



Guidelines for MADISON COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT COALITION Community Based Organization (CBO) Grant Program

The Madison Cooperative Development Coalition (MCDC) is a collaborative of community-based organizations, and cooperative developers. MCDC works to support the growth and creation of worker cooperatives, specifically addressing the factors affecting local communities of color, low wealth and traditionally excluded or exploited workforces. The goal is to create a sustainable system that will combat poverty, empower workers and increase equity in order to strengthen Madison's long-term economic health.

The aim of the mini-grant program is to address our goals by building the capacity of community-based organizations to help create and support worker owned cooperatives. We're looking for creative initiatives that will support these objectives. These are some of the types of initiatives that could receive funding:

- Support for community organizing to identify potential worker owned cooperative groups
- Workshop and education program development around the worker cooperative model
- Support for integrating the cooperative model into existing business or entrepreneurship training programs.
- Support for staff training and capacity building to help organize cooperatives
- Support for providing assistance to cooperative start-up groups.

Amount available: up to \$30,000 (Please note that we may not be able to offer this grant twice to the same organization)

Application timeline: *We are currently accepting applications. Application are due by September 13, 2019.* We will review applications and may have follow-up questions. We will notify applicants of their status in a timely manner. Our goal is to communicate within 6 weeks or less of receiving the application.

Eligibility criteria:

Applicant must be a Madison-based organization, involved in direct service, advocacy and/or community organizing. The applicant does not need to have experience organizing cooperatives.

The organization must meet at least one of these criteria:

- Organized as a 501(c)3, a 501(c)4 or a cooperative
- Sponsored by a 501(c)3
- An initiative undertaken by at least 3 unrelated individuals**

Grant requirements:

- Organizational information: name, address, contact person
- Describe the mission and vision of the organization.
- Describe experience and expertise that is relevant to this program.
- Explicitly describe how this grant will increase the capacity of the organization to develop cooperatives.
- Describe how these grant funds will be used, and where they will be used. Include a simple budget that includes how the grant dollars will be used and what resources the organization will be providing. Resources from the applicant can include monetary support, office supplies and support as well as volunteer hours dedicated to the project. Please project what the total worth of these resources may be.
- Estimate the impact of the grant, with at least 3 expected outcomes that relate to building organizational capacity to help create and support cooperatives.
- Include a timeline for completing the work.
- Project start and end date. Please indicate if you would like to use this money to seed an ongoing project and what resources you may need after the requested funds are depleted. These funds can be used over multiple years.
- Agree to reporting and evaluation requirements
- ** 2 letters of support (required from initiatives undertaken by at least 3 unrelated individuals)

If you would like to apply, please send a document with the above requirements to MCDC Coordinator, Charity Schmidt, at charity.schmidt@wisc.edu. You can also send questions or call 608-262-5905.