

Strengthening Democracy Through Civic Engagement and Community Empowerment

Track Partner: Jampart Charitable Trust

What We Are Looking For

On this track, strong applicants will be able to demonstrate some or all of these key characteristics:

- Engage people who are disenfranchised from democratic processes that determine how community needs are met, especially in communities and populations that have historically been removed from or underrepresented in voting, advocacy, and other forms of civic engagement, including:
 - Communities of color
 - Immigrant communities
 - Low-income communities
 - Senior citizens
 - Other marginalized identities (e.g., LGBTQ+, disability, etc.)
 - Communities with low voter turnout
- Develop meaningful and impactful solutions to addressing community needs in authentic partnership with community members and leaders, including empowering people and being accountable to those served.
- Mitigate barriers to participation in democratic processes and civic engagement and support people to build agency and capacity to shape their community. This could include using innovative methods to increase accessibility to quality information and civic engagement education to support agency in decision making.
- Organizations with a focus on community building and grassroots organizing are strongly encouraged to apply.
- *Organizations based in gateway cities are strongly encouraged to apply.*
- Meet the [Social Innovator Accelerator Criteria](#).