



Immigrant-Led Organizations Fund

a program of Maine Initiatives

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 31, 2024

Maine Initiatives is now accepting proposals for the 2024 Immigrant-Led Organizations (ILO) Fund Program. The ILO Fund supports immigrant-led organizations whose work advances immigrant, refugee, and asylum seeker flourishing. All immigrant, refugee, and migrant-led organizations are encouraged to apply and will be eligible for grant awards.

SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

This first section asks for general organizational information. Groups or other entities that do not identify as organizations are eligible to apply and receive funding with a Fiscal Sponsor. The term 'organization' will be used throughout the application to refer to all applicant entities.

1. Organization name _____

2. Organizational Mission Statement (in 3 sentences or less):

3. What year was your organization founded?

4. Who is the Primary Contact for your **organization**? (This might be the Executive Director, Board President, or other most prominent public spokesperson.)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Office Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

5. Who is the Primary Contact for this **proposal**? (if different from the person named above)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

6. What is your organization's mailing address?

7. Does your organization have a website or social media page? Yes No

If yes, please share your organization's website or social media address: _____

8. Please share your operating budget for the most recent completed fiscal year. Operating income may include in-kind contributions.

a. Operating income for the most recent completed fiscal year \$

b. Operating expenses for the most recent completed fiscal year \$

9. Counties where you work (check all that apply)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Androscoggin County | <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln County | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aroostook County | <input type="checkbox"/> Oxford County | <input type="checkbox"/> York County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland County | <input type="checkbox"/> Penobscot County | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin County | <input type="checkbox"/> Piscataquis County | <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hancock County | <input type="checkbox"/> Sagadahoc County | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside of Maine - New England |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kennebec County | <input type="checkbox"/> Summerset County | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside of Maine - Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knox County | <input type="checkbox"/> Waldo County | |

10. From the list below, please select all of the programmatic areas your group focuses on. Please use "Other" and summarize below in a few words if a relevant programmatic area is not listed.

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|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Women and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Translation and Interpretation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

SECTION B: LEGAL/FISCAL INFORMATION

This section is needed for the fiscal administration of any grants made by Maine Initiatives. Maine Initiatives does directly fund organizations that do not have official 501(c)(3) status, but any such applicants will need to obtain a fiscal sponsor or sponsorship by a Tribal entity prior to receiving the grant funds.

11. Is this application presented on behalf of a tribal government or tribal entity? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the tribal government or other entity: _____

12. Does your organization have 501(c)(3) status? Yes No

13. If you do not have your 501(c)(3) status, please provide the following information regarding your Fiscal Sponsor (if you have one):

Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

14. What is your organization's EIN or the EIN of your Fiscal Sponsor? (if you have one) _____

SECTION C: LEADERSHIP, STAFFING, AND PARTNERSHIPS

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15. Does your organization identify as being led by (please select all that apply and use space provided if needed):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-led | <input type="checkbox"/> Latinx/o/a-led |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-led | <input type="checkbox"/> North African/ Arab-led |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant-led | <input type="checkbox"/> Wabanaki-led |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous-led | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

16. Please further explain identities selected above, if needed or desired: _____

17. To be eligible for a 2024 ILO Fund award, applicants are required to meet at least two out of three of the following for at least the past two years*:

- Does your organization have immigrant organizers - 50% or more of on-the-ground, community interfacing staff/volunteers?
Yes No
- Does your organization have immigrant key staff leaders of the organization - 50% or more of the total in leadership roles?
Yes No
- Does your organization have immigrant members on the Board of Directors - 50% or more?
Yes No

**If your organization does not meet all three because of intentional strategic or equity considerations made by immigrant decision makers within the organization, please explain below:*

18. Please provide a full listing of your current Board Members and/or primary advisory council members or governing body members:

19. Does your group have paid staff? Yes No *how many?* _____

20. Does your group have volunteer staff? Yes No *how many?* _____

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

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

22. What work (learning or action) are you doing in collaboration with these partners?

Please describe these efforts in a few sentences:

SECTION D: NARRATIVE PROPOSAL

This proposal narrative is your opportunity to share with our Proposal Readers and Grantmaking Advisory Committee information about your organization and the community-based efforts you do to advance immigrant flourishing in Maine.

Please write a maximum of four (4) pages, single spaced with 12 point font, addressing the following four (4) questions. Please note, the word counts are only approximations and are completely optional. We include them to help guide you in dividing up your proposal narrative, but again, they are provided only as suggestions. If you have questions or concerns about any of the following questions, please contact the ILO Fund staff at ilofund@maineinitiatives.org.

1. Your Organization (approximately 350 Words)

Please explain what your organization seeks to achieve in Maine. Why is your mission important, especially in the context of Maine in 2024?

2. Your Work (approximately 300 Words) What programs and activities does your organization implement to achieve its mission?

3. Advancing Immigrant Flourishing (approximately 450 words) How does your organization's work advance immigrant flourishing?

4. Success (approximately 350 words) How do you know that your organization is being successful in advancing immigrant flourishing in Maine? Please provide a story that will illustrate this impact.

SECTION E: ANYTHING ELSE? (OPTIONAL)

On no more than one (1) additional page, please share with us anything you wish we would have asked about but didn't or anything else that will help our Proposal Readers and Grantmaking Advisory Committee make their decisions.