

# GRANTEE FEEDBACK

## FROM SURVEY AND FOCUS GROUPS



As part of efforts to spend down its available resources by 2030, Grove Action Fund and Grove Foundation (Grove) commissioned the Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP) to collect candid feedback from grantees about ways additional one-time support can strengthen grantees' work, organizations, and fields. Between June and September 2024, CEP surveyed Grove grantees, receiving 74 responses (43% response rate), and followed up with a series of focus groups of nearly 30 grantees.

CEP shared the full set of results with Grove in October 2024 and are pleased to report out our findings with you. Thank you for sharing this incredibly important and valuable feedback.

### What we heard from you:



#### Clear Preference for Unrestricted Funding

Across the survey and the focus groups, grantees overwhelmingly indicate that supplemental financial funding is their top choice, so they could increase support for programmatic work, improve infrastructure at their organizations, and build reserves for long-term sustainability. Grantees also clearly indicate a preference for unrestricted funding.



#### Restricted Funds Should Target Specific Needs

Restricted funds are grantees' second choice. Feedback suggests support would be most effective if directed towards staffing, fundraising and development, or building financial reserves and/or funds for special opportunities. Grantees' specific ideas for how Grove can meet the needs of each of these categories of supports have been shared directly.



#### Role of Assistance Beyond the Grant

Grantees see the value in receiving recommendations for consultants and facilitated connections between grantees to complement financial funding, but only if Grove proactively invests resources to ensure that the supports reflect an understanding of their organizations' values and work. If Grove is unable to play that role, grantees would rather receive financial funding.



Overall, grantees see this additional one-time support as a continuation of their positive experiences with Grove's approach to grantmaking and relationships. Grantees are eager to learn more about the next steps in this process, including the availability and goals of support, the recipients of the support, and what will be required, if anything at all, in terms of applications and reporting.