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**The Hyams Foundation, Inc.
Applicant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

1) Can an organization apply for funding to address more than one “important racial justice issue” area at the “enhanced level”?

No. However, an organization may note in the application if it is addressing a second issue area, and this will be discussed during the proposal review process. Please note that applicants working to address important racial justice issues may do so through building a strong base of local activism and power, through pursuing institutional or policy change or both.

2) Can an applicant’s proposed request focus on pursuit of more than one policy or institutional change priority or target within an “important racial justice issue” area?

Yes.

3) Can an organization submit separate applications for support of its work to build a strong base of local activism and power within each of the two levels of Hyams Foundation engagement (i.e., for the “base” level of broad community-identified issues and for the “enhanced” level related to an important racial justice issue)?

No.

4) Can an organization that is working in an Important Racial Justice Issue area apply as an individual applicant and also apply for funds as a member of a coalition?

*Yes, conditional on receiving prior permission from Hyams. Groups seeking funding for their work on Community-Identified Issues (at the “base” level) **cannot** also apply for funds as the lead for a network or coalition. Even with the Foundation’s approval, organizations are limited to submitting two applications per 12-month period.*

5) Can an organization apply for a technical assistance/capacity-building grant as well as an operating/program grant in any one year?

Yes. It is preferable that this be done at the same time that an applicant submits its operating/program request.

6) How many grantmaking cycles will the Foundation have in 2016?

There will be three application cycles in 2016 (for April, June and December board grantmaking meetings). Any changes to the frequency or schedule of application deadlines would most likely take place in 2017.

APPLICATION DEADLINE	TRUSTEE DECISIONS (MEETING)
December 9, 2015	April 1, 2016
March 4, 2016	June 3, 2016
September, 2016	December, 2016

7) Would Hyams consider allowing grantees to reapply earlier in 2016 than is allowed under the current 12-month waiting period policy?

Hyams may be open to waiving the 12-month waiting period policy in 2016, but applicants must contact a Hyams program staff member to receive permission to do so in advance of submitting an application.

8) Are there certain deadlines when applying for Special Opportunities Funds (SOF) grants?

No. Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) seeking SOF support are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Please carefully review the grant making guidelines on the Foundation’s website.