



Southern Partners Fund
 1237 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard
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Who is Southern Partners Fund?

We are a public foundation created in 1998 by a group of community leaders and activists in the South. Our mission is to help communities and grassroots organizations work for social, economic and environmental justice in the rural south. We provide these organizations with financial resources, technical assistance, and training and access to systems of information and power. Our grantee partner organizations act as change agents in their communities by helping the people who are impacted by social, economic and environmental injustice to understand the dimensions of the problem, define where their own interests lie, form alliances with like-minded others, and take collective action in their own behalf.



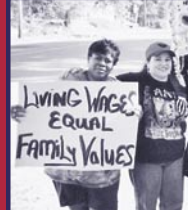
How was Southern Partners Fund created?

SPF was created in 1998 by a group of eighteen community leaders and activists. These founding members, representing community-based organizations across the south, came together out of a shared desire to push the philanthropic envelope. It was their vision to create a community based democratic philanthropic organization that could achieve a unique balance of relevance, rigor, and user-friendliness in its grantmaking. With this vision in mind, the founding members convened the Board of SPF. The Bert and Mary Meyer Foundation, a fifteen year old family foundation with a strong track record of supporting Southern grassroots organizing work, pledged its assets to help establish this grantee-created and grantee-controlled funding organization.



What makes Southern Partners Fund unique?

At least 80% of our membership comes from currently or previously funded grassroots organizations. Our members elect the board of directors, serve on Board committees, and play an active role in the organization. Being organized this way means that the people we serve control how funds are awarded to grantees. It means that our programming and grant making decisions respond to grassroots organizations' needs and perspectives. And it gives grantees a chance to network with each other so they develop a power base of their own while making governing decisions for SPF.



What is unique about Southern Partners Fund's grant making program?

Our program involves outreach to potential applicants. We don't wait for grantees to come to us – we go to them. We're also unique because our members, who are mostly grantees themselves, take part in all aspects of our process. They make up our evaluation teams, screen and review proposals, make site visits to applicants, and develop and present funding recommendations to our board. We also make technical assistance grants, travel awards, and discretionary grants.

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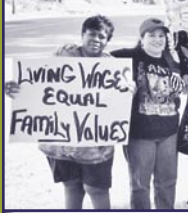


What region does Southern Partners Fund serve?

Our funding area is 12 southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

What is the size of organizations supported by Southern Partners Fund?

Most of our funds go to small organizations. For example, in 2002, nearly half of our grantees had budgets of \$150,000 or less. Only 16% had budgets larger than \$300,000.



There are some things we do not fund:

- Direct services
- Building and land acquisitions
- Legal fees
- Regranting intermediary organizations
- Urban organizations.

Application Deadline August 1st
Notification of Grant Decisions Early February
Grant Distribution Early March

For more information or for an application, please contact Robyn Davis at the Southern Partners Fund office.

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How can my organization apply for grant support from Southern Partners Fund?

Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Successful grant applicants are:

- Rural community groups in the Southeastern United States,
- Self-governed by members of the targeted rural population, and
- Organizing on issues of social, economic and environmental justice that enable community members to become decision-makers.



Where can you find us?

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How can I contribute to the work of Southern Partners Fund?

I would like to support Southern Partners Annual Giving Campaign. Please accept my gift of \$ _____.

I would like more information on:

- SPF's work Making a bequest Donor Advised Funds Planned giving Other donor options
- I would like my gift to be anonymous. Please do not rent or exchange my name.
- Double my gift. My employer's Matching Gift Form is enclosed.
- I have included Southern Partners Fund in my estate plans, either through a trust or in my will.

Donor Name: _____
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Please make my gift in honor of in memory of:

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(No amount will be specified).

Please make checks payable to Southern Partners Fund. Gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. An acknowledgement will be sent to confirm your contribution.

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