

Incubate Partner Applications

Deadline: November 01, 2026 at 11:59 AM CST

Partner Application

Contact

Name: *primary contact**

Project Name *

Primary E-mail Address *

Project/Organization Mailing Address *

Primary Mobile Number *

What type of entity is the organization filed as?

*LLC, Bcorp, 501(c)3**

Has this legal structure been filed with your State? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Applied, but have not yet received
status

Has this legal structure been filed Federally? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Applied, but have not yet received status

Organization Website

if applicable

Applicants are required to have a leadership representative submit supplemental application materials for Incubate Partner consideration.

The Board Representative Supplemental Application is separate from the primary Incubate Application and should be completed by the person who can best speak to your project's leadership support, accountability, fundraising readiness, and organizational development.

This representative may be a:

- Board Chair
- Advisory Lead
- Fiscal Sponsor
- Congregational Leader
- Trusted Accountability Partner

The Board Representative Supplemental Application link is listed below:

<https://smr.to/p111880>

By selecting 'I acknowledge' below, you understand that a lead member of the organization's governance team is responsible for submitting supplemental application material for Incubate Partner consideration *

- ☐ I acknowledge
- ☐ Decline

Name of: Board Chair / Advisory Lead / Primary Governance representative *

E-mail address for Board Chair / Board representative *

Please select the description that best matches your organization's governance or decision-making: *

- ☐ Active & Engaged Board of Directors
- ☐ Advisory Group (non voting)
- ☐ Informal Leadership circle/group
- ☐ In Development / Incomplete: Board of Directors
- ☐ No governing members

Empathizing: YOU & YOUR CONTEXT

What personal experiences, identities or beliefs shape the work that you feel called to do? *

Max Number of Words: 150

What personally brings you to this work, and how has your lived experience, community connection, or leadership journey shaped the way you approach it? *

Max Number of Words: 150

How do your values or faith influence the decisions you make in this work, especially when resources or time are limited and community needs persist? *

Max Number of Words: 125

What are you currently balancing in your life that impacts your capacity?

*Ex: multiple jobs, school, family, life events **

Max Number of Words: 75

Realistically, how many hours per week do you commit to project development, fundraising, board engagement and programming? *

- ☐ Less than 5 hrs/wk
- ☐ 5 hrs/wk
- ☐ 10 hrs/wk
- ☐ More than 10 hrs/wk
- ☐ Full-time

In your work, how do you balance independence, collaboration, and accountability to the people or community you serve? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Defining: THE PROBLEM

Briefly describe the social problem or issue you are seeking to address. What makes this issue urgent or important in your community right now? *

Max Number of Words: 150

Who is most affected by this need or issue, and how have they shaped your understanding of the problem? *

Max Number of Words: 100

What have you learned about this need so far, and what evidence, stories or patterns have helped you understand it more deeply? *

Max Number of Words: 150

How have you experienced this learning or gathered this data

*Please select all that apply**

- ☐ Interviews
- ☐ Lived Experience
- ☐ Polls & Surveys
- ☐ Reviewing Studies
- ☐ Census
- ☐ Program Feedback
- ☐ Community Listening Sessions
- ☐ Board/Advisory Feedback
- ☐ Other

Who do you hope to serve or reach, and what do you know about their needs, strengths and barriers to access? *

Max Number of Words: 125

Ideate: YOUR IDEA

Please offer a brief description of your project, program or organization.

What do you hope to offer, and why is this the best solution for the need you have identified? *

Max Number of Words: 200

How would this work create measurable impact for the people, community or issue you hope to address? *

Max Number of Words: 150

What makes your solution unique, community-rooted, or meaningful compared to what already exists? *

Max Number of Words: 125

How are you designing this work to be inclusive, accessible, and responsive to the people most affected by the issue? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Describe your core programming model: what activities, services, gatherings, products or supports will participants actually experience? *

Max Number of Words: 150

Prototype: YOUR PROGRESS

What stage of organizational development would you categorize your project? *

- ☐ Thinking: general idea, no action taken
- ☐ Planning: seriously considering, initial steps taken
- ☐ Launching: shared publicly, 100% committed
- ☐ Growing: past initial launch, continuing development
- ☐ Evaluating: assessing what is missing or needed

What have you already tried, implemented or created? What have you learned from those efforts?

*Ex: products, events, partnerships, services, fundraising attempt, board conversations**

Max Number of Words: 200

What is one effort that is working well right now, and what does that tell you about the potential of your work? *

Max Number of Words: 150

Who is currently helping guide this work, and how are they involved in decision-making, accountability, fundraising, or program support?

*This might include team members, partners, volunteers, or persons including and beyond Board / Governance Members**

Max Number of Words: 150

What systems or practices do you currently use to plan, deliver, track or improve your programming? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Testing: GROWTH & VISION

What would success look like in 12 months? How will you measure whether the work is stronger, more sustainable, or growing in impact? *

Max Number of Words: 150

What is one experiment or pilot you want to test - what do you hope to learn from this experimentation? *

Max Number of Words: 150

If you had the right people, funding, and partnerships in place, what would you build or strengthen over the next 2-3 years? *

Max Number of Words: 100

What is one fundraising strategy you are willing to explore or strengthen during partnership? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Funding & Finances

How much will this work cost to operate over the next 12 months? Please identify your major expense areas

*Ex: staffing, supplies, technology, travel, participant support**

Max Number of Words: 100

How do you fund this work?

*Please select all that apply**

- ☐ Grants
- ☐ Individual Donations
- ☐ Corporate Donations
- ☐ Congregational Support / Sponsorship
- ☐ Board-led Donations
- ☐ Major Donors
- ☐ Sale of Goods related to mission
- ☐ Fees for Service related to mission
- ☐ Barter / Trade
- ☐ Other

How will your funding be built out? Please provide a percentage breakdown totaling 100%

Ex:

20% Grants

50% Individual Donors

15% Sales

*15% Corporate Donors**

Max Number of Words: 100

What fundraising have you already attempted, and what have you learned from it?

*Ex: donor asks, events, grant applications, online campaigns**

Max Number of Words: 150

Who is responsible for fundraising currently - how are Board Members, Advisors or team members involved? *

Max Number of Words: 125

What is one fundraising gap or concern you need help addressing? *

Max Number of Words: 100

Receiving Support

What is your biggest challenge right now in strengthening this work? *

Max Number of Words: 100

What support would help your project grow and incubate most? Please be specific about the form of guidance or relationship you need:

*Ex: mentorship, fundraising coaching, board development, collaborative partners**

Max Number of Words: 150

Which topics are you most wanting guidance in?

*Please select all that apply**

- ☐ Board Development
- ☐ Board Chair Support
- ☐ Branding / Marketing
- ☐ Budgeting
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Grant Readiness
- ☐ Donor Cultivation
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Program Development
- ☐ Program Evaluation
- ☐ Strategic Planning
- ☐ Taxes
- ☐ Other

What is your most pressing question regarding strengthening, funding or sustaining your project? *

Max Number of Words: 100