Democracy Program

General Operating Support Narrative (Stage 2)

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Applicant Instructions:

o *Start by saving this this form to your own files.*

o *Be sure to complete all fields; incomplete forms must be returned, thereby delaying the application process.*

o *Take note of recommended word limits. To check the word count for any response, select the text with your cursor and look at the status bar at the bottom left of the Word window.*

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● Required field

Ensure the information you enter in this section exactly matches that which you entered in the online application form

Organization Seeking Grant:	●
Request Amount:	●

A. PROGRESS & IMPACT

1. ● **Systems Impact**
   Describe the system you are seeking to influence. Why are the organizational goals you are prioritizing in the coming year the most important to influencing this system? Please keep in mind the Democracy Program's Focus Areas and our populations of interest as you answer this question.
   (*Recommended word limit: 500*)

2. ● **Success**
   How will you know you have been successful? Describe what success looks like generally, and what it looks like at the end of the grant period.
   (*Recommended word limit: 250*)

3. ● **Risks & Challenges**
   What risks and challenges might you encounter? How do you plan to mitigate or overcome them?
   (*Recommended word limit: 250*)

4. ● **Partnerships**

What partnerships will you initiate or continue in order to achieve to achieve your organizational goals and/or systems impact? Explain why each partnership is important for your work.

(*Recommended word limit: 500*)

B. FUNDING

1. ● **Organizational Funding**

List your organization's top five funders for the most recently completed fiscal year.

Funder Name	Type (Foundation, Corporation, Individual Donor)	Amount	Purpose	Fiscal Year of Award
1.		$		
2.		$		
3.		$		
4.		$		
5.		$		

C. EVALUATION

This section is designed to provide us with some insight to how you might use evaluation to inform and improve your practice.

If you are applying for more than $50,000, we encourage you to discuss these questions with our Director of Evaluation and Learning, Rebekah Levin, before submitting your application. She may be reached by phone at 312.445.5045.

1. ● **Questions**

What question(s) would you like to answer or explore through evaluation?

2. ● **Information & Methods**

What information will you need to answer your question(s), and what methods will you use to gather and analyze your data?

3. ● **Purpose**

What is the purpose of the evaluation (e.g., program improvement, informing policy makers, assessing impact, informing staff or participants, etc.)?

4. ● **Planning & Execution**

Who will be responsible for planning and conducting your evaluation work?

5. ● **Application of Learning**

How will you apply what you learn from evaluation to inform and improve your practice?

6. ● **Knowledge Sharing**
   What external audiences could benefit from knowing what you learn, and how will you share what you learn with those audiences?

7. ● **Budget**
   What is your budget for evaluation?

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