



WHO ARE WE

Our Why

The mission of the GNI is to provide grants aimed at improving community organizing infrastructure and capacity on Long Island through participatory grantmaking.

Our What

The GNI funds infrastructure, leadership development, organizational capacity, and training initiatives.

Our How

We...

- Award grants to organizations with a local presence.
- Hold space for collaboration and community input.
- Fund the development and sustainability of an organizing hub.
- Offer shared tools, shared services, shared learning, and partnership opportunities.

OUR PRINCIPLES

As participatory grantmakers at the Good Neighbors Initiative, we:

- Fund infrastructure, leadership development, organizational capacity and training initiatives that build PEOPLE POWER and strengthen community organizing on Long Island;
- Acknowledge the limitations and challenges within existing philanthropy that perpetuate competitive grantmaking, scarcity mindset, and silos that harm communities and our ability to work on collective movement building. Our model allows us to invest in projects and people that normally do not have access to traditional philanthropy;
- Strive to reduce administrative burdens and cumbersome grant-reporting for grantees and work to distribute resources as soon as possible;
- Offer flexible funding opportunities that are adaptive to the changing organizing needs on Long Island on a year-round basis based on the availability of funds;
- Amplify the voices of marginalized communities and center intersectional approaches to community-led strategies and solutions; and
- Highly encourage and prioritize values-aligned groups who apply together.

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<https://licf.org/GNI>

