

FJC's Fiscal Sponsorship Program

Partners in Incubating Nonprofits



"FJC's fiscal sponsorship was critical to us. Their support helped us to move quickly to secure early-stage funding commitments and begin operations while we applied for our own 501 (c) (3) nonprofit status."

Laura Lazarus, Co-Founder, Anthos Home



"With FJC's support, we're excited to expand our programming and bring even more enriching events to the families of Halets Point. Their staff warked quickly and effectively to get us onboarded, allowing us to focus on strengthening our community."

Alysha Mayfield, Executive Director, The Hallets Playground Alliance



"FJC has been an incredible partner in our work. They provide exceptional client service to us, our donors, and our grantees, and they do so at by far the lowest cost of any similar service in the city."

John Kimble, Senior Advisor,

The NYC Fund to End Youth & Family Homelessness



"FLC's oversight and management, at fees that are better than most other fscal sponsors, helps us do our work with peace of mind. And on top of it all, their staff is kind, empathetic and helpful with all the ups and downs of running an organization in these challencina times."

> Adina Poupko, Executive Director, The Natan Fund



"FJC is an important partner that provides reliable financial services at reasonable cost so that we can carry out our difficult work with confidence."

Elizabeth Mpofu, Founder, African Women's Collaborative



"Thanks to FJC's Fiscal Sponsorship Program, we are able to focus on expanding our kelp gardens and engaging communities in this vital work. Together, we're building a healthier, more resilient waterfront for New York City."

Shanjana Mahmud, Executive Director, Seaweed City

### Overview of Fiscal Sponsorship Program (FSP)

Payment processing. Allows your nonprofit project to leverage FJC's 501(c)(3) status and operational systems to collect tax-deductible contributions and disburse grants, direct-to-vendor payments and reimbursements.

Compliance. FJC manages tax and audit compliance for funds that flow through your account. We send receipts to donors and 1099s to vendors, and we include your financial information in our audited financials and IRS Form 990.

Mission flexibility. You may apply as long as your project is charitable in purpose. To date, over 400 projects and organizations have participated. Areas of facus include: education, health services, religion, science, and and culture, and the environment.



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### Affordable fees.

- Administrative fee is 1% annually, based on your account's average daily balance\*
- Transaction fee starts at 4.5% for all incoming funds

No application fee, renewal fee, or minimum balance requirement.

No geographic limitations – organizations from over 40 countries have participated.

\* Note: funds held in the account also earn interest, which can offset these costs and increase funds available for mission.



# **Case Studies**





Anthos | Home bridges the gaps between voucher holders, government, nonprofits, and property providers to get New Yarkers housed faster—and stay housed long-term. By streamlining the process of moving families and individuals out of shelter. Anthos | Home reduces average wait limes to housing from over a year to just a few months.

#### African Women's Collaborative for Healthy Food

Systems is a Pan-Arican initiative led by women leaders from Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Working with FJC, the Collaborative is expanding its network of funders to include U.S-based danors and foundations, significantly increasing the resources available to advance Its mission.

### **Case Studies**





The Halles Playground Alliance is on a mission to create an inclusive, vibrant community space in the Halles Point neighborhood, where families and neighbors can come together through health-centered events and outdoor social activities. Founded in April 2023, the Alliance came to FJC for their efficiency and ease rather than facusing an building the infrastructure of a formal oneprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

#### The NYC Fund to End Youth & Family Homelessness

is a cotaborative philanthrapic initiative led jointly by foundations and advocates with lived expertise of homelessness who share the belief that al New Yorkers need the safety and signify of a home. Hosted at FJC, the Fund pools resources from foundations and high net worth individuals and builds the evidence base for innovative, systems focused solutions.

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Seawed Chy is transforming New York Harbor with regenerative seaweed aquaculture, improving water quality, restoring marine habitats, and strengthening coastal resilience while engaging community stakeholders. Streamlining operations through FLC allows Seaweed City to concentrate on what matters most building a movement that champions community engagement and sustainability doing New York's waterfront. Natan is a giving circle where members pool their charitable contributions together and make joint decisions about what to support. The organization has allocated over \$17 million to over 300 innovative Jewish and Israeli nonprofits, social business, and social entrepreneurs around the world. Natan has been a participant in the FJC Fiscal Sponsoship Program for more than 20 years.

# APPENDIX: Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the process to be approved for the Fiscal Sponsorship Program and how long does it take?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. All applications must include a clear overview of the proposed activities, projected budgets for the next two years, and a summary of the staff and/or board members associated with the project. Once FJC has received all the requested materials, the application will be circulated to the fiscal Sponsorship Committee for review, FJC will notify applicants of the Committee's decision and, if the application is approved, an FSP Agreement will be executed. The length of the application process depends on several variables, including how complete the application is at the firme of submission and the nature of the project.

### Who is eligible to participate in the Fiscal Sponsorship Program?

We are looking for organizations or projects that are led by passionate and capable managers who are dedicated to executing their missions. Organizations do not need to be incorporated, but if they are, they should be incorporated as nonprofits in their respective state. We do not offer fiscal sponsoribip to organizations with 501(c)(3) status. Organizations need not necessarily have formal financials, but they must demonstrate sound fiscal management. Projects are ineligible if they would result in private inurement or activities that would generate personal benefit to the application of their affiltes.

### How can donors contribute to my FSP account?

FJC allows projects to solicit and collect tax-deductible contributions, which can be made by credit card, check or wire transfer. FJC also routinely accepts appreciated securities, mutual funds, or other assets. We can also accept grant payments from toundations, if fiscally sponsored projects apply for them.

#### Will my donors receive tax receipts?

FJC will send each donor a receipt for all eligible contributions, confirming the donation's tax deductibility. You can send personal thank you letters to your donors, but only FJC can address tax deductibility.

### How can I monitor my account's activity?

FLC provides access to an account portal, where you can view your account activity, statements, donors' information, donors' receipt letters, and forms you may need. The reports on the account portal provide you with all of the information that we have about your contributions and disbursements.

### How are funds disbursed?

Requests for disbursements must be submitted with accompanying invoices or receipts through our account portal. FJC prefers to pay vendors directly but can issue reimbursements when necessary. FJC does not provide formal payroll but can provide guidance for how best to set up a third-party payroll system. Disbursements are typically processed once a week.

### What type of reporting is necessary to maintain my fiscal sponsorship relationship with FJC?

Reports are due every 6 months and must include a narrative of how funds were used from the account, a categorized line-item accounting of the distributions, and narrative detailing the project's progress and new goals. Budgets must be submitted annually for review.

### Are there nonprofit activities that FJC cannot support through its Fiscal Sponsorship Program?

FLC has a strict policy that prohibils lobbying. If your programmatic operations require lobbying as an essential activity, this will make you ineligible for fiscal sponsorbip at FLC. Please note that FLC is set up to support private fundraising. FLC is unable to receive federal grants or enter into contracts with agreemment entities for state or local government funding.



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Further information, including applications and budget templates, can be found on our website: https://lic.org/get-started/