

# LANDAU FAMILY FOUNDATION

## 2026 Program Funding Areas Guide

### Program Area Fund 1: Arts & Justice Fund

General operating support | Grants: \$10,000–\$25,000 per year | Duration: 1, 2, or 3 years (renewable annually) |

*The Arts & Justice Fund supports community-based arts and social justice advocacy through four distinct but interconnected funding streams.*

#### The Arts

#### Justice

##### STREAM 1 | THE ARTS

##### Community Arts

*Tuition-free, high-impact arts and music education delivered directly in neighborhoods and community settings.*

##### Who Should Apply

- Community arts organizations providing tuition-free or subsidized arts/music education to youth ages 5–21 with little or no existing arts access
- Programs operating in community settings and neighborhoods
- Sequential programming where students learn in and through the arts, not just about them
- Programs that integrate social justice themes, culturally relevant and proximate historical narratives, and civic leadership development
- Organizations where participants, family, and community members help shape program design and organizational leadership by serving on boards or other community accountability structures.

##### What We Fund

- Sequential arts and music education programs in neighborhood and community settings
- Programs that explore social justice themes and social/culturally relevant historical reference points as core components of their program design
- Programming that develops students' creative voices as tools for civic engagement and advocacy
- Programs fostering social-emotional development, cultural awareness, and community understanding

##### STREAM 2 | THE ARTS

##### Arts & Activism

*Community organizing and social justice groups working at the intersection of arts and activism to advance civic change.*

##### Who Should Apply

- Organizations explicitly combining arts and activism to advance civic engagement and community mobilization
- Groups using creative expression as a tool for public awareness and action-oriented change
- Organizations with authentic proximity to the issues and communities they address
- Groups working at the intersection of cultural production and social or political organizing
- Coalitions or collectives using performance, visual art, or media to drive community campaigns

##### What We Fund

- Arts-based civic engagement and community mobilization campaigns with arts playing a central role
- Creative projects that build public awareness and inspire community action on justice issues
- Organizing initiatives where arts and activism are intentionally and meaningfully integrated
- Public art, performance, and media projects strategically tied to justice campaigns with targeted outcomes
- Cultural organizing that bridges artistic practice and systemic advocacy

##### STREAM 3 | JUSTICE

##### Housing Justice

*Grassroots power-building to fight displacement, secure stable housing, and advance renter protections.*

##### Who Should Apply

- Organizations mobilizing community members to fight displacement and challenge exploitative landlord practices
- Groups advancing renter protections, affordable housing policy, and homeownership opportunities
- Organizations led by and accountable to communities most impacted by housing instability and displacement
- Groups working with Black, immigrant, and marginalized populations historically harmed by discriminatory housing policies
- Initiatives combining grassroots power-building with policy and systems change strategies

##### What We Fund

- Community organizing and tenant organizing campaigns
- Policy advocacy for renter protections, affordable housing, and anti-displacement strategies
- Grassroots power-building with directly impacted communities
- Integrated support services combined with organizing and advocacy
- Leadership development for housing justice advocates from impacted communities

##### STREAM 4 | JUSTICE

##### Workers' Rights

*Building worker power through organizing, collective bargaining, and policy advocacy for economic justice.*

##### Who Should Apply

- Organizations building worker power through grassroots organizing and collective action
- Groups focused on securing living wages, combating wage theft, and advancing workplace safety protections
- Organizations defending workers' rights to organize, unionize, and bargain collectively
- Groups working alongside low-wage workers, immigrant communities, and others historically excluded from labor protections
- Organizations integrating policy advocacy with direct worker organizing and leadership development

##### What We Fund

- Worker organizing campaigns and collective bargaining support with clearly outlined power and systems analysis for change
- Policy advocacy to secure living wages and combat wage theft
- Workplace safety organizing and campaigns
- Leadership development for workers from impacted communities that is part of a larger strategy
- Advocacy defending rights to organize and bargain collectively

**Key Notes:** Organizations may apply to only one fund/funding stream per 12-month period. | Oakland open call for Letters of Introduction begins May 12, 2026 with future dates announced on our website. Chicago applicants are by invitation only. Each organization may submit only one LOI or application per twelve-month period. | First time grantee partners are usually funded for one year with multi-year funding considered for organizations with a longer history with the foundation.

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## Program Area Fund 2 | Mission Sustainability & Renewal Fund

Capacity building, organizational health, and long-term resilience support

<b>Grant Range</b>	\$10,000–\$20,000 (awarded once per 24-month period)
<b>Duration</b>	12–24 months grant periods
<b>Eligibility</b>	501(c)(3) or fiscally sponsored initiative; budget under \$5M
<b>Priority</b>	Organizations with a prior history with the Foundation will be prioritized, though new organizations are also welcome to apply, particularly those working on significant campaigns or at critical junctures in their long-term work.

### Who Should Apply

- Organizations seeking to strengthen internal systems, infrastructure, or staff capacity
- Groups undergoing strategic planning, technology upgrades, or organizational sustainability planning
- Organizations investing in staff wellness, leadership development, or organizational resilience
- Arts and activism organizations needing capacity investment to sustain long-term mission-driven work

### What We Fund

- Staff training, professional development, and mental health and wellness initiatives
- Strategic planning and organizational development consultancies
- Strategic partnerships, mergers, development of back-office collaboratives
- Technology, equipment, and musical instrument upgrades
- Digital security and organizing infrastructure improvements
- Financial management and long-term sustainability planning
- Other capacity-building projects that strengthen organizational systems and practices

*Note: Recipients may not seek additional funding from the Landau Family Foundation until their proposed project is completed. Grants in this program area fund are awarded once within a 24-month period to the same organization.*

## Program Area Fund 3 | Amplification Fund

Rolling support for coalitions, movement hubs, and time-sensitive community organizing moments

<b>Grant Range</b>	\$10,000–\$25,000
<b>Duration</b>	1, 2, or 3 years depending on initiative
<b>Eligibility</b>	Collaborative entities only — not individual organizations
<b>Priority</b>	Coalitions, movement hubs, or pooled funds whose work aligns with our program areas of interest. Priority will be given to entities with a majority and/or significant presence in our geographic focus areas of Oakland, CA and Chicago, IL.

### Who Should Apply

- Coalitions, movement hubs, or pooled funds
- Collaborative entities at critical campaign phases, policy inflection points, or movement-building junctures
- Groups responding to emergent issues disproportionately impacting communities the Foundation prioritizes
- Initiatives with leadership and decision-making grounded in directly impacted communities
- Priority given to coalitions that include or are led by existing Foundation grantee partners where the effort aligns with previously supported work

### What We Fund

- Time-sensitive organizing campaigns and movement-building initiatives
- Strategic coalition coordination and campaign infrastructure support
- Policy tipping points and civic mobilization efforts
- New emergent local issues disproportionately impacting the communities and issues the Foundation supports

*Note: Decisions and payments distributed within 4 weeks of approval. Collaborative entities only; not open to individual organizations applying alone.*