



## PROGRAM AREA: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Started in 2016, the Civic Engagement program is rooted in the belief that democracy is richer, deeper, and more vibrant when all people are actively involved. The program focuses on supporting progressive organizations that share our values and that are working to engage historically under-represented populations (people of color, youth, and low-income people) in the civic processes, ensuring opportunities for these communities to design and shape the decisions that impact their lives. Trust and relationships are our guiding compass for shifting resources where they're needed. Therefore, the program supports a diverse network of groups, multiracial alliances, coordinated tables, and coalitions focused on meeting the moment and laying the groundwork for the future. The Civic Engagement program supports existing efforts to address today's critical, complex, and entwined social and environmental issues.



### WE BELIEVE

- Democracy is richer when everyone participates.
- Voting is necessary, but we value other forms of community action.
- Learning is critical. Revise and commit. And if it works, keep funding it.
- The people leading the work should represent the communities they serve.
- Our government plays a critical role in supporting the rights and well-being of all people.



### OUR APPROACH

- Integrated voter engagement and election protection and multiracial advocacy
- Census and redistricting - making sure voices are heard, needs addressed, and rights protected.
- We partner with other funders in fortifying existing movements, organizations, and leaders, and pool resources to bolster the broader ecosystem.



### WHAT WE LOOK FOR

- Strong leadership that reflects and actively engages the communities that are being served and most impacted.
- A focused equity and racial equity lens.
- Collaborative efforts and/or coordination of resources to maximize impact.
- Values that closely align with Grove Foundation's values.
- Organizations that increase civic engagement of underrepresented communities.
- Organizations within these geographies: California/Central Valley, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico.

### APPLYING FOR A GRANT

The Grove Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals but welcomes exploratory meetings with organizations who share common goals.