About Third Wave Fund

Third Wave Fund resources youth-led reproductive and gender justice movements to advance the power, well-being, and self-determination of communities of color and low-income communities. We recognize that gender oppression is tied to classism, racism, ageism, and ableism, so gender justice can only truly be achieved when all forms of oppression cease to exist. Third Wave Fund is a fiscally sponsored project of Proteus Fund.

About the Mobilize Power Fund

The Mobilize Power Fund is a rapid response fund that supports the leadership of young women of color, and trans, gender non-conforming, queer, and intersex youth of color in reproductive and gender organizing, activism, mobilization, conflict resolution, and healing, prioritizing geographic and/or issue areas under-resourced by philanthropy.

We launched this fund because powerful movements need the ability to respond to and heal from immediate threats and opportunities with flexible and responsive financial and technical resources, and because those with the least access to philanthropy often have and continue to experience the most harmful impacts of patriarchy, white supremacy, colonization, trauma, violence and oppression.

This fund is intended for short-term community responses to unanticipated events, situations that require urgent or timely action, or moments that can leverage recent attention or media coverage. Funds are not intended for general operating support, budget shortfalls, or planned or long-term programming.

More information about the Mobilize Power Fund, including deadlines, eligibility, decision-making criteria, intended areas of support, and Third Wave’s approach to Gender Justice are on our website at http://thirdwavefund.org/mobilize-power-fund.html and http://thirdwavefund.org/what-is-gender-justice.html.

*Note: If you are an organization, coalition, or partnership requesting funding for lobbying in support of or against legislation or ballot initiatives at the local, state, or national level, please contact Third Wave Action Fund, our 501(c)4 sibling organization, at thirdwaveactionfund@gmail.com.

Submitting a Proposal (Part One)

Nota: Tenemos materiales en español y traducción disponible, para quienes lo pidan.

1. Begin your submission process online at https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5886?SA=AM. You’ll be asked to create an account for your group.
2. After you have created your group’s account, or if you already have an account, please https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5886?SA=SNA&FID=35039 to access the Mobilize Power Fund online portal.
3. Once you have started your proposal, you will be able to save it and return to make changes any time before that month’s review deadline at https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5886?SA=AM. You may want to gather all of your proposal materials (listed on the next page) before logging in.

A “how to” guide is included at http://thirdwavefund.org/mobilize-power-fund.html.

If you have questions about the online portal, email grantsmanager@proteusfund.org.

If you have questions about the content of your application, email programs@thirdwavefund.org.
Submitting a Proposal (Part Two)

Once you have created a profile and logged in to the online portal, you’ll be asked to enter contact information, group information, and brief (1-2 sentence) description of your proposal. A complete proposal will also include the following materials, which you will be asked to upload to the online portal like email attachments:

- Narrative of your Request, answering the questions below**
- Complete Project Budget: include your full budget, even if it exceeds your requested amount
- Group / Organizational Budget, for your current calendar or fiscal year
- Fiscal Sponsor’s Organizational Budget, if you are fiscally sponsored
- 501c3 IRS Letter for your Organization, if you are an independent 501c3, or for your Fiscal Sponsor, if you are fiscally sponsored
- Graphics or photos related to group / organization / partnership and/or your proposed work

** You can answer the questions below in a written narrative of three pages or less, a phone interview with our Program staff, or a selfie video answering the questions. Email programs@thirdwavefund.org to schedule a call before the monthly application deadline listed on our website or if you have any questions.

1. Please describe your group’s mission, primary focus, and any ongoing campaigns including a brief description of your structure, decision-making processes, and any leadership or involvement of youth and young people. If you are a coalition or partnership, provide a brief description of each group or organization.

2. What is the issue or situation you are responding to and why is it important for you to respond now? What is your group, organization, or coalition’s history of working on this issue or responding to this type of situation, if any? How does it connect to or address gender justice?

3. Tell us about your response, including your strategies, activities, an estimated timeline, and any anticipated goals or outcomes. How do your proposed strategies and activities help you reach your goals and outcomes?

4. How do you define youth and young people and your response center their leadership? How does your response center the leadership of women (cisgender and transgender), non-binary people, femmes, and/or feminine spectrum people?

5. For partnerships and coalitions only: How did your groups decide to work together on this issue? What is your history of collaboration, if any? What do you hope will result from this collaboration?

6. Include any social media links or hashtags, graphics, or pictures related to your proposed work. If funded, we’ll share these in our monthly e-blast, so that our donors, supporters, and networks can learn about your work and take action, if requested, in support of your project or campaign.

We’ll send an email to confirm receipt of your materials within 24 hours of the monthly application deadline. If you do not receive a confirmation receipt, email us at programs@thirdwavefund.org.

Thank you! We look forward to hearing about your work!
Tell us about your funding request. List your projected expenses and income for your proposal in the budget template below or a similar existing format. You may use categories as broad (“grants”, “individual donors”, “organizer stipends”, “supplies”) or specific (“XYZ foundation”, “ABC staff salary”, “food for 1/1/2017 event”). Add additional rows as needed. If your project budget is already in a different format, feel free to submit that file instead.

**Mobilize Power Fund Project Budget**

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