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# Operational Support for S.O.U.L.J.A.S Progression



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making a thread for a proposal submitted by [Proposal Author]. Remember that proposals need to be accompanied by a thread in order to be discussed and voted on properly..

@[Proposal Author], are you a member of S.O.U.L.J.A.S? Not sure it would make sense for us to spend money on a group that is not affiliated with the fund? Funds are usually reserved for members. This is my hung up about this proposal. Looking forward to more information.



**Poll Created · Thu 25 Mar 2021 1:28PM**

# Operational Support for S.O.U.L.J.A.S Progression Closed Wed 31 Mar 2021 1:04PM

Hello ACF family,

I am proposing on behalf of Los Angeles-based nonprofit S.O.U.L.J.A.S Progression to cover supplies and operational costs for the organization.

S.O.U.L.J.A.S was founded by [External Contact], who was wrongfully incarcerated for 10 years and 8 months, and now works as a decarceration and abolition activist. The name stands for Sowing Our Unity, Love, Justice, and Spirituality. SOULJAS seeks to uplift and support incarcerated, unhoused, and populations transitioning out of incarceration with little to no support from the state.

Each Sunday, SOULJAS hosts SOULJAS Sundays, bringing food, clothes, hygiene supplies, and other supplies down to Skid Row at 6th Street and Crocker. (If you're in LA, please join!) There is also a program that picks people up from prison when they are released, brings them a hot breakfast, and takes them wherever they need to go. A new program has just

begun building garden beds at transitional houses and sowing vegetables to inspire caretaking and farming skills for those in recovery.

Donations have largely dwindled since last fall, and much of the cost of food and supplies is coming out of [External Contact]'s own pocket. I would love to connect SOULJAS with this vibrant and talented community of caretakers to help elevate and expand their mission, as well as consulting on fundraising, expanding, and organizational skills.

You can see their work here:

<https://www.instagram.com/s.o.u.l.j.a.s/>

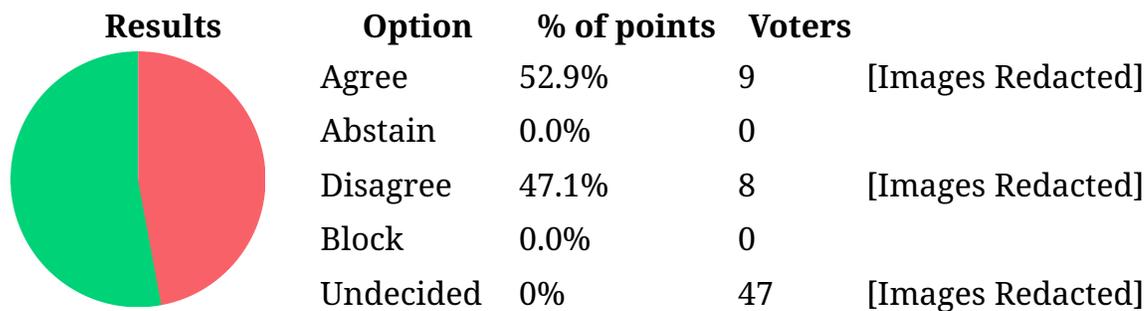
I know that \$600 is the max request for individuals, but @[Group Admin] I was wondering if that would change if the funds are going to a 501(c)(3)? Any amount is helpful!

If anyone has skills in web design/development, graphic design, fundraising, or would like to volunteer in the LA area, please feel free to reach out directly:  
souljasprogression@gmail.com.

Thanks so much! LMK if there are any questions.

Love, [Proposal Author]

## Results



17 of 64 people have participated (26%)



**[Group Admin]**



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activation cooperative fund funds members, not outside orgs, please correct me if i am wrong



**[Proposal Author]** · Thu 25 Mar 2021 11:05PM

Thanks for creating the thread and the clarifying question, @[Group Admin] . I am a member of SOULJAS, and would like to invite [External Contact] into ACF but wasn't sure of the procedure on that. I totally understand however if funding outside orgs is in violation of ACF rules. Thanks!



**[Member #1]**



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I think it is important that this money is available to individuals, who do not have the same possible revenue streams as 501c3s



**[Group Admin]** · Thu 25 Mar 2021 11:14PM

having [External Contact] as a member would be beneficial, it makes sense for funds to go towards contributing members of the fund, seeing that you are a member of both, it is technically allowed



**[Member #2]** · Mon 29 Mar 2021 1:02PM

@[Proposal Author] if you're an active member of SOULJAS, I think it makes sense for you to make the request, especially if you'll be administering/using the funds with [External Contact]. But if it's really just on behalf of [External Contact], agree with @[Member #1] in the Poll that priority should go to ACF members. Also being mindful that some non-profits, even if they have 501c3 status/can apply for grants, might not have capacity to do so and is run by an individual.



**[Proposal Author]** · Mon 29 Mar 2021 10:32PM

Thank you @[Member #2]! I am an active member and will aid in distributing the funding with [External Contact], the founders. Mostly it will go toward materials to build garden beds in a few transitional homes in South Los Angeles. Our pilot project at the Hope House Transitional Home was really successful (garden beds in this video --->

[https://www.instagram.com/p/CMxvgTyJtDF/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CMxvgTyJtDF/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

The organization was formed last summer during the uprising, and is seeking to expand its mission, and to date hasn't had someone in a fundraising role. This funding will also cover production costs for a documentary short about [External Contact]'s experience. Thank you!



**[Group Admin] · Mon 29 Mar 2021 7:31AM**

We need more folks to participate in this thread to determine an outcome.



**[Member #3]**



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Agreeing to this funding if [External Contact] becomes a member - as [Group Admin] & [Member #2] mentioned.



**[Proposal Author] · Wed 31 Mar 2021 1:11PM**

Thank you to everyone who voted. What is the minimum number of votes to secure funding? [External Contact] would like to join ACF, how can I facilitate that? @[Group Admin]

I'm also happy to withdraw this proposal and allow him to create one.



**[Member #4]**



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I agree that funds should go to members!



**[Member #5] · Thu 1 Apr 2021 9:37AM**

[External Contact] should visit the website and enter the process through Paypal / submit information that way & wait to receive confirmation, the handbook, etc, which should follow once [External Contact] is in the system! i don't think there's anything else to it (someone correct me if i'm wrong) and if there are challenges re computer access or familiarity, maybe that's a part you could help with or facilitate. i'm not sure what barriers you might be anticipating re this particular piece, but if there are any, could you be more specific in case there's something we can do? the membership "initiation" process is the same for everyone, i believe, so I would suggest guiding [External Contact] through that way.



**[Member #6]**



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It would make more sense if SOUJAS was a member



**[Member #7]**



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would make sense if SOULJAS was a member



**[Member #8] · Wed 12 Apr 2023 12:05PM**

@[Group Admin] I was looking through the past polls for instances where not everyone was in agreement and found this thread which I missed when I first made that norms thread. What was the outcome of this one?



**[Group Admin]** · **Wed 12 Apr 2023 1:18PM**

@[Member #7] I believe the proposal was not successful.