



Environment & Climate Justice Fund

Grant Seekers Orientation



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Southern Black
GIRLS
and Women's Consortium

Our Journey

The Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium (SBGWC) is a collective of Black women-led organizations, activists, and funders working together to invest in and uplift Black girls and women across the South.

The consortium operates across 13 states, providing funding, resources, and programs that center the needs, dreams, and leadership of Black girls, women, femme identifying youth and underserved groups.



Key Finding That Informs Our Work

GIRLS EXPERIENCE RACISM & EDUCATIONAL GAPS

Girls want to see schools transformed into positive places rather than settings where they experience racism.

GIRLS ARE PERSONALLY RESILIENT; LESS CONFIDENT ABOUT THEIR INTELLECT

Black girls make a distinction between being good at school and being intelligent.

GIRLS EXPERIENCE ECONOMIC INSTABILITY & INSECURE HOUSING

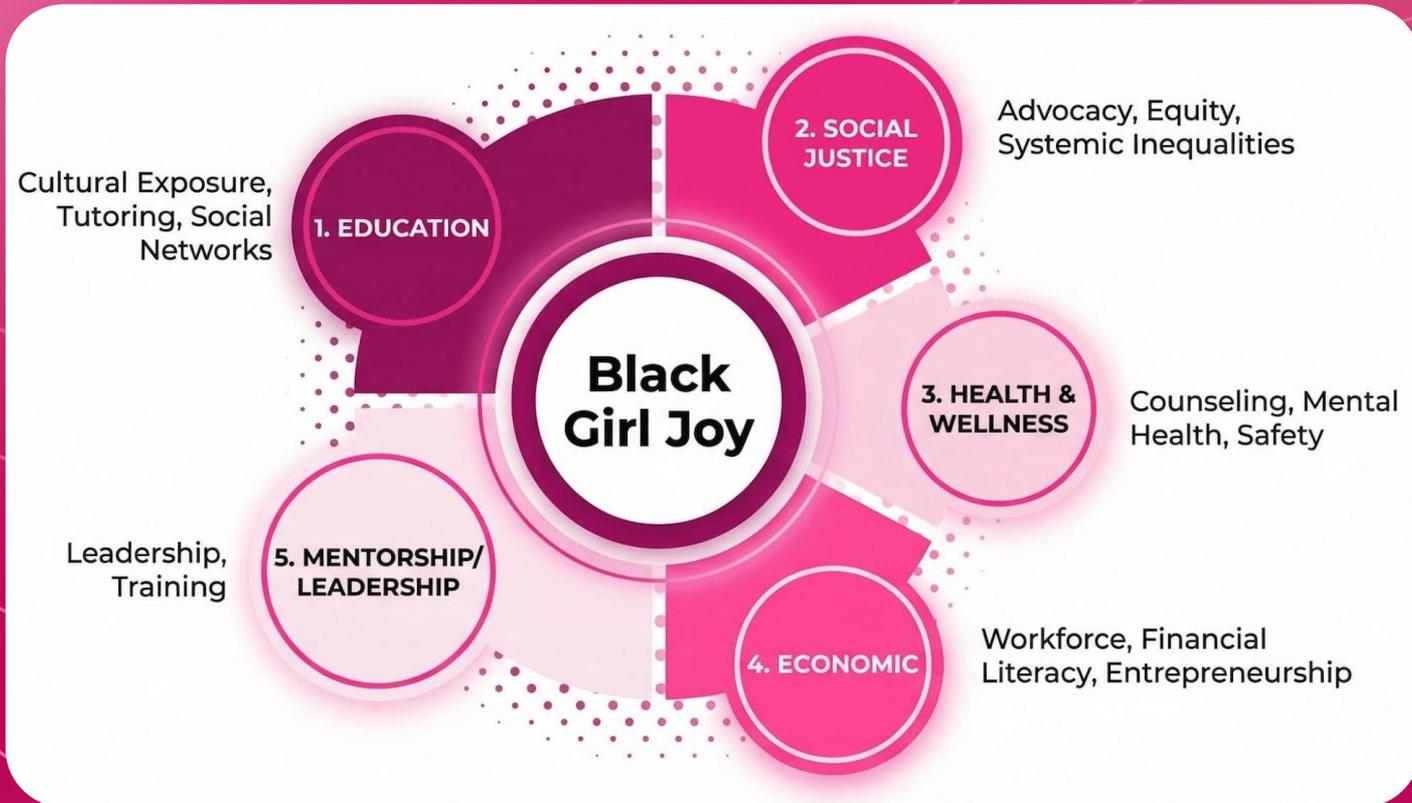
Girls are concerned with quality health care and accessible mental health services for their families and neighbors; and affordable housing for their communities.

GIRLS ARE EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITIES, FAMILIES & THEIR ECONOMIC FUTURES

Girls are aware that larger systems impact how their families are able to support their growth.

JOY is essential to Preserve Black Girlhood

Possible Desired Outcomes





Environment and Climate Justice Fund



About the Fund

The Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium's Black Girls Environment and Climate Justice Fund **supports underfunded Black women, girls, and femme-led organizations in the South.** These organizations are advancing environmental and climate justice through community-based solutions and policy change to address the impacts of pollution and climate change on Black girls and women.



Environment & Climate Justice Fund

Dedicated to supporting organizations advocating for and building movements around environmental and climate justice that impact Black girls, women, and femme-identifying youth in the South.

Eligibility

- Support Black girls/women/femmes in one of our 13 Southern States
- 501(c)(3) organization or fiscal sponsorship
- Organizational budget less than \$1 Million

Grant Award Range

\$10,000–\$20,000

Key Dates

- **Opens:** Friday, Feb 20th at 9am EST
- **Workshops:** Feb 24th and Mar 3rd
- **Closes:** Tuesday, Mar 10th at 8pm EST

Frequently Asked Questions

1

How will grants be disbursed when awarded?

Grants will be disbursed in one payment from one of our Anchor Organizations: Black Belt Community Foundation, Fund For Southern Communities, TruthSpeaks Innovation Fund.

2

What is the age requirement to apply for a grant?

The Southern Black Girls and Women's Consortium accepts applications from 13-year-old girl and older, women, and femme identifying.

3

What is the targeted demographic eligible to receive a grant?

Black women-led or Black girl-led organizations/projects serving mostly Black girls in 13 Southern states (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, WV, VA).

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Is this a single-year grant?

This is a single-year grant.

Non-Eligible Funding & Fund Disbursement

Non-Eligible Funding

-  - Profit-making organizations
-  - Lobbying
- Major capital projects
-  - Religious-based
-  programming

Fund Disbursement

When will I receive my funds?

You are required to turn in all documents within a month of receiving confirmation of being a Grantee Partner. You must have a signed agreement with your fiscal sponsor.

Application Questions

Mission, Programs, and Impact

Please describe your new or existing program, project, or campaign, focused on environmental and/or climate justice. How does this work address environmental harm, climate change, or related inequities affecting vulnerable communities with a focus on Black girls, women, and femme-identifying youth in the South?

Alignment, Community Engagement & Partnership

How is your work rooted in and led by the communities most impacted by environment and climate challenges? Please describe how Black girls, women, and/or femme-identifying youth are involved in shaping, leading, or benefiting from this project.

Use of Resources, Challenges and Strategic

How will funding from this grant strengthen your organization's efforts to resist environmental injustice and build climate resilience in your community? Please describe how the funds will be used and the impact you expect this support to have.



Creating Your Profile on JUSTFUND

Step 1:

Register Your Organization

1. Visit the Registration Page: Go to justfund.us/register and enter your organization's email address.
2. Select Your Tax Status: Choose from 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), Federally Recognized Tribe, Fiscally Sponsored Project, For-Profit, or Other.
3. Fiscal Sponsor Info: If applicable, provide name, tax status, and EIN
4. Provide Applicant Contact Information: Enter primary contact's name; job title, and email.
5. Submit Your Application: JustFund staff will verify eligibility (up to 1 business day).

Step 2:

Complete and Publish Your Common Application™ Profile

Once your registration is approved, you'll need to complete the JustFund Common Application™ profile:

1. Access Your Profile

Log in to your JustFund account and navigate to your profile settings.

2. Fill Out Required Information

- Mission Statement
- Organization Description
- Team Description
- Annual Operating Budget
- Tax Status
- Focus Areas
- Leadership Composition

1. Upload Supporting Documents

Attach any relevant documents, such as your organization's logo, banner image, and media links.

2. Preview and Publish

Review your profile for accuracy. Once satisfied, publish it to make your organization discoverable to funders on, JustFund Search.

Step 3: Apply for Funding Opportunities

With your profile published, you can now apply for funding:

- 1 Explore Opportunities:**
Browse available funding opportunities on the JustFund platform.
- 2 Select an Opportunity:**
Choose a funding opportunity that aligns with your organization's mission.
- 3 Complete Application:**
Fill out any additional questions or upload requested documents specific to the funding opportunity.
- 4 Submit Application:**
After completing the application, submit it for review.

Your organization can apply to multiple funding opportunities using the same Common Application™ profile, saving time and effort.

STAY CONNECTED

Community Programs

- The Southern Black Girls Online community for opportunities and connection.
- Our Monthly Soul Sessionz: Safe, nurturing environment for girls 12-24 to explore self-care and empowerment.
- Our Monthly Sage Circle: Wisdom sharing and online learning sessions.
- Our Wisdom Council: Members informing regional issues and serving as the grant selection committee.

Social Media



Instagram:
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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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