

**PEOPLE'S LIFE FUND
GRANTING GUIDELINES
2018**

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant from the People's Life Fund (PLF). The PLF's money comes from conscientious war tax resisters in Northern California who deposit or donate all or part of the amount they would otherwise pay to the federal government in income taxes. The money available for granting comes from both direct donations and the income gained from the deposit's growth. This year PLF grants will range from \$1,000 - \$2,500.

The PLF's granting priorities are:

1. (Highest Priority) Provision of essential day-to day human services which the government is not adequately furnishing, together with educational or other work that identifies and seeks to change the root causes of the problem.
2. (Second Priority) Provision of essential day-to day human services, but not necessarily providing an explicit analysis of the problem.
3. (Third Priority) Education or action, in the spirit of nonviolence, aimed at social, economic or political change.

In addition to the above priorities, the People's Life Fund favors projects serving the Northern California area, and small organizations with annual budgets of less than \$250,000. Preference will be given to groups that challenge privilege and injustice and are led by the same constituencies that are being served. We are giving special priority to groups that are working in the areas of Youth, Economic and Racial Justice, and Environmental Sustainability. The PLF does not fund the same organization two years in a row.

Grants will be awarded at a public tax day event. Groups receiving a PLF grant are required to receive the check, in person, at our granting ceremony, and to list the PLF among their funders as: War Taxes Redirected by People's Life Fund.

Please use the attached application if you wish to apply. Please email your application, cover sheet, budget and attachments, by the deadline to: nowartax@riseup.net. We *strongly* encourage you to submit your application by email, but will also accept paper copies if submitting electronically is absolutely impossible.

Feel free to call or email any questions you have about our application process.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2018, 5 PM**

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PEOPLE'S LIFE FUND
GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET
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We *strongly* encourage you to submit your application by email to nowartax@riseup.net. If submitting on paper, please type or print neatly. It must be *received* by the deadline.

Name of Organization:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Contact Person:

Title/Role:

Phone:

email:

Amount requested: _____ Total Project Budget: _____

Total Organization Budget (most recent year): _____

If you have received PLF Funds before, please list the most recent year(s).

(Note that we do not fund groups two years in a row.)

If your proposal is funded, how should a check be made out to your organization?
(i.e. Do you have a fiscal sponsor or treasurer who will cash the check?):

In the Space below, briefly describe the general purpose of your organization:

Describe the specific project for which you seek funding and state the amount requested:

Which best describes your project (Please check only one category.)

1. ____ Provision of essential day-to day human services which the government is not adequately furnishing, that includes educational or other work that identifies and seeks to change the root causes of the problem.
2. ____ Provision of essential day-to day human services, but not necessarily providing an explicit analysis of the problem.
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- A. **Narrative:** Using no more than 2 pages (plus your budget & cover sheet), please address the following:
- Describe your organization's history, current programs and goals.
 - Describe the specific project for which you seek funding.
 - Explain which of the PLF's granting priorities your project relates to:
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- B. **Project and Organizational Budget:** Attach your organization's most recent financial statement as well as a project budget (projected income and expenses for the specific project.) Include your sources of funding (current and anticipated.)
- C. **Optional:** You may also include web links, photos, or other material to give us a better idea of your work, but please limit your attachments to a total of 2 pages.
- D. **Formatting:** Please combine all of your application components—cover sheet, narrative and budget— into a single electronic document (word or PDF file.) Title your document "(Your Project Name) PLF Application 2018" If you send optional attachments, be sure your Your Project Name is in their title as well.

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If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call us at 510-842-6124.

Thanks for the work you do!