

# BDF 2026 Grant Application

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## Welcome!

**Welcome, and thank you for your interest in the Betty and Davis Fitzgerald Foundation.**

The Foundation is prioritizing organizations that strengthen and build the capacity of education and mental health systems through workforce development, policy and advocacy, or collective action initiatives. Standalone direct-service proposals are unlikely to advance.

Before applying, please review the criteria below to determine whether your organization and proposal align with our current funding priorities. All organizations are welcome to apply. **Proposals that are not aligned with these priorities are unlikely to advance. Alignment does not guarantee a site visit.**

If you can answer “yes” to all of the following requirements, you are eligible to apply:

1. Is your organization a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or a fiscally sponsored project classified as a public charity?
2. Does your work primarily serve the 21-county Metro Atlanta region or have statewide impact?
3. Does your organization focus on improving access to education or mental health for children, youth, or families?
4. Does your work strengthen systems or infrastructure (e.g., workforce development, policy or advocacy, coordination, navigation, shared pathways)?
5. Is your organization rooted in, accountable to, or meaningfully guided by the communities most affected by inequities in education or mental health access?

If you meet the above criteria and your organization aligns with the Foundation’s current funding priorities ([please visit our website to learn more](#)), you are welcome to apply through our open application portal.

For questions or assistance, contact **Angela Ballantyne, Grantmaking and Operations Associate**, at [angelab@bettyanddavisfitzgerald.org](mailto:angelab@bettyanddavisfitzgerald.org).

For additional information about our organization, funding priorities, and application process, please visit our website.

**Please note:** Consulting with staff or board members before submitting an application is not required.

## Organization Information

**Organization Name \***

**Address \***

**Tax ID \***

**Website \***

As part of our initial review process, we will be taking a look at your most recent, publicly available tax documents. Please let us know if there is any anecdotal information you would like to provide regarding your most recent 990. (Optional)

Contact Information

Head of Organization

Prefix	First name	Middle name	Last name	Suffix	Email address	Phone	Contact title
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Request Primary Contact

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Proposal Information

Requested Amount \*

Georgia Area Served \*

If selecting Metro Atlanta, please complete the next question indicating the specific counties with which your organization worksSelect one

- City of Atlanta
- Metro Atlanta
- Statewide Reach

**If you selected Metro Atlanta, please select the specific counties with which your organization works.**

Select multiple

- ☐ Barrow
- ☐ Bartow
- ☐ Carroll
- ☐ Cherokee
- ☐ Clayton
- ☐ Cobb
- ☐ Coweta
- ☐ Dawson
- ☐ DeKalb
- ☐ Douglas
- ☐ Fayette
- ☐ Forsyth
- ☐ Fulton
- ☐ Gwinnett
- ☐ Hall
- ☐ Henry
- ☐ Newton
- ☐ Paulding
- ☐ Rockdale
- ☐ Spalding
- ☐ Walton
- ☐ All of the Above

**Group(s) Served \***

Select multiple

- ☐ Children
- ☐ Adults
- ☐ Families
- ☐ General Public

**Population Served: Who is the primary population or community that will experience change as a result of this work? \***

**Focus Area(s) \***

Select multiple

- ☐ Education
- ☐ Mental Health

**Is this organization BIPOC-led? \***

Select one

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes

**Leadership and Staff Demographics: Describe the size and racial/gender composition of your board, executive director, and staff. \***

## Narrative

In your 500-750 word proposal, we suggest including the following, as relevant to your work:

- Overview of your organization and its role in the education and/or mental health ecosystem;
- Purpose of the funding request and why it matters in this moment;
- How your work strengthens access through workforce development, systems improvement, policy/advocacy, or leading collective action;
- How your organization's approach advances equity, particularly for populations most impacted by disparities; and
- The impact you aim to achieve.

*(Not all elements apply to every organization. Please focus on what best represents your work.) \**

Maximum Word Count: 750 words