

RootSkills

TRAINING SERIES

**New England Grassroots Environment Fund
RootSkills Training Series - 2017 Resources and Fundraising Opportunities
Questions & Answers (Answered & Unanswered)**

Unanswered Questions - With Answers!

Q: Will the Fund consider projects that meet the eligibility criteria affiliated with larger organizations (not as institutional sponsors but as related organizations)? Example: I am associated with Southern CT State University (a public university serving a diverse audience with strong community ties). We have a few projects that fit well with the values of NEGEF and we would like to further discuss these ideas.

A: Absolutely, as long as the project falls within our eligibility criteria. Feel free to call Grassroots Fund staff to discuss this project further at 603-905-9915.

Q: Do I have to submit my final report on a seed grant before applying for a grow grant?

A: Yes!

Q: Two questions regarding fiscal sponsorship - Who is responsible for filing IRS reporting and tax forms and is there monthly reporting to the grantee on the disbursements?

A: The grantee is responsible for filing IRS report and tax forms, and the Grassroots Fund provides monthly disbursements and reporting

Q: Do you only support projects in New England?

A: At this time we only support projects in New England, but are happy to try to connect groups with funders similar to the Grassroots Fund outside of New England.

Q: Meadowscaping for Biodiversity is partnering with the Waltham YMCA to offer the Y Environmental Entrepreneurship for teens age 15 - 17. Teens and college intern team leaders will look about the science of meadowscaping and how to set up a business where they sell and plant native plants. Does that sound like something you or another foundation would fund?

A: Potentially, depending on the budget of the program and the organizational structure. For

specific ideas, please contact our staff to discuss! (603-905-9915 or ally@grassrootsfund.org)

Q: Are you aware that 350.org is organizing a large People's Climate March Mobilization on April, 29th in Washington, D.C.? Sierra Club is also a sponsor of this march.

A: We were not aware, but would love to talk about ways we could align with this March!

Q: I am going to be moving to Staunton, VA. Do you know if there is a sister organization there?

A: Potentially - contact staff directly with this question. Both the Rose Foundation and the Pollinator Project could be good fits!

Q: How can you envision engaging grassroots, low wage labor organizing, economic justice, and worker justice and Grassroots Fund possibility?

A: Excellent question! We would love to discuss this question with you over the phone. Feel free to call us!

Answered Questions - Please see watch the webinar online to listen to Julia, Nakia, and Ally answer your questions!

Q: Will you be discussing the kinds of projects you are hoping to support?

Q: Can you say something about the funding ecosystem and how much these values are shared by other sources of funding?

Q: What is the difference between event sponsorship and grants? Can you apply for both?

Q: Can you talk about what will be covered in the trainings? Why did you select Portland, Newport, and Manchester as the training venues?

Q: How can we build a sustainable livelihood for young organizers who are interested in environmental issues and social justice organizing?