

WELCOME

Healing Illinois
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REMINDERS

- Safe space for sharing.
- We welcome your questions and feedback. Please hold them to the end during the Q&A portion.





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ABOUT HEALING ILLINOIS

Healing Illinois is a racial healing initiative of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), in partnership with The Field Foundation of Illinois, designed to distribute \$4.5 million in grants to organizations across the state to begin or continue the work of racial healing.

The goal of Healing Illinois is to build the foundation for long-term racial healing and anti-racism in Illinois. Healing Illinois' intended outcomes are to:

1. Build knowledge and understanding of racial healing and equity in communities across the state
2. Strengthen trust and relationship building among community residents
3. Expand opportunities for communities and individuals to begin to heal from the harms caused by racism
4. Increase awareness and media engagement focused on racial healing and equity



FUNDING PRIORITIES

- **Racial Healing Sustainability:** activities designed to build community through knowledge-sharing, deeper interpersonal interactions, and intentional spaces for collective healing.
- **Narrative Change:** awareness building of racial healing and justice work to facilitate the engagement, leadership, and activation of residents most impacted by systemic racism.
- **Education and Training:** enhancing knowledge and understanding of racial healing and justice via training focused on anti-racism, racial equity, racial justice, etc.
- **Racial Healing Readiness:** developing the capacity and early-stage ideas that may lead to new programming and projects with long-term vision to advance racial healing.



TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

- **Racial Healing Sustainability:** Projects that build deeper interpersonal interactions through racial healing circles, peace circles, restorative justice practices, etc.
- Expansion of existing racial healing programs
- Creative artistic activities, including community-wide murals, visual artistic events, exhibitions, storytelling and discussion that advance racial healing.
- Leadership development initiatives for racial healing practitioners, organizers and leaders of color in relation to racial healing, power-building, and community advocacy.



TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

- **Narrative Change:** Workshops to teach community members how to share their personal stories to activate others for systemic change; amplify truth narratives of communities most impacted by systemic racism; storytelling programs to build understanding and empathy
- **Education and Training:** enhancing knowledge and understanding of racial healing and justice via training focused on anti-racism, racial equity, racial justice, etc.
- **Racial Healing Readiness:** community consultation, issues identification and research, assessment or feasibility studies for expanding programs and projects, increasing group or organizational capacity through specific skills training and/or new tools.

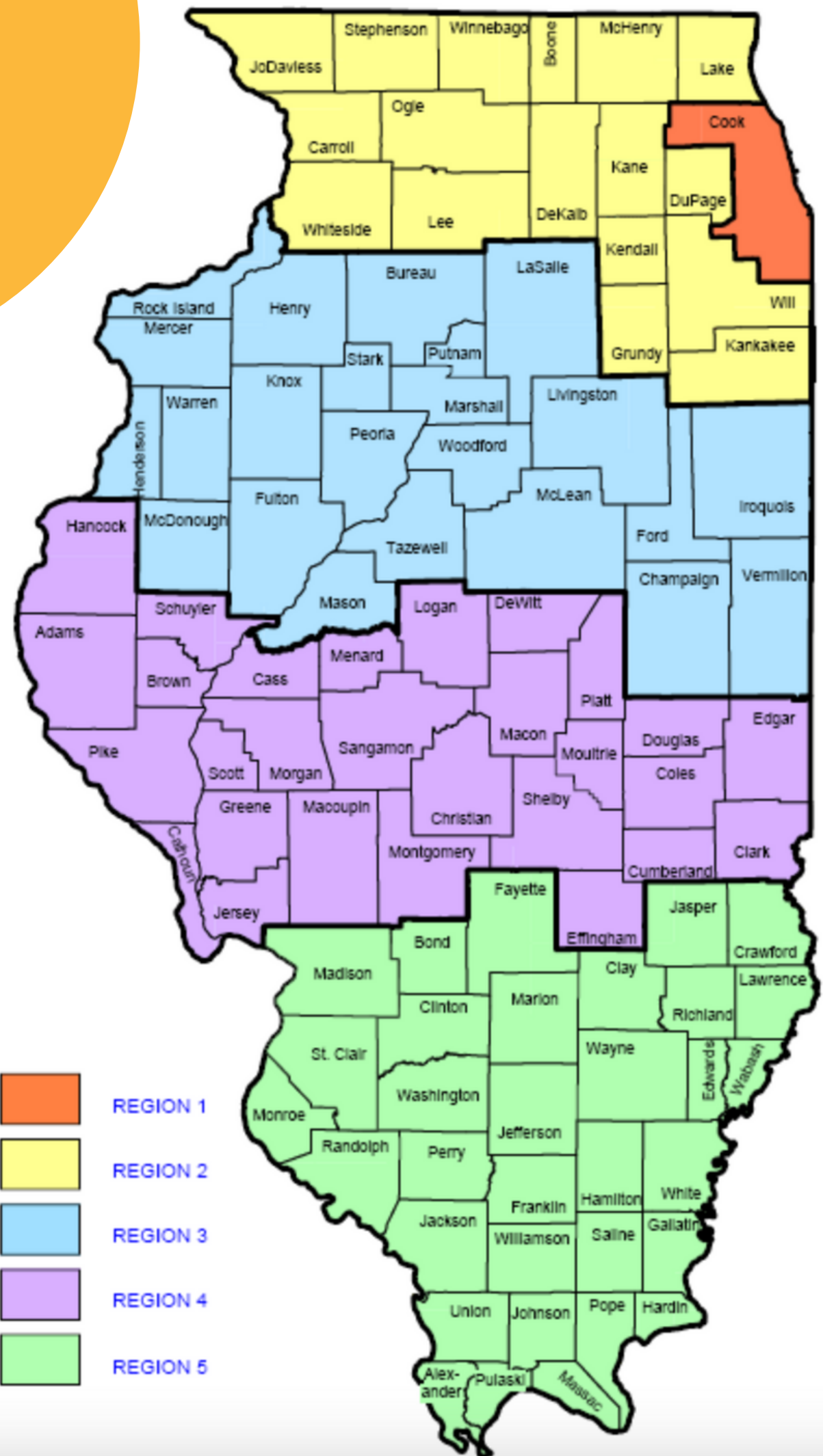


EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Alignment:** Proposed project and corresponding activities align with the four Healing Illinois funding priorities
- **Organization Capacity:** Capability of the applicant organization and its staff to develop and implement the proposed project within the scope and timeframe of the Healing IL initiative
- **Project Scope:** Projected activities and proposed budget are in alignment with the overall timeframe of the Healing Illinois initiative



INTERMEDIARIES



The Healing Illinois team has identified intermediaries for regions 2-5 to support the redistribution of grant funds in these regions. The selected intermediaries have extensive knowledge in grant making and established relationships with organizations in these regions.

We have set funding allocations per region to ensure equitable distribution of resources.

Please note, organizations can only apply for one Healing Illinois grant.



ELIGIBILITY

- Public nonprofit community-based organizations subject to 501c3 of the tax code. In addition to the non-profit community-based organizations, eligible applicants are inclusive of units of local government, public school districts, etc. organization in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State.
- At time of application, applicants must be Grant Accountability and Transparency Act/GATA certified. For more details about GATA certification, visit GATA.illinois.gov.
 - NOTE: In partnership with IDHS, the Healing Illinois team will be providing a TA session on GATA certification process.



GRANT TERMS

- Grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2024
- Organizations may apply for up to \$30,000
- We will consider larger grant requests for collaborative projects involving a network or coalition of organizations.
 - Project has to genuinely be a collaborative effort beyond organizations simply applying together.



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants must complete their application via Field Foundation’s online grant portal provided by Foundant Technologies. To access the application, grant seekers must log in to the grant portal at grantinterface.com/home.
- Please note that organizations new to Field Foundation’s grant portal will need to first create an account for their organization. Visit grantinterface.com/home and click “create new account” and follow the prompts.
- An external review committee will review grant proposals.



APPLICATION SUMMARY

- The application itself is not very long. How long it takes to fill it out, simply depends on your project and experience with grant writing. We have set character limits to ensure applicants are clear and succinct about what they are proposing, who they are going to engage, when and why.
- The application asks questions about:
 - Basic Organization Info - mission, year founded, EIN, primary contact, ED name and contact info, etc.
 - Organizational Diversity - staff composition, demographics, etc.
 - Please note this question is not punitive, the Healing Illinois team simply wants to report to IDHS the profile of organizations we granted funds to.



APPLICATION SUMMARY

- Project Name
- Project Summary: What are you proposing? Who are you going to engage?
- What funding priority will you focus on?
- Select which region area your organization will primarily serve
- Collaborative Project
- List organizations
- Total project budget
- Grant Request Amount
- Geographic area served by project
- Estimated number of participants
- Estimated number of activities
- Target population
- Tell us about your project idea - who? what? when? where? why?
- How do you know your organization is ready for this work and has the capacity to do it?
- What problem/issue/community need are you addressing?
- Describe associated short outcomes of the project. *(Select from the project outcomes)*
- How will you measure impact? *(How will you track - surveys, focus groups, applications, etc)*



KEY DATES

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through December 1, 2023.
- Review deadlines are October 20, November 10, December 1.
- Upcoming Info Sessions: November 1 and November 20.
- Technical Assistance session will be provide to support grant applicants with their proposals. Details coming soon!



Q&A

APPLY FOR HEALING ILLINOIS GRANTS



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Register to join an upcoming information session:

November 1, 2023 | 9:00am - 10:15am

November 20, 2023 | 9:00am - 10:15am

Email us at healingillinois@fieldfoundation.org



THANK YOU