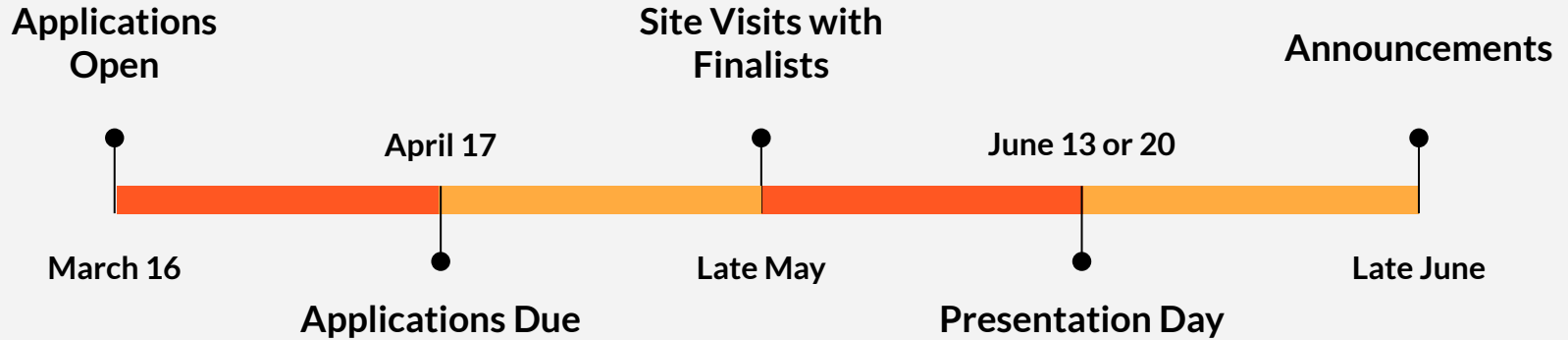
## → Project Support

- ◆ 501(c)(3) or sponsored - Max \$15,000
- ◆ Non-incorporated - Max \$7,000

**Process + app**



# Timeline



# Submittable

Online grant portal—

**[mrgfoundation.submittable.com/submit](http://mrgfoundation.submittable.com/submit)**

*Web applications highly encouraged*

# Submittable

Sign Up

Sign In

## Welcome!

Create your free Submittable account to get started.

Email

viochan@me.com

Password

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Confirm Password

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First name

Violeta

Last name

Rubiani

Sign Up

# Submittable

A few things to know:

- Accounts are individual
- Collaborative applications coming soon
- Searchable database of grants

# Application

- Basic information
- Leadership demographics
- Info re: grant request
- Alignment with MRG
- Budget info

# Attachments

→ Required:

- ◆ Budgets

→ Optional:

- ◆ Additional materials

→ Later in the process:

- ◆ Fiscal sponsorship agreements

- ◆ Financials

# Application Dos

- Read materials and instructions carefully
- Think about your audience
- Be bold, be radical, be disruptive
- Be realistic
- Tell a story with your budget

# Application Don'ts

- Send us a full-length feature film. Please.
- Worry about demographics
- Wait until the last minute



# Application preview

## PRINTED APPLICATIONS

*We strongly encourage you to submit your application online.* If you must, you can fill out a paper application ([click here to download it in Word](#)). Once completed, please send it electronically to [grants@mrgf.org](mailto:grants@mrgf.org) or via regular mail to:

MRG Foundation  
P.O. Box 12489  
Portland, OR 97212

**Applications must be received by the deadline.**

**Questions?**

# Reminders

→ Check out our website:

<https://mrgfoundation.org/general-fund-grants>

→ Lilla Jewel Award for Womxn Artists opens  
March 16 as well!

<https://mrgfoundation.org/lilla-jewel-2020>

**Specific questions?**

[grants@mrqf.org](mailto:grants@mrqf.org)

**THANK YOU**