



## The Jack Dilenschneider Award for Social Justice Eligibility & Scoring

**Purpose:** The Jack Dilenschneider Award for Social Justice is an annual grant funded by the Dilenschneider family in honor of John J. "Jack" Dilenschneider to recognize outstanding organizations working on social justice. The purpose of the Award is to provide an appropriate recipient that promotes social justice, in the spirit of Jack Dilenschneider. This annual \$10,000 award will provide funding to one Bold Solutions Network Member for general operating purposes.

**Eligibility:** BSN organizations must meet the following requirements to be considered for the Dilenschneider Award:

- Organizations focused on, or have programs focused on, social justice
- Organizations with a budget under \$10M
- Organizations that have not been awarded a competition prize in the same calendar year
- Organizations that are not currently a finalist in a competition
- Organizations that have not received The Jack Dilenschneider Award for Social Justice in the past two years.

**Selection Process and Criteria:** To be considered for the Dilenschneider Award, Bold Solutions Network member organizations must nominate themselves or another member organization can nominate them. You can find the nomination form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YD5HW2N>

Lever for Change staff will score applicants out of 20 points based on the criteria below.

- **Clarity of Issue and Impact** (5 points) – Explanation of issue to be addressed and impact of proposed project is clear. Beneficiaries of project and/or metrics of success are clearly outlined.
- **Community-Informed** (5 points) – Is the approach informed and supported by the community it wishes to serve? Does the solution address community and stakeholder needs, engaging them in an ongoing, inclusive way to ensure long-term impact?
- **Social Justice** (5 points) – Does the project advance social justice as defined by " a movement for fairness, equity, impartiality, and the respect and protection of human rights, characterized by the promotion of, and elimination of the past and present barriers to, equitable access, treatment, consideration, and opportunity for all."
- **Equity** (5 points) – Project benefits different types of people equitably – particularly Black people and people of color, people in poverty, LGBTQ people, and other marginalized and/or vulnerable people.

**Timeline (2022):** The nomination period opens on April 18<sup>th</sup> and will close **July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm CDT**. The awardee will be notified in late Fall 2022. The \$10,000 grant will be dispersed by the end of the year.



*This is a sample of the nomination form for guidance only. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YD5HW2N> to submit a nomination.*

### **The Jack Dilenschneider Award for Social Justice Nomination Form**

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Please use this form to nominate your organization or another organization for the Award. Eligible organizations must meet the following requirements:

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If you have any questions about this process, please email us at [boldsolutionsnetwork@leverforchange.org](mailto:boldsolutionsnetwork@leverforchange.org).

1. Please enter your contact information:

- Name
- Organization
- Title
- Email Address

2. What Bold Solutions Network organization are you nominating for the Dilenschneider Award?

3. Why should this organization be considered for this award? Please explain the mission of the organization and its impact.

4. How does the organization engage community stakeholders in its work?

5. How does the organization advance social justice? Social justice can be defined as a movement for fairness, equity, impartiality, and the respect and protection of human rights, characterized by the promotion of, and elimination of the past and present barriers to, equitable access, treatment, consideration, and opportunity for all.

6. How does the organization advance equity? This can include benefits to particularly Black people and people of color, people in poverty, LGBTQ people, and other marginalized and/or vulnerable people.

7. Is there anything Lever for Change should mention in our nomination letter that would influence the donor's decision (i.e., current award matches from other donors, new and relevant programming/initiatives, previous funding relationship with the donor)?