Racial Equity Grants FAQs

What is the total funding commitment from CZI for these Racial Equity grants?
CZI has committed $500 million over five years to support organizations and change makers who are leading the way in building just and sustainable systems, advancing equity and inclusion, as well as fostering belonging for everyone.

How much funding has CZI already awarded?
On May 13, CZI announced over $10 million of grants in support of organizations leading the way in advancing racial equity, diversity, and inclusion. This is part of the up to $30 million in grants that we will award this year to advance racial equity, diversity, and inclusion within our initiatives and beyond our own work.

What are the criteria that organizations must meet in order to be considered for this funding?
Through our grantmaking, we advance racial equity by funding and advancing solutions that cultivate the leadership of people of color; address racial inequities and outcomes disparities; build the cultural, economic, and/or political power of people of color and communities; and/or advance systems, policy, and institutional change and transformation in service of racial equity.

Sign up for updates on CZI’s racial equity grants and learn more on CZI’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage here.

When will CZI announce the next round of racial equity grants?
CZI will award up to $30 million in grants this year. We will share information on timing as it becomes available. Sign up for updates on CZI’s racial equity grants to learn more here.

Where can interested organizations find more information about CZI’s Racial Equity grants?
There are no open solicitations at this time. To get updated on new developments and find more information, sign up on CZI’s racial equity grants on the DEI funding section of CZI’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage here.

What organizations have been awarded these grants so far?
The list of the grantees awarded in this inaugural round of racial equity funding can be found on CZI’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage here.

What external work has CZI supported to date on racial equity?
Since its founding in 2015, CZI has supported a number of organizations focused on advancing racial equity and inclusion; this was not systematic across our initiatives. In December 2020, the foundation made a commitment to center racial equity explicitly across our work. Our vision going forward is to apply a racial equity lens across all our enterprise from internal policies to grantmaking.

In addition to the $10 million of grants announced on May 13, 2021, recent examples can be found on our DEI page.

How will you ensure this new grantmaking and pool of funding is allocated to Black-led and truly impacted groups?
Community leaders and partners, steeped in this work, have and will continue to guide CZI’s efforts. And we’re excited to have the leadership of Belinda Stubblefield, our new Head of DEI, directing and shaping this effort. CZI is committed to approaching this work with humility and ensuring that people of color have a voice in shaping our work as we advance change, together.