

PRINCE

CHARITABLE TRUSTS

2026 Request for Proposal

Together We Flourish

BACKGROUND AND FOCUS AREAS

Together We Flourish is a multi-year participatory grantmaking effort at Prince Charitable Trusts. This work is guided by a nine-person community-driven advisory group called The Flourish Collective. An ensemble of artists, poets, musicians, sculptors, urban agriculturalists, naturalists, and gardeners, the Collective is committed to supporting organizations and efforts that advance wellness in Black and Latine communities primarily on the West and South Sides of Chicago through the intersection of arts and nature. We also seek to support organizations or programs that are inclusive, immersive, prioritize accessibility, and are free or low-cost to participants.

A well community is one rooted in equitable opportunities to live in a healthy, balanced, and meaningful way, and we seek applications from organizations whose work is **aligned with at least one of the following two focus areas:**

1. **Mind, Body, and Soil**

We seek to deepen connections to nature and the arts by planting seeds that feed the body and soul, inspire growth, healing, and abundance in people. We believe in everyone's right to wellness and to live spirited lives rooted in love, joy, and imagination.

Potential activities might include:

- Yoga, tai chi, meditation, mindfulness practices, and group healing circles
- Drumming, dance, movement-based practices, and other embodied creative experiences
- Healing arts experiences in nature, including cyanotype, pottery, sound baths, sun printing, and nature-based artmaking
- Frolicking, sensory exploration, and playful experiences that invite curiosity, wonder, connection, and joy
- Community gardening, cooking classes, and community cookbooks
- Seed banks, exchanges, and plant parties

- Art- and nature-based mutual aid efforts that strengthen networks of care, encourage resource sharing, and support collective well-being

2. Creative Placemaking and Placekeeping:

We seek to build upon and celebrate the existing assets, relationships, knowledge, and cultural wealth that make our communities strong. We believe communities have the right to claim, define, and activate their own spaces and treasures; honoring what was, documenting what is, and shaping what can be. Potential activities might include:

- Activation and restoration of community green spaces
- Community art installations and public art projects rooted in nature
- Land-based learning experiences, such as forage walks, preserving community history, and promoting community-led eco-tourism
- Public performance and presentations for all ages

DEFINITIONS

Black People

Black people are not monolithic and represent a broad and diverse spectrum of physiological, geographical, cultural, and political traits and histories. We define Black and Blackness (the state of being Black) as people of African descent, many of whom were moved to specific regions in the world through the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Latine People

Latine people are not monolithic and encompass a broad, diverse spectrum of physiological, geographical, cultural, and political traits and histories. We define Latine people as individuals with Latin American roots.

Black and Latine serving

Those that serve individuals from predominantly Black and Latine communities or whose total number of program participants are predominately Black and Latine.

TYPES OF SUPPORT/GRANT TERMS

Types of Support:

- General operations if the mission focuses on nature and/or the arts.
- New or existing program(s) that aligns with one of the two focus areas listed above.

Grant Term and Amounts:

- Grant award amounts will range between \$5,000 and \$15,000
- Grants are for one year
- An organization may only submit one request for the funding year

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible Applicants:

- Are those that are Black or Latine-serving, responsive to and rooted primarily in Chicago communities on the west and south sides or where there are Black or Latine people primarily; and whose work aligns with at least one of the two focus areas.
- Previous and current fiscal year organizational budgets must be less than \$500,000.

Please note: Grant recipients in Prince Charitable Trusts other grant programs are not eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Go to [Temelio](#) to create an account. You will need an EIN (TAX ID) number to register. If you do not have an EIN number, you will require a fiscal sponsor and their EIN number and organizational information.

If you have an existing account from a previous Aya/PCT application, you can log in using the same link listed above. You will have an opportunity to review and update organizational information from your previous application.

2. Gather the following documents as you will need them to either answer a question or to upload them with your application in Temelio:

- Organization's address, phone number, and website, if applicable
- Name and contact information for the organization's Executive Director/CEO
- Name, title, phone number, and email address for the person who is the primary contact for the grant application submission
- Current organizational budget (revenue and expenses)
- Previous year's organizational budget (revenue and expenses)
- Program budget (revenue and expenses), if applicable
- A photo that captures the essence of your organization or its program(s) (jpeg)

3. If you are applying with the assistance of a fiscal sponsor (Fiscal Sponsorship*), please know that we will need documentation confirming the fiscal sponsorship arrangement between them and your organization as the sponsored project/organization. For more details, see the application itself or email flourishcollective@princetrusts.org

*A fiscal sponsorship relationship confers the sponsor's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and certain administrative benefits onto a charitable project so that it can receive grants and tax-deductible contributions that it would otherwise be unable to receive.

4. Request for support - provide responses to the following in the specific fields in Temelio:

- What is the grant amount you are seeking?
- Are you seeking general operating support or program support?
- Which of the two focus areas aligns most with your organization or the project you are applying for (see Background/Focus Areas Section of the RFP for more details)?
 - Mind, Body and Soil or
 - Creative Placemaking and Placekeeping
- Project budget (if applicable)
- Proposal narrative

5. In the online portal, in a separate PDF (3 pages or less) or in a video (no longer than 5 minutes), please provide your answers to the following questions:

- How does the focus area you selected align with your mission/program(s)?

- How does your work and/or project intersect arts and nature?
Please be as specific as possible
- How are you serving Black and/or Latine people and communities?
- What impact do you foresee this grant having on your organization/project and the people served?
- How are the work/activities for which you are seeking funding inclusive, immersive, and accessible?

TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	DATE
RFP released	July 29, 2026
Information session	August 10, 2026 – 12pm CT https://forms.gle/Jo9pBF4sckHUY7Wd9
Application submission deadline	September 2, 2026 by 5pm CT
Funding decision notification	October 2026
Grants distributed	November 2026
Grant reports due	January 31, 2028

Please feel free to email flourishcollective@princetrusts.org if you have any questions or require assistance.