

# 2018 Letter of Inquiry: Racial Equity

Application Deadline: *December 5, 2018 at 5 PM*

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## Funding Priorities and Eligibility

At CFT, we believe that a thriving community is one in which all people feel cared for, invested in, nourished and valued, and have an equitable opportunity to contribute to the well-being and growth of themselves, their families, and their communities.

CFT's Letter of Inquiry (LOI) process supports programs that address needs across the North Texas region which:

- train/educate/engage on an issue or topic relevant to the community
- use data, best practices or proof-points of success
- provide or expand direct services or access to resources like transportation, education/schooling, housing, healthcare, and work opportunities to communities with substantiated need
- address a particularly timely issue area
- offer innovative or creative solutions to a key community challenge
- collaborate in a way where the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts, and/or
- demonstrate ability to create measurable impact

To apply to CFT's Letter of Inquiry process, your organization must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- have a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt designation from the Internal Revenue Service that has been active for at least two years as of September 1, 2018
- at least 50% of the population served must reside in Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Collin or Rockwall Counties.

Church and religious organizations' programs that are focused on evangelism are not eligible.

## Racial Equity Criteria

- Facilitate storytelling to help give voice and understanding to marginalized experiences
- Engage others in looking at racial inequalities locally
- Contribute to racial healing activities within and across sectors in Dallas
- Contribute to a culture of connectedness between different racial and ethnic groups, and/or
- Create and/or implement practical solutions to race-related challenges in Dallas.

## Application Process

Please email your completed Letter of Inquiry (LOI) to [grants@cftexas.org](mailto:grants@cftexas.org) by 5 PM on December 5, 2018. If it is helpful, you may mail (or drop) the LOI to CFT Offices at 5500 Caruth Haven Lane, Dallas, TX 75225. All applications must be received by 5pm on December 5, 2018. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Applications submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

LOIs are initially reviewed by staff. Applicants will be notified if more information is needed regarding the funding request. The Foundation's Board of Trustees makes all final decisions regarding approval of grant recipients. All agencies will be notified about Racial Equity discretionary grants by April 2019. If you have questions about the LOI application process, please contact [grants@cftexas.org](mailto:grants@cftexas.org) or 214-750-4102.

Please complete the following two-page LOI. Please do not use a font smaller than size 10 to fill in the form. No additional attachments or narrative are necessary.

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Organization Name:	EIN #:
Contact Name:	Contact Title:
Mailing Address:	Contact Phone:
Site Visit Address (if different from mailing):	Contact Email:
Total # Clients served: Race/ethnicity: Age:	Top five zip codes served:
Organization Mission Statement: 100-word limit	
Background/History: Please describe your organization, including a brief description of your organization's history, major accomplishments, experience and expertise. If applicable, how has your organization worked in the racial equity space before? 200-word limit	
Racial Equity Criteria: What criteria does your project fall into? Check all that apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Facilitate storytelling to help give voice and understanding to marginalized experiences</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage others in looking at racial inequalities locally</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to racial healing activities for people of color within and across sectors in Dallas</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to a culture of connectedness between different racial and ethnic groups</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Create and/or implement practical solutions to race-related challenges in Dallas</li></ul>	
Project Description: Please describe the racial equity project to be considered for a grant. Please include the number of unduplicated individuals served by the project and any project partners (including other agencies, nonprofits and/or funders). 300-word limit	

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**Challenges:** *Other than funding, what are your organization's challenges and what resources will be used to address them? 200-word limit*

**Connectedness:** *What other nonprofit organizations, government agencies or funders do you partner with to accomplish your mission and/or project goals? 150-word limit*

**Project Short-Term Goals:** *Please describe the intended outputs of the project and strategies you will employ to achieve them. How will success be measured? Examples of outputs include the number you expect to serve and the type and amount of services that will be provided. 200-word limit*

**Project Long-Term Goals:** *Please describe the intended outcomes of the project and strategies you will employ to achieve them. How will success be measured? Examples of outcomes include long-term impact on the community like a behavior change, skills growth, or other change in the community. 150-word limit*

Project Budget: \$	Project Budget Raised to Date: \$	Total Agency Operating Budget: \$
Executive Director's Signature:		Date: