



FLOURISH COVID-19 Response Fund

[FLOURISH St. Louis](#), a **collective impact** initiative powered by [Generate Health](#), works to eliminate racial disparities in infant mortality by 2033. Infant mortality describes the number of babies who die before their first birthday.

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has created emerging challenges for residents in the St. Louis region. To support the region, FLOURISH has developed a COVID-19 Response funding opportunity to support Black pregnant and parenting families in our region during this difficult time.

FLOURISH is prepared to award **grants of up to \$5,000.**

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply:

- Neighborhood groups comprised of community members and/or community-based non-profit organizations;
- Groups selected for funding must have a fiscal sponsor or be registered to conduct business and in good standing with the state of Missouri as a non-profit **501(c)(3)**. Applicants are not required to have a fiscal sponsor in place at the time of submission, but one must be secured if a group is selected for funding.
 - A fiscal sponsor is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) designation that performs administrative management and oversight including contract management and monitoring, financial oversight, and funds distribution in the interest of a group that is not registered as a 501(c)(3) organization. ***FLOURISH will support you in securing a fiscal sponsor if your group needs that level of assistance;***
- Applicants must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status either through employment practices or policies and procedures concerning access to services.
- Faith based approaches are welcomed for this grant opportunity. Proposed projects must be inclusive of all people and not require participants to join a church, convert or adhere to a specific set of beliefs.

Note: If funded, the fiscal sponsor and applicant group will be responsible for all terms and conditions of the Grant Award Agreement for the duration of the grant. Once a group or organization has been selected for funding, financial information will be required from both the applicant and the fiscal sponsor.

FLOURISH requires that all funded partners will:

- Use all grant funds for the project for which they have been requested.
- Comply with Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [guidelines](#) for preventing the spread of COVID-19 as well as orders enforced by local and state government.
- Complete a post-project evaluation survey.



How to Apply

Applications are currently being accepted on a weekly basis. Applications must be submitted by email to Brian Washington at bwashington@generatehealthstl.org by **12:00pm** on Wednesday afternoons. A confirmation email will be sent to the sender once the submission has been received. Successful applicants will be notified of the review committee's decision by Friday afternoon of the same week.

FLOURISH COVID-19 Response Grant Application Requirements

Applications must be submitted in either written or video format. Please ensure all required attachments are submitted. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

- If submitting written application provide responses as typed or handwritten attachments as Word Doc, JPEG, or Adobe PDF formats.
 - Video submissions must be submitted in WMV, AVI, MP4, or FLV formats. These files must be submitted through Dropbox. You do not need to have a Dropbox account. Use this link to access the [FLOURISH COVID-19 Video File Folder](#).
- Contact Information:** Please provide the following information:
1. Name of applicant group or organization
 2. Best contact information (email and phone)
 3. Total dollar amount your group is requesting
- Project Proposal:** Please answer the following questions. Limit your total responses to 1 page. Be as detailed and concise as possible when providing your answers:
1. How does your group plan to support Black pregnant and parenting families who are negatively impacted by COVID-19?
 2. Describe what your group will do to accomplish its goal?
 3. Provide a breakdown of how funds would be used. Provide detail showing what will be purchased or financed with the funds, as well as the importance of each item being covered by grant funds.
 4. Who does your group intend to help with these funds? Provide details on the following:
 - a. Where your target population is located?
 - b. Where your group will operate?
 - c. If your group is providing supplies, how will you acquire these supplies despite shortages?
 - d. How many people you hope to impact?
 - e. How you will reach those people?
 - f. Partnering with another group is not required, but if this work is a collaboration please list the name(s) of your partner(s).
 5. Describe how your group will abide by the CDC guidelines and local government on social distancing and preventing the spread of COVID-19?
 6. Describe the timeline of your project and when you will use these funds.



Requirements If Your Group Is Funded

- Missouri Foundation for Health Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** Complete the disclosure form. Click on the link to access the Conflict of Interest [disclosure form](#). Receipt of funds is dependent on your group supplying this document.
- FLOURISH Award Agreement Letter** – Funds will be released to the applicant or fiscal sponsor within one week of receipt of signed agreement.
- Post-Project Survey** – It is required of all grant recipients to complete a brief survey after the completion of their work.

For Questions and/or Issues

If you have questions about the goals or content of this RFP please contact Brian Washington, Manager of Planning and Partnerships at (636)-362-6241 or bwashington@generatehealthstl.org.