**Community Engagement Grants** **($1,000-$10,000)** [**CVENT Application**](http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/c3f4b2e9-8f88-482b-a13d-15733a2519e5)

These smaller grants are designed to support immediate community needs for critical conversations, networking, and basic operations for emerging or smaller-scale restorative initiatives. These are examples of possible activities suited to this grant category, including but not limited to:

* Listening and/or dialogue processes within identified communities and/or between community and system representatives – such as law enforcement – to raise awareness and address racial and other social justice inequities
* Community engagement to strengthen relationships, develop strategic partnerships, and assess readiness to launch restorative initiatives in communities and/or systems
* Small-scale restorative and transformative justice projects – including alternatives to the traditional criminal justice approach- to prevent or address harm in identified communities
* Consultation(s) related to start-up needs for restorative initiatives
* Cross-training, coaching and mentoring opportunities within and between Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities of practice and White practitioners/allies to share learning and strengthen relationships.

**Questions for Community Engagement Grants**

1. Tell us about your organization/program. Include what you do and the population you work with ( no more than 250 words)
2. Describe your proposed project ( no more than 500 words)
3. How does your project address harms, needs, and participation of relevant parties? (No more than 250 words)
4. Describe how your program/project impact underserved populations? Include any community partnerships involved in efforts. Underserved populations include individuals who by virtue of language, ethnicity, race, culture, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion, gender, gender identity, immigrant or undocumented status, and geographic location may face barriers in accessing services (No more than 250 words)

**Capacity/Innovation Grants ($10,001-$65,000**) [CVENT Application](http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/e4d21652-bfec-4dbd-87b7-8c58a0edf0aa)

These mid-size grants are designed to strengthen best practices in RJ across communities, regions, and the state. While individual organizations may apply for grants, this grant category is not intended for general operating support or capital expenses. The focus is capacity-building and innovation within programs - such as enhancing skills and operating systems to improve effectiveness, sustainability, fidelity to RJ values and principles, and forwarding equity and inclusion goals - as well as support for broader collaborative efforts across communities and sectors. These are examples of possible activities suited to this grant category, including but not limited to:

* Regional or sector-wide strategic networking, training or infrastructure development
* Develop/implement evidence-based research and data collection tools
* Organizational or system assessments (e.g., fidelity to best practices, equity-specific audits, i.e. barriers to access such as eligibility biases, language justice, etc.)
* Targeted strategies to increase under-represented groups within board and staff leadership, community volunteers, and client populations
* COVID-19 adjustments and innovations to program delivery
* Specialized trainings for professional development of board, staff and/or volunteers
* Explore/implement strategic transitions or collaborations (e.g., leadership succession, mergers, strategic networks, public-private partnerships)

**Questions for Capacity Building Grants**

1. Tell us about your agency/organization. Include who you are, what you do, target populations, and your mission, vision, and values (No more than 250 words)
2. What is your definition of restorative justice/principles/values and how is RJ part of your project? (No more than 250 words)
3. Tell us about your program/project and what need(s) would funding help you address? Include if this is a new program/project or an expansion of an existing program/project and capacity to meet project goals. (No more than 750 words)
4. How does your project address harms, needs, and participation of relevant parties? (No more than 250 words)
5. How will your program/project impact underserved populations? Include any community partnerships involved in efforts.  Underserved populations include individuals who by virtue of language, ethnicity, race, culture, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion, gender, gender identity, immigrant or undocumented status, and geographic location may face barriers in accessing services. (No more than 250 words)
6. How will you define success? Include any data you will be collecting in your response. (No more than 250 words)
7. Describe your sustainability plan once RJ Council funding has ended. (No more than 250 words)