## Healing Illinois is back!

Healing Illinois is a racial healing initiative led by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), in partnership with the Field Foundation of Illinois. The program is designed to distribute \$4.5 million in grants to organizations across the state to begin or continue the work of racial healing. At the core of the Healing Illinois initiative is the belief that all Illinoisans can advance racial healing by valuing the experiences of the people who live here and honoring the histories of its diverse communities. [Name of intermediary] will serve as a Healing Illinois intermediary for Region XX.

## Funding priorities are:

- Community Building and Engagement: Funding for existing racial healing activities designed to strengthen relationships and promote collective healing within and across communities.
- Media and Storytelling: Funding for projects that use media, narrative, and creative storytelling to advance racial healing.
- Education and Awareness: This category aims to prioritize initiatives that educate individuals and communities on the impact of historic and ongoing harms and highlight pathways towards healing.

**Applications open November 1, 2024**. To learn more about the initiative and how to apply, join us at an upcoming information session:

- November 4, 2024 | 2:00pm 3:30pm | Register here.
- November 7, 2024 | 1:00pm 2:30pm | Register here.
- November 12, 2024 | 11:00am 12:30pm | Register here.

Attending an information session is not required to apply for this funding opportunity.

Healing Illinois will be using Just Fund to support applications submissions. Just Fund is a common application system that serves as a national repository for non-profit organizations.

All interested applicants must complete their application via <u>The JustFund</u> Common Application.

To access the application, grant seekers must first create an account in JustFund. For more information on how to create an account, visit the <u>resources</u> <u>page</u>. For additional support email <u>info@justfund.us</u>.

## Applications are due by November 15, 2024 by 8:00pm CST.

## **Contact Information**

For technical questions regarding the application portal, email <a href="mailto:info@justfund.us">info@justfund.us</a>.

For programmatic and application content questions, email at <a href="healingillinois@fieldfoundation.org">healingillinois@fieldfoundation.org</a>.

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