



Estamos Contigo – We're With You

CONTIGO RAPID RESPONSE FUND PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Date of Application: _____

Organization Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Web Site: _____

Executive Director(s) (if applicable): _____ Email: _____

Contact Person, Title & Email (if not ED): _____

Grant Request: \$ _____

Brief Summary of Project for which funding is being requested:

Total Organizational Budget for fiscal year for which funding is being requested:

Tax Status: 501(c) 3 501(c) 4 Fiscally Sponsored LLC

Other:

Federal EIN# (if applicable): _____

Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Fiscal Sponsor Address: _____

Fiscal Sponsor Telephone Number: _____

Fiscal Sponsor Director's Name: _____ Email: _____

Please email MQuiroga@Our-Fund.org for any questions and to submit your request for funding.
Thank you.

CONTIGO Rapid Response Fund Application
AVAILABLE TO NONPROFITS, COALITIONS and GROUPS*
**You do not need a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status to apply.*

About CONTIGO Fund:

CONTIGO ('With You') Fund was launched in response to the tragic event that occurred at Pulse nightclub in Orlando targeting LGBTQ people of color. It is an effort to strengthen and network existing agencies and to identify and support grassroots efforts that advance Latinx and LGBTQ causes and the intersection of these two communities. CONTIGO Fund is housed at Our Fund – an LGBTQ community foundation based in Fort Lauderdale. The contributing partners to the fund are the Arcus Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the Open Society Foundations.

CONTIGO Fund:

- Honors the identities and lived experiences of those taken from us. Nearly half of the Pulse victims were Puerto Rican. Many were Cuban, Dominican, Ecuadorian, Mexican, Salvadoran, Venezuelan, and from other Latinx and African diaspora. Some were undocumented. Over half were under 30, the youngest victim was just 18 years old.
- Recognizes the fact that the LGBTQ Latinx community and other communities of color face disturbing realities and works to address those disparities.
- Seeks to build bridges across Central Florida's diverse communities and to raise awareness of homophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, racism, and other forms of bigotry that divide our communities rather than bring them together.

About CONTIGO Rapid Response Fund:

CONTIGO Rapid Response Fund is an emergency fund that supports emerging leaders, groups, organizations, and coalitions. The focus is to help grow and sustain capacity and to empower LGBTQ and Latinx communities and the people living at the intersection of those marginalized identities. The Rapid Response Fund supports capacity growth through a one-time, start-up, investment (Start Up Grant).

Applications for funding are by invitation only.

Groups do not need to be a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status to apply. Those without a 501(c)(3) status can apply under the auspices of an established 501(c)(3). A letter from the non-profit agreeing to the fiscal sponsorship is required along with any application and request for grants.

Proposals are by invitation only and will be accepted year round. Proposals will be reviewed on the 15th day of each month. Quicker decisions can be made on a case-by-case basis. All materials should be submitted by midnight (in your time zone) by the 14th of the month to be considered.

Groups will be notified within one to two weeks and checks are generally mailed within two to three weeks following the final decision.

- Start Up Grants can be made up to \$15,000 per emerging group applying.
- Receiving a Start Up Grant from CONTIGO Rapid Response Fund will not preclude an organization from applying for additional support from the CONTIGO Fund.

Fund Criteria:

Grant applications should meet the following criteria:

1. Community Leadership & Accountability: Organizations are led by the communities they serve and are responsive and accountable to those communities.
2. Fills a gap in the community: Organizations are responding to a unique need within the community that existing institutions historically have not and/or currently are not adequately addressing. Strategic partnerships and collaborations are strongly encouraged.
3. Healing: Organizations are responding to the unique needs of the communities directly or most impacted by the Pulse tragedy in a culturally competent manner. Needs being addressed are well thought out with clear goals and desired outcomes.
4. Young Women/Trans/Gender Expansive/Intersex-Led: Women of color, trans, queer, gender expansive, and/or intersex leaders are a core part of the decision making process.
5. Racial, social, and gender justice-focused: Your project specifically addresses homophobia, transphobia, patriarchy, gender inequity or inequality, gender-based violence, Islamophobia, racism, and/or other forms of bigotry.

<u>This fund does NOT support:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget shortfalls of existing agencies and institutions• Fundraising• Charity or individuals• Policy or electoral advocacy	
<u>Examples of what we may fund:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building of new infrastructure and expanding capacity• Cultural competency curriculum and trainings• Community education campaigns against criminalization and violence• Organizational and leadership development for these activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public vigils, rallies, and marches that build public awareness around issues• Town hall events and public forums with key influencers• Bilingual direct services that meet public needs, particularly in underserved communities and communities in crisis

Submitting a Proposal:

- Review this checklist and submit your proposal to MQuiroga@Our-Fund.org:
- Cover Sheet (download separately) and Proposal Narrative (see instructions below)
- Organization Budget (if fiscally sponsored, please also send your fiscal sponsor's budget)
- 501(c) (3) IRS Letter, from you or your fiscal sponsor, if applicable
- Any videos, photographs, hashtags, or links for your organization or campaign that would be suitable for publishing in our monthly e-blast or social media, should your grant be approved

Proposal Narrative:

- Please respond to each prompt. Narratives can be submitted as a doc/pdf file or voice/video recording or video/phone interview. To schedule a video/phone interview, please indicate this when submitting other materials.

Part I: Overview (respond to each question in paragraphs or bullet points)

- Please describe the organization’s mission and main focus of work including a brief description of ongoing campaigns or projects. If you are a coalition, describe the coalition and members.
- Who are the communities you work with? How are they reflected in your group or coalition?
- What roles do LGBTQ Latinx leaders play within your group or coalition?
- Please provide a demographic breakdown of your group and the demographics of the community you serve.
- What groups or organizations have you formed or intend to form partnerships and collaborations with?
- Describe your proposed activities and expected timeframe.
- What are the goals of your project/actions? What outcome(s) do you anticipate would result from your project/actions?
- How does your plan advance a racial, social, gender justice, and/or reproductive justice agenda?
- What lasting impact would this grant help you accomplish for LGBTQ people, Latinx people, and/or those in the intersection of those communities? Please describe the needs being addressed and how this group or organization or coalition is uniquely positioned to meet those needs.
- What support might help you carry out this response, in addition to a grant?

Part II: Budget (respond to each question and attach your current organizational budget)

1. What is the amount of your request? Start Up Grants can be awarded up to \$15,000.
2. Please list your projected expenses in the budget template below or a similar format.

Sample Budget

Items	Cost
<i>Examples: Travel - \$750, Hotel/Lodging - \$1,000, Materials - \$300 etc.</i>	
Total Cost	

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