



Just Health Fund

Launched in response to the expanding erosion of health equity, the Just Health Fund is a grantmaking initiative at the Tides Foundation that supports reproductive justice and other pressing health equity issues affecting marginalized groups in the US. Partnering with leading legal experts in the field to ensure confident and courageous grantmaking, the Just Health Fund is designed to support the diverse communities and proximate leaders that Tides serves.

Our Goals

- Establish long-term support for reproductive justice and, in the future, other pressing health equity issues that disproportionately affect marginalized groups.
- Work toward a future of health equity and opportunity so every individual can live a healthy life.
- Establish a safe, flexible, and trusted resource for funders to invest in health justice. Throughout the life of this fund, we hope to support reproductive care, as well as other issues of equitable health access.

Funding Priorities

Legacy organizations often receive the most funding in reproductive rights and LGBTQ+ rights spaces, but grassroots organizations are best positioned to drive transformation and innovation in reproductive justice and LGBTQ+ rights. Their localized lens gives them a deep understanding of the culture and specific needs of their own community, and for decades these small but effective organizations have done the heavy lifting of critical community-based work. Yet these same organizations often struggle to obtain funding, which is more often directed toward larger, national legacy organizations.

Primary. Organizations led by proximate leaders centering reproductive justice, particularly for BIPOC communities, LGBTQ+ health access, and access to healthcare and health equity more broadly.

Secondary. Reproductive justice organizations and LGBTQ+ inclusive organizations who are grantmaking in this space.

Our Approach

We understand that the legal landscape around abortion care is complex and confusing. This is by design. To help you make more confident and courageous funding choices, Tides has partnered with legal experts in the reproductive justice space to thoroughly vet organizations. We are partnering with leading legal experts in the reproductive justice field to ensure that our grantmaking is as bold as possible while being risk aware and responsive to the shifting, and in some places hostile, legal landscape.

Governance

The JHF is a Tides Collective Fund with an Independent Advisory Council (IAC). Responsibilities of the IAC include:

- Develop the strategic plan and roadmap for the fund
- Create criteria for funding based on its expertise in the reproductive justice space
- Make grant recommendations
- Stay abreast of rapid response needs and funding gaps
- Partner with leading legal experts in the health justice field



How You Can Help

We aim to raise an initial \$500,000 to then launch the fund more widely. By early 2025, we aim to have up to \$2 million in the fund. Planned grantmaking rounds are outlined below, and will rely on bold early funders to scale our impact. The grants will be distributed via a semiannual RFP process. Contact by email to learn more and get involved: justhealthfund@tides.org

Grant Announcement	Award Announcement	Awards
Q4 2024	Q1 2025	10 grants of \$25,000
Q2 2025	Q3 2025	10 grants of \$25,000



Tareya Palmer serves as senior advisor at Tides. In this role, she builds strategy with corporate and institutional donors with a focus on strengthening the power of groups who face systemic barriers to resources and opportunities. Tareya has served as director at regional nonprofits where she partnered with donors to expand healthcare access for marginalized communities.



Harriet Gardner serves as the senior director and leads a team of advisors engaged in providing grantmaking, strategic consulting, and capacity building with corporate and institutional donors. Harriet has led global partnerships for Save the Children and UNICEF, and collaborated with companies like Johnson & Johnson, GE, Microsoft, Facebook, Gucci, Pfizer, and GlaxoSmithKline.

Tides is a nonprofit and philanthropic organization dedicated to advancing social justice. We work across the social sector to shift power to leaders, communities of color, and other historically excluded groups who face systemic barriers. Applying our equity-centered lens and leveraging our vast network of changemakers, we work to strengthen the impact of our partners by offering services like fiscal sponsorship, donor advised funds, impact investing, and grantmaking.