APPLYING FOR FUNDING WITH WFA

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WELCOME!
Women's Fund Asia

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING
AGENDA

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• Application Process & Tips

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WHO WE ARE

We’re a regional feminist donor organisation that supports the realisation of the human rights of women, girls, trans, and intersex people in Asia.
Who we fund

- Working on women’s, girls, trans, and intersex rights
- Committed to feminist principles and rights-based approaches
- Groups led by women, girls, trans, and/or intersex people (both board & staff)
- Advancement of women, girls, trans, and/or intersex rights must be a key component of the group’s vision and mission
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- **South Asia:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan
- **Southeast Asia:** Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma/Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam
- **East Asia:** Mongolia
WHAT WE FUND

- **Institutional**: Includes administrative costs such as salaries, rent, audits, and other operational costs. Can also be used to fill funding gaps of ongoing/new programmes and collaborations.

- **Programmatic**: This includes support for specific programmes and projects, whether ongoing or new initiatives.
OUR PRIORITY AREAS

- Strengthening Feminist Voices
- Access to Justice
- Autonomy, Decisions, and Sexual Rights
- Environmental Justice
- Movement and Labour
WE DO NOT FUND

- Strategies that violate women, girls, trans, and intersex rights (e.g., raid and rescue, anti-sex work, anti-abortion, anti-LBTIQ rights, etc.)
- For-profit groups
- Educational institutions and academic research
- Microcredit, microfinance, and other income generation activities
- Individuals and organisations affiliated with electoral or party-based political activities
- Groups whose primary purpose is service delivery, humanitarian assistance, charity, poverty alleviation programmes
- Chapters of multilateral organisations (e.g. ASEAN, SAARC, UN agencies) or of international organisations based in the Global North
STRENGTHENING FEMINIST MOVEMENTS (SFM)
SFM ESSENTIALS

- Open to individuals AND organisations
- Annual organisational budget: < USD 50,000
- Grant Amount:
  - **Individuals:** USD 5,000
  - **Organisations:** USD 5,000 - USD 10,000
  - **New organisations:** Max USD 7,000
- Fully institutional grants also available
SFM ESSENTIALS

• Grant Period: 6 OR 12 months
• Application can be completed and submitted in regional languages
• Offline applications via email are accepted
LEADING FROM THE SOUTH (LFS)
LFS ESSENTIALS

- Organisations, networks & consortiums only
- National, sub-regional and regional work
- Application to be submitted online in English
- Available in 3 categories, according to annual budget size:

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<th>Annual Budget</th>
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<td>Frontline Defenders (FD)</td>
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<td>Promoting Regional Feminist Agendas (PRFA)</td>
<td>At least USD 150,000</td>
<td>2 years 3 years</td>
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HOW TO APPLY
APPLICATION MATERIALS

- WHICH GRANT SHOULD I APPLY FOR Quiz
- Call Guidelines
- Grantmaking FAQ
- Proposal Form
- Checklist of Required Documents
- Budget Template
APPLICATION TIPS
IMPORTANT!

- **Deadline: 2nd April 2020** (12 midnight SL time/GMT+5:30)
  - Submit 2-3 days in advance

- **Apply Online**
  - [www.womensfundasia.org/SFMCall/](http://www.womensfundasia.org/SFMCall/)
  - [www.womensfundasia.org/LFSCall/](http://www.womensfundasia.org/LFSCall/)
  - Save and Resume function
  - Submit --> Confirm

- **Institutional support**
1. Where do I start?

- Am I eligible? Which grant should I apply for?
  - WHICH GRANT SHOULD I APPLY FOR Eligibility quiz on WFA’s Apply for a Grant page
- Carefully review the Guidelines, FAQs and Checklist of Required Documents
  - Leadership composition, annual budget etc
  - What documents you must submit: audits, annual reports, etc.
2. Tell us who you are

- Tell us about the **identities you hold** as an individual / organisation.
- Who are you working with? What communities are you/your organisation representing? What is your embeddedness in the community?
- Is the organisation / proposed work **self-led**?
- WFA prioritizes self-led groups, meaning the leadership of the group is representative of the constituency.
3. Why is your work important?

- Explain why your work is necessary and/or critical. What is the change you seek to achieve, and how will the activities lead to this change?
- Ensure that it is realistic.
- Difficult contexts and/or limited access to resources will be taken into account during the review process. Your application may be read by someone from a different part of Asia who does not fully understand your political and other contexts - help the reviewer see the connections.
THANK YOU

Had a question that didn't get answered?
Email us at applications@wf-asia.org