



Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund

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2025 IMMIGRANT-LED ORGANIZATIONS FUND APPLICATION: HOW-TO

This document was created to support groups applying to the 2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund through [Maine Initiatives' grant management portal](#). It includes recommendations and application how-tos. Please contact ilofund@maineinitiatives.org if you have any additional questions about your online application.

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- We highly recommend completing this application on a computer or tablet for the optimal user experience.
- We also recommend completing your answers in advance and submitting this application in one session, in an effort to not lose your work. Once you begin the online application, you will **NOT** be able to save your progress and resume at a later time. You can review [all the application questions here](#).
- You will need to include your organization's financial information. Please be prepared to provide specific information such as your annual operating expenses from the most recently completed fiscal year and proof of your 501(c)(3) status (EIN), or fiscal sponsorship.
- The term 'organization' will be used throughout the application to refer to all applicant groups.

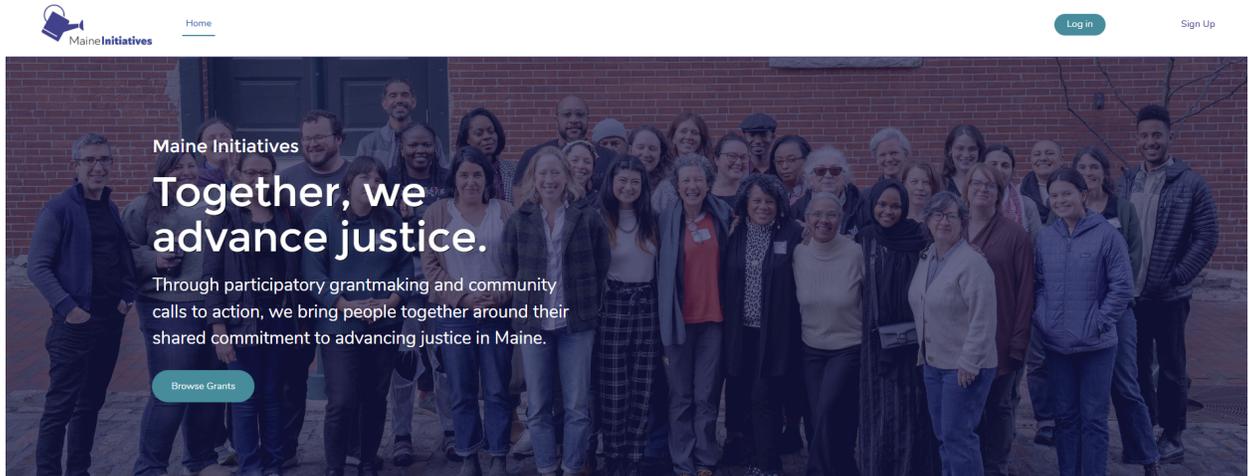


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2. HOW TO REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT

1. [From the home page](#), select 'Sign Up' in the upper right corner.



Our Grant Programs

Grants for Change

Grants for Change is a grantmaking and community organizing program. It funds and strengthens Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC) -led and -serving nonprofit organizations advancing racial justice, and engages and connects people in Maine around shared values of racial justice and equity. The program seeks to organize people and resources in support of efforts across Wabanaki Territory (Maine), that intervene on legacies of white supremacy, settler colonialism, and racialized capitalism by creating or reclaiming liberatory possibilities for today and future generations.

Not currently accepting applications.

[Learn more about Grants for Change here.](#)

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The Immigrant-Led Organizations (ILO) Fund supports immigrant flourishing in Maine. We fund and strengthen the ecosystem of nonprofit, community-based organizations led by and serving Maine's immigrants, refugees, asylees, migrant farm workers, and those who are undocumented.

Applications are open until May 9th, 2025 by 11:59pm ET.

[Learn more about the ILO Fund here.](#)

The Giving Project

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Preferred Language

English (US)



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2. Fill in your first name, last name, and email address.
 - a. We recommend using an email address associated with your organization.
 - b. If you plan to regularly submit applications for multiple organizations from the same email address, please reach out to us directly to set up your user account and login information.

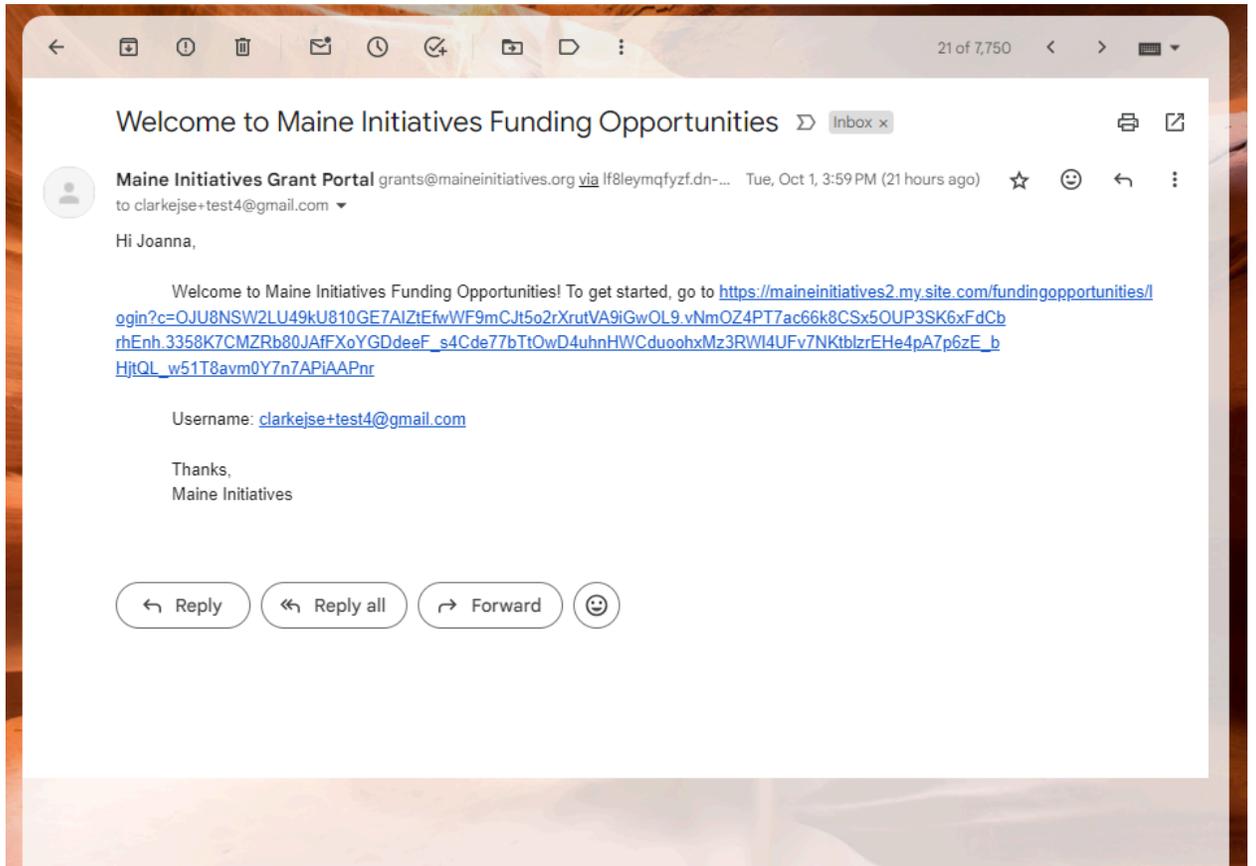
The screenshot shows a 'Sign Up for an Account' form. At the top is the Maine Initiatives logo, which includes a blue watering can icon. Below the logo is the text 'Maine Initiatives' and 'Sign Up for an Account'. The form contains three input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Email'. Below these fields is a blue 'Sign Up' button. At the bottom of the form, there is a note: 'You can only have one account associated with your email address. Please reach out to grants@maineinitiatives.org if you will be regularly submitting applications on behalf of multiple organizations.' and a link: 'Already have an account?'.



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3. Upon clicking the 'Sign Up' button, you will receive a password reset email at the email address you entered. Follow the link in that email to set your password.



4. Congratulations! You can now login to the grant portal at any time!
 - a. After your first application submission your profile will automatically add basic information about your organization to future applications. There will be a function in every application that allows you to request updates to your organization's profile.

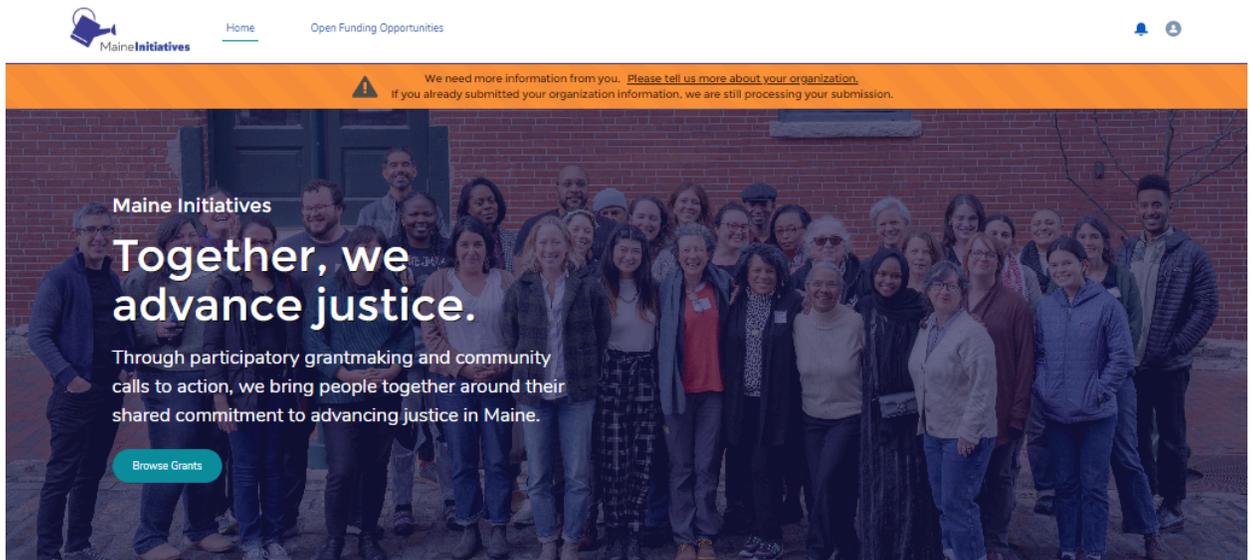


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3. HOW TO APPLY ONLINE

1. Once registered and logged in, your home page will look a little different.
 - a. You will now have an option in the top menu bar to view Open Funding Opportunities.
 - b. You will have access, via the user icon in the top right corner, to view your information and request updates.
 - c. You will see a banner asking for more information about your organization. If you click on the link in that banner you can submit information about your organization which will automatically populate in future grant applications. You can also skip this step and the information will be populated by your completed grant application.
2. From your home page you can click on 'Open Funding Opportunities' or the 'Browse Grants' button to be taken to a listing of open applications.
 - a. You can click the 'Learn more about the ILO Fund here.' to be taken to the ILO Fund page on the Maine Initiatives website.



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Applications opening soon!

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- From the Open Funding Opportunities list you can click on the funding program name for any open program to be taken to an overview of the program and start your application.

Home [Open Funding Opportunities](#) Submitted Applications

Funding Programs

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Funding Program Name	Status	Description
2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund	Accepting Applications	The ILO Fund supports immigrant-led organizations whose work advances immigrant, refugee, and asylum seeker flourishing. INSTRUCTIONS: Please review the full application of questions to prepare your responses. Once you begin the online application, you will NOT be able to save your progress and resume at a later time. We encourage applicants to prepare their full responses in advance, and copy and paste your answers in the application when ready.

[View All](#)

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- Click the 'Apply' button beneath the program overview to start your application.

Home [Open Funding Opportunities](#) Submitted Applications

Funding Program **2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund** [+ Follow](#)

Status	Start Date	End Date
Accepting Applications		5/9/2025

Funding Program Name: 2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund | End Date: 5/9/2025

▼ Mission

Description
The ILO Fund supports immigrant-led organizations whose work advances immigrant, refugee, and asylum seeker flourishing.

INSTRUCTIONS: We encourage you to review the pdf with all of the application questions in advance to prepare your responses. Once you begin the online application, you will NOT be able to save your progress and resume at a later time.

[Apply](#)

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5. A pop-up window with the application will appear. Click "Next" to begin!

The screenshot shows the website interface for the 2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund. The main content area includes a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Open Funding Opportunities', and 'Submitted Applications'. Below the navigation, there is a section for the funding program with details: 'Status: Accepting Applications', 'Start Date: [blank]', and 'End Date: 5/9/2025'. A 'Follow' button is visible in the top right corner. The 'Mission' section is partially visible, describing the fund's purpose. A 'Next' button is located at the bottom left of the main content area.

The pop-up window titled 'Apply' contains the following text:

Apply

Please review this PDF of the full application questions to prepare your responses. *Once you begin the online application, you will NOT be able to save your progress and resume at a later time.* We encourage applicants to prepare their full responses in advance, and copy and paste your answers in the application when ready.

Click **Next** to start a new application.

To view an in progress application, close this window then click **My Applications**.

Next



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6. Complete the first application page requesting information about the organization, then select "Next" to continue.

Description
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Program Location

Operating Expenses

Year Founded

Counties

Have paid staff?

No of paid staff

Have volunteer staff?

No of volunteer staff

Program Totals

Total Program Amount
\$100,000.00

System Information

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Apply

Apply

Email
you@example.com

Please list up to four (4) other organizations or groups that are consistent and significant partners in the work you do that identify as Black, Indigenous, or other People of Color (BIPOC)-led organizations/groups in Maine, regionally, or nationally.

Organization Partner 1

Organization Partner 2

Organization Partner 3

Organization Partner 4

What work (learning or action) are you doing in collaboration with these partners?
Please describe these efforts in a few sentences:

Next



7. The following page of the application will request your organization's 501(c)(3) or fiscal sponsorship details such as EIN information.

A screenshot of an online application form. The form is titled "Apply" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. The section is titled "Legal/Fiscal Information" and contains the following text: "This section is needed for the fiscal administration of any grants made by Maine Initiatives. Maine Initiatives does not directly fund organizations that do not have official 501(c)(3) status, but any such applicants will need to obtain a fiscal sponsor prior to July 1st, 2025." Below this text is a question: "Does your group have 501(c)(3) status?" with two radio button options: "Yes" (which is selected) and "No". Below the radio buttons is a text input field with the label "What is your organization's EIN or the EIN of your Fiscal Sponsor? (if you have one)". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Previous" and "Next".



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- Continue the application and include information about the organization's leadership, mission, goals, and connections to community organizing.
- At the end of the application, you will have the opportunity to submit anything you may feel the application was missing. When you have completed all sections of the application, select "Apply".

The screenshot shows the application interface for the 2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Open Funding Opportunities', and 'Submitted Applications'. The page title is 'Funding Program 2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund'. A table shows the status as 'Accepting Applications', with a start date of '5/9/2025' and an end date of '5/9/2025'. The 'Mission' section is expanded, showing the description: 'The ILO Fund supports immigrant-led organizations whose work...' and instructions: 'INSTRUCTIONS: We encourage you to review the pdf with all of the begin the online application, you will NOT be able to save your progr...'. A modal window titled 'Apply' is open, featuring a section for 'Anything Else?' with a text input field and an 'Apply' button. The footer of the page reads '© Maine Initiatives 2024'.



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- You will then be taken to a review page where you will be able to see the full submitted application. You will also be able to see your submitted applications from the 'Submitted Applications' link in the top menu bar.

Maine Initiatives [Home](#) [Open Funding Opportunities](#) [Submitted Applications](#) 🔔 ⌵

Funding Request
test - 2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund - 2025/3/31 + Follow

Awarded Amount Requested Amount

Funding Request Name
test - 2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund - 2025/3/31 ✎

Status
Submitted

Organization Information

Applying Contact
Lia Wilson

Organization Mission Statement
test

Organization Website
test

Organization Mailing Address
test ,test ,test test

Year Founded
n/a or not started yet

Operating Income (Completed FY) 📌
\$0.00

Operating Expense (Completed FY) 📌
\$0.00

Top Programmatic Priorities

Funding Program
2025 Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund

Application Date
3/31/2025

Counties
Cumberland County

Have 501(c)(3) status?
Yes

EIN
99999999

Fiscal Sponsor

Funding Request Roles (3) New

Funding Re...	Contact	Role	Status
FR-000158	test test	Board Member	Current ⌵
FR-000159	test test	Primary Orga...	Current ⌵
FR-000160	Lia Wilson	Applicant	Current ⌵

[View All](#)

- Congratulations! You have now successfully submitted your application. You should receive a confirmation email to the email address you used in your submission. Thank you so much for your time and consideration in putting these materials together.