

Movement Sustainability Commons

A project of the [Center for Economic Democracy](#) and [Resist](#)

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Mission

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, Movement Sustainability Commons nourishes and sustains people and groups working for justice, economic democracy, and liberation.

We do this by offering affordable, high quality services, practices, spaces and pathways that support both interdependence and self-reliance for community self-determination.

Fiscal Sponsorship Services

Movement Sustainability Commons provides three types of fiscal sponsorship services.

Comprehensive Fiscal Sponsorship (Model A)

The fiscally sponsored project operates under the umbrella of the Commons and Resist's status as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

- Once fiscally sponsored, the project is no longer a separate entity.
- The Commons accepts all legal, tax, fiduciary and Board-level governance responsibility for the project and its activities.
- The service fee is 9%, with a reduced rate of 7%, for the first \$150,000 of income.

Re-granting or Pre-approved Fiscal Sponsorship (Model C)

This relationship allows the fiscally sponsored project to pursue funding through charitable contributions with the understanding that the Commons will receive the funding and re-grant it to the project.

- The project maintains a separate legal identity from the Commons.
- The project is responsible for its own governance, filings, risk and liability.
- The service fee is 5% of total annual income.

Partnered or Campaign Support

Occasionally, the Commons will fiscally sponsor groups seeking fiscal sponsorship on a one-time or time-limited basis. These services are intended to be nimble and responsive to moments of crisis or opportunity.

- Projects operate with either comprehensive or re-granting services as determined by need.
- The service fee is determined on a case-by-case basis depending on services required.

How the Fiscal Sponsorship Relationship Works

Task	Who is Responsible?	
	Comprehensive Fiscal Sponsorship (Model A)	Re-granting or Pre-Approved Fiscal Sponsorship (Model C)
Governance, legal status	Commons	Project
Fundraising	Project	Project
Receipt and processing of donations and funding	Commons	Commons
Bookkeeping	Commons	Project
Employment and administration of payroll	Commons	Project
Compliance, reporting	Commons	Project
Liability and workers compensation insurance	Commons	Project
Financial audit	Commons	Project

Who We Work With

The Movement Sustainability Commons fiscally sponsors projects that are aligned with our mission and with laws governing tax-exempt activities. Projects may be:

- Established groups, projects or campaigns that do not have 501(c)(3) status or or that are interested in sunseting their 501(c)3 status
- Organizations or partnerships that are starting up new tax-exempt activities
- Efforts seeking one-time or time-limited sponsorship

Partial List of Fiscally Sponsored Projects:

[Birth Center Equity Fund](#)

[Boston Education Justice Alliance](#)

[Movement Ground Farm](#)

[Neighborhood Birth Center](#)

[Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust](#)

[Student Immigrant Movement](#)

To begin the fiscal sponsorship application process, please complete [this intake form](#).

For more information, please contact: fs@sustainmovements.org