



Culture Connect Legacy Fund Grant Guidelines

Overview

The Culture Connect Legacy Fund grant program was established to carry forward the mission of the Atlanta-based social enterprise, Culture Connect. Culture Connect fostered cultural fluency between immigrants and the broader community by focusing on three core areas: ensuring language access in schools and hospitals, cultivating culturally competent and welcoming communities, and promoting economic empowerment and entrepreneurship.

This one-time grant opportunity, funded by the Culture Connect Legacy Fund, is to support nonprofit organizations serving immigrant and refugee populations that demonstrate a commitment to language access and cultural competency. Organizations are eligible to apply for project or general operating support funding for grants up to \$150,000 or 100% of the last fiscal year annual budget (whichever is less).

The Culture Connect Legacy Fund is a Donor-Advised Fund of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and all funding decisions are made by Culture Connect.

2024 Grant application timeline:

- July 31 – Applications open
- October 17 – Applications close 5 p.m. EST
- By December 31– Notifications sent about grant awards
- By January 2025– Grants distributed

For more information, visit the fund page [here](#).

How to apply:

To complete the application, you will need to go through the Community Foundation's new grants portal that is found on our website. There are instructions on how to create an account along with a video of step-by-step instructions on how to register your organization and complete an application.

- PLEASE NOTE: All organizations must create a NEW account in the system unless you have already done so in 2024.
- Organizations must complete the application before the specified deadline; late applications will not be considered.

Need further assistance?

Please contact grants@cfgreateratlanta.org if you have questions or issues accessing the online application. Please contact cultureconnectlegacyfund@gmail.com with questions about this funding opportunity.

Funding Available:

- The Culture Connect Legacy Fund seeks to support both smaller and newer nonprofits that hold great promise as well as larger and more established organizations.
- Awards will be one time only, distributed in 2024 or early 2025, and will vary in size based on the number of applicants and funds requested. Grant awards are based on need and available funding and can be up to \$150,000 or 100% of the last fiscal year annual budget (whichever is less.)
- This grant can be used for seed funding, project support, or general operating support.

To be eligible, the applying organization must:

- Have intentionally served US-based immigrant and refugee populations meaningfully and consistently in the last 12 months
- Be classified, or have a fiscal sponsor that is classified, by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. code as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, donations to which are deductible as charitable contributions under Section 170 (c)(2) and the I.R.S. determination must be current

Through this funding opportunity, the Culture Connect Legacy Fund will consider applications which align with one or more of the four categories shown below, with priority given to organizations who:

- Are based in Georgia (can serve nationally)
- Have diverse representation in staff and on board of directors
- Demonstrate commitment to language access and cultural competency

Example projects / areas of work are shown below, *but are not exhaustive of all that will be considered.*

1. Language Access - interpretation, translation and English education

a. Examples -

- i. Training professional interpreters
- ii. Funds for professional interpreters or translated materials
- iii. Offering English classes that are culturally and linguistically appropriate

b. Excluded -

- i. Using untrained interpreters or family members

2. Access to Public Benefits and Services

a. Examples -

- i. Translating materials for public benefits (food stamps, healthcare, school enrollments)
- ii. In-language help for accessing or enrolling in public benefits, e.g. navigators
- iii. Training professional interpreters for education, court and public benefits
- iv. Improving health outcomes for immigrant and refugees

b. Excluded –

- i. Programs that charge fees to help with enrollment
- ii. Programs which take a portion of the benefits

3. Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship

a. Examples -

- i. Job training and placement in high-demand industries
 - ii. Helping immigrants and refugees start businesses
 - iii. Programs that increase economic mobility of immigrants or refugees
 - iv. Creating opportunities within companies for immigrants and refugees
 - v. Develop affordable childcare with flexible hours
 - b. Excluded -
 - i. Programs without language access or cultural competency
- 4. **Affordable and Accessible Healthcare**
 - a. Examples -
 - i. Training and equipping healthcare navigators
 - ii. Translated materials to improve health outcomes
 - iii. Cultural competency training for healthcare professionals
 - iv. Community health clinics or fairs with multilingual staff
 - v. Culturally sensitive mental health services, including counseling
 - b. Excluded -

We support initiatives that respect reproductive rights and autonomy. We prioritize funding for comprehensive, non-coercive healthcare services.