



## Fall 2025 Grantseeker FAQs

### About the Justice Fund of Georgia

- **What is the Justice Fund of Georgia (JFG)?**

The Justice Fund of Georgia is a funder collaborative working to advance justice reform and transformation across Georgia. We invest in grassroots, justice-impacted-led groups and youth justice initiatives that are driving systemic change.

- **What do we mean by “justice reform and transformation”?**

We use this term to describe efforts that move beyond surface-level change to fundamentally shift how justice is pursued in Georgia. This includes reducing reliance on incarceration and detention, dismantling punitive and harmful systems, advancing community-based and restorative alternatives, elevating the leadership of justice-impacted people, and building long-term, systemic solutions rooted in equity, healing, and accountability.

- **What are JFG’s funding priorities?**

JFG funds Georgia-serving organizations focused on:

- Decarceration and alternatives to incarceration
- Ending youth detention and punitive discipline
- Community-led safety and restorative justice
- Leadership development among justice-impacted people
- Advocacy and policy reform
- Narrative change and public education strategies

- **What kinds of organizations should apply?**

The Justice Fund of Georgia is seeking applications from organizations that are deeply engaged in adult and youth justice reform and transformation work in Georgia. This includes:

- Grassroots, community, and justice-impacted-led groups advancing community safety, decarceration, advocacy, and narrative change.
- Youth justice organizations and initiatives focused on ending youth incarceration and detention, building restorative alternatives, and elevating youth voice and leadership.
- Eligible applicants can be 501(c)(3) nonprofits, fiscally sponsored projects, or community/youth-led formations. We welcome applications from both established and emerging organizations, especially those rooted in communities most impacted by the justice system.

## Application Process

- **Will there be an opportunity to learn more before applying?**

Yes. The Justice Fund of Georgia will host an informational webinar on October 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm for grantseekers, and all interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. This session will provide an overview of the Fund, our priorities, and guidance on the application process. [Register for the webinar here.](#)

- **What is a “Letter of Connection” (LOC)?**

The LOC is a short application form that introduces your organization, your current work, and your alignment with JFG’s funding priorities. It serves as the first step in our open call process.

- **Who is eligible to apply?**

Applicants must be:

- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, fiscally sponsored project, or grassroots/youth-led collective
- Actively working in justice reform and transformation in Georgia

- **What are the key dates for this grant cycle?**

- Letter of Connection Release: October 3, 2025
- Informational Webinar for grantseekers: October 7, 2025
- Letter of Connection Deadline: November 10, 2025
- Proposals Invited: December 9, 2025
- Deadline to submit proposal: January 15, 2025
- Notification and Disbursement: February, 2026

- **What is the grant size and term?**

- **Grassroots, Community, and Justice-Impacted Led Track:** \$10,000–\$25,000 in general operating support (one year)
  - **Youth Justice Track:** \$5,000–\$25,000 in general operating support (one year)
- Award amounts are determined based on organizational size and program needs.

- **How much funding is available in this cycle?**

A total of **\$500,000** to be distributed across both tracks.

- **Who makes the final funding decisions?**

Final grant decisions are made by the **Steering Committee** of the Justice Fund of Georgia, which includes representatives from:

- United Way of Greater Atlanta
- Public Welfare Foundation
- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Heising-Simons Foundation
- William Josef Foundation
- Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta

## Common Questions

- **Do I need to create a new narrative for this application?**

No. You are welcome to reuse language or content from other proposals or reports.

- **Are these program grants or general operating grants?**

These are general operating support grants.

- **When will I hear back about my application?**

Notifications and disbursements are expected in **February 2026**.

- **What if my organization is not selected?**

We may provide referrals or share resources with applicants not selected for funding. In addition, all Letters of Connections received by the Justice Fund of Georgia will be made available to our Funder membership to help enhance other opportunities for funding.

- **Can organizations apply to both tracks?**

Generally, no. Please choose the track (Grassroots or Youth Justice) that best reflects your mission and work.

- **What if my question wasn't answered here?**

No problem, send an email to [JusticeFund@unitedwayatlanta.org](mailto:JusticeFund@unitedwayatlanta.org) and someone will be back in touch with you ASAP.