

**Emerging Philanthropists of Color
2021 Grant Application
Deadline: August 31, 2021**

Opportunity: Two grants of \$2,500 each will be awarded.

Applicants may apply for **one award** to enhance an existing project/program or to create a new project/program. Applications will be **reviewed, and grants awarded by the Emerging Philanthropists of Color [EPC]**. Finalists must make a **three-minute virtual presentation** and may answer two follow-up questions in support of their project/program. Presentations will take place on **October 14, 2021**. The checks will be presented at the Pay It Forward Award ceremony on **November 4, 2021**.

Nonprofit organizations are eligible for an award by meeting the following requirements:

- 1) Organization has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 2) Organization has an operating budget of less than \$1,000,000.
- 3) Organization's work has a positive impact on youth of color in the city of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, or Lackawanna.
- 4) Organization's proposed project respects and promotes diversity AND one (1) or more of the following:
 - a. Improves educational achievement for students living in low-income households
 - b. Increases racial/ethnic equity
 - c. Protects and restores significant environmental resources and promotes equitable access
 - d. Strengthens the region as a center for architecture, arts, and culture

Online grant application completion instructions:

- 1) Answer the following questions. Be clear, specific and concise.
 - What is your organization's mission?
 - How does your organization meet the needs of youth of color in the city of Buffalo, Niagara Falls, or Lackawanna?
 - Why do you believe your project is needed?
 - You may wish to include survey results or statistics.
 - Who will benefit from the project and how?
 - What is your project work plan? List major activities/steps with completion dates.
 - Please upload the following information:
 - Project budget
 - Copy of organization's operating budget
 - List of Board Member demographics and participation
- 2) Submit your online Grant Application no later than **4 PM on August 31, 2021**.
- 3) You may send questions about the process to epc@cfgb.org.
- 4) Please note that all grant-funded projects must be completed **on or before November 30, 2022**. In addition, each awarded organization must complete and submit a final report within **THIRTY (30) days** of project completion.