

Social Innovator Accelerator – First Round Application Questions

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Applicant Program or Organization Name*

Standalone organization or program within an organization?

Select one option

Standalone organization

Program within an organization

What is the name of your parent organization?

Is your organization a chapter or affiliate of a national organization?

Select one option

Yes

No

Social Issue Track*

Select one

Have you applied to the Social Innovator Accelerator before?*

Select one option

No

Yes

Application Author

First Name*

Last Name*

Title*

Email Address*

Organization Address*

Date Organization/Program Founded*

Please upload your organization's 501c(3) or fiscal agent documentation*

[file upload]

Website*

Facebook

Twitter

Instagram

Social Media - feel free to share links to any other platforms where you share information and news

Organization Contact Information

Director/CEO

First Name*

Last Name*

Title*

Work Phone*

Cell Phone

Email Address*

When did the Director/CEO start working with the organization?

Do you have a secondary contact?*

The secondary contact should be someone that might be involved with the SIF process should your organization be selected, e.g. the program director, development director, etc.

Select one option

No

Yes

First Name*
Last Name*
Title*
Work Phone*
Cell Phone
Email Address*

Lead Innovator

The Lead Innovator should be the leader of the program or organization and will be expected to attend all Social Innovation Forum sessions and to present on behalf of their organization at the Social Innovator Showcase in May 2023.

Who is your organization's lead innovator?*

Select one option
Director/CEO
Secondary Contact
Other

First Name*
Last Name*
Title*
Work Phone*
Cell Phone
Email Address*

- When did the Lead Innovator start working with the applicant organization/program?*
- When did the Lead Innovator assume their current title?*
- What was the Lead Innovator's previous place of employment and position?
(500 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*
- In their own words, please have the Lead Innovator explain what brought them to this work. (1,000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*

Program Model

- Please briefly describe what the applicant organization/program does. It is helpful for us to understand things like: main activities, locations/sites, target population(s), and number of current program participants, campaigns, initiatives, etc. (1,500 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*
- How does the work of the applicant program/organization align with the social issue track you are applying for? (1,000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*
Please refer to the key characteristics mentioned in the track description
- We believe social innovation is the process of finding, testing, and honing impactful and potentially transformative approaches that are responsive to the needs of community members, disrupt systems, and bring about systemic change. How is your model/approach innovative? How does your innovation make your work impactful? (1,000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*

Vision

- What is the long-term vision of the applicant organization/program? (*i.e. how, in an ideal world, would its work impact the social issue as defined in the social issue track description?*) (1,000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*
- Share your goals, ideas, and plans for moving your organization toward its long-term vision. (1,500 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*

Financial and Staffing Information

Please provide the following information for the applicant organization/program. If you are applying for a program of an organization, please list the program's financial and staffing information.

In the breakdown of FTEs (full-time equivalents), please count **paid** full and part-time staff, not volunteers (e.g. 1 full-time staff + 1 part-time staff = 1.5 FTEs or 3 part-time staff would also equal 1.5 FTEs)

- What is your fiscal year end?*
- Please provide us with information about your organization for each of your organization's fiscal years from 2020 through 2022. If your 2022 fiscal year is not complete, please estimate this information.

Fiscal Year	Revenue	Expenses	FTEs
2020			
2021			
2022			
2023			

- Optional Comments (500 characters minimum, no maximum character count)

Capacity Building Support

- The Social Innovation Forum is looking for organizations that are at a point in which they are seeking to engage in capacity building to deepen, shift, and/or expand their work. Some examples include change in leadership, development of a strategic plan, board development, new programmatic design, geographic expansion. Please describe how you hope to deepen, shift, or expand your work. (1000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*
- Share about your interest in engaging in SIF’s capacity building program. How do you want your organization and/or community to be different as a result of this opportunity? (1,000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*
Please refer to the Benefits to Social Innovators section of the Applicant Guide for more information about what SIF can offer your organization/program.
- SIF Accelerator program is intensive and time-consuming - we estimate that Social Innovators spend an average of 8 hours a week during the first 6 months (January - May) on SIF-related activities including meeting with consultants, SIF team, reviewing deliverables, etc. How are you planning to maintain your workflow and continue your work while engaging with the SIF Accelerator program? (e.g. delegate; engage additional staff in the SIF process; etc.) (1,000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*
- Due to the time intensive nature of the first 6 months of the Accelerator and the forward planning that occurs during this time, we find it helpful to understand what other engagements you anticipate during that time. Do you have plans to engage with any external coaches or consultants or to begin or work on a strategic plan from January-May of 2023? If yes, describe the nature and timing of the engagement. (1,000 characters maximum, no minimum character count)*