



Children's Rights Innovation Fund (CRIF)

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CRIF's Pillars & Mission

CRIF will collaboratively catalyze risk, innovation and learning towards eliminating **systemic** barriers to the advancement children's rights

Innovative grantmaking

Organized around a series of thematic portfolios to drive new thinking and through participatory strategy and grant selection, we invest in the power of youth activists and their allies.

The Constituency

We will provide opportunities for children and youth activists to build community and strategy transnationally.

Learning community

To advance meaningful and lasting innovation, CRIF is building a funder learning community grounded in trust and shared risk.

Grantmaking Tenants

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Commitment

Funding Intersectionality & Disrupting the Silos

CRIF will focus its work on the multiple and layered manifestations structural oppression such as colonialism, sexism, and violence as root causes of children's rights violations. We aim to intentionally disrupt single-issue funding siloes to maximize grantee flexibility and advance intersectional solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

Directly Resourcing the Work & Activism of Children and Youth Activists

CRIF will fund young people directly, despite the structural barriers that make it difficult for them to access resources. We invite their plans and visions for advancing their rights across a host of issues and movements.

Small Grants & Low Threshold Grant Applications


CRIF will provide small-scale, flexible funding for projects led children and youth activists. While not emergency funding, CRIF will minimize the time between application, grant decision and the receipt of funding to ensure that children and youth activists can seize opportunities to make the changes they would like to see.

Transnational Movement & Participatory Grantmaking


CRIF will provide opportunities for children and youth activists to connect transnationally to learn and collaborate with one another

 Barbados Age 21


Jaliyah is the founder of an educational equity organization. Her purpose is to create opportunities for marginalized peoples (and animals) in her region.

Age 23  Benin

Mahouklo is a project manager, mentor and trainer of children and youth who is a militant for the liberation of Black people.

Age 20  Sierra Leone

Rebecca is a computer engineering student, entrepreneur, singer and founder of a mental health organization, and aspiring software engineer.

 Colombia Age 23

Alejandra is an Afro-Colombian based in Argentina. Afro-feminist, anti-racist and lesbian activist.

WHAT *if...*
we dreamed
collectively?


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Participatory Grantmaking Collaborative

Age 20  Brazil

Beatriz is a student and activist who envisions a future of justice where Black people live life to the fullest.

 Gambia Age 21

Fanta is an advocate for rural women and children with a love for meeting new people and learning new things.

Age 17  Peru


Yamilee is a proud Afro-Peruvian from the rural district of El Carmen who has been an activist from the age of 6.

Age 16  USA

Neveah is a Californian native, and a girls rights and racial justice activist.

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About Racism & Colonialism

- The Importance of Posing the Question
 - An Inherited Global Struggle
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About a focus on
West Africa AND
the Americas

- Majority vs. Minority
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About Black Children & Youth as Activists

- Minding the Intersections
 - Representation Matters
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About Strategy & Grantmaking

- Outreach & A Culture of Exclusion
 - Designing youth engagement for equity
 - Balancing Multiple Ways to Apply with a Quick Response
 - Language Justice
 - Grant Disbursement
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