

CIRCLE FOR JUSTICE INNOVATIONS

SOS RAPID RESPONSE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Under this administration, it seems that each day reveals a new violation of an already oppressed community, a new way to terrorize and traumatize. We are growing *outrage fatigue*. **The solution to outrage fatigue is movement building---** organizing, strategizing, and fighting together so we can win. We need to be both strategic, and flexible enough to respond to ever-evolving developments, such as:

- The Muslim ban
- Nazis parading in the streets and killing people with public presidential support
- The cancellation of DACA program
- Targeting of black, immigration rights and other activists
- Protections for military, students, and trans folks rolled back
- Sanctuary cities targeted for federal retribution

CJI's **SOS Fund** (Strategic Opportunities for Support) is an emergency, rapid response fund intended to support activist organizations to move quickly and strategically to counter this morally bankrupt administration.

Compelling applications will:

- Support a movement-building activity or effort;
- Take advantage of “unforeseen” political developments or opportunities that could advance the movement against mass criminalization/incarceration/state violence;
- Oppose expansion of criminalization (especially those that would criminalize constitutionally protected behavior, activity, association or populations);
- Support actions or activities to expose, oppose or halt state actions, policies or programs that expand criminalization, incarceration, or state violence or advance restorative principles;
- Foster new connections between and among different communities;
- Are built on collaboration.

What follows is a simple application requiring a few brief answers regarding the project for which support is sought, verification of 501c3 status of organization or fiscal sponsor, and project and organizational budgets.

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