



African Women's Development Fund

BI-ANNUAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Is your organisation an African feminist/ women's rights organisation with cutting edge ideas for advancing women's rights and creating systemic change? Is your organisation led and majority staffed by women, and registered on the African continent? If yes, then you can apply for the AWDF call for applications in any of the three thematic areas listed below:

1. ECONOMIC SECURITY & JUSTICE

- Defending women's economic rights and justice including mobilising women in rural contexts, urban economies, and/or in non-traditional work
- Building ideas and models around women's economic futures
- Defending women's land, property and inheritance rights
- Securing women's housing rights, particularly in the context of urbanisation
- Advancing climate and environmental justice.

2. BODY & HEALTH RIGHTS

- Ending violence against women in all forms through prevention and/or response.
- Advancing the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls, including on issues of sexual orientation, reproductive choice
- Promoting women's emotional well-being and mental health
- Prevention and management of issues around women and HIV/AIDS
- Building awareness and feminist responses to the rise of non-communicable diseases (including cancers, diseases of lifestyle and nutrition).

3. LEADERSHIP, PARTICIPATION & PEACE

- Promoting women's leadership, meaningful participation in decision making including building feminist leadership for social, political and economic change
- Advancing diverse women's participation in governance and decision-making at all levels
- Defending democratic operating space for women's rights organisations and defenders
- Promoting women's human security and peace in all contexts



AWDF encourages applications for work that is led by and supports the leadership and concerns of women facing multiple discriminations (women with diverse abilities; women living with HIV/AIDS, young women, LGBTQ communities, women sex workers, women in the rural areas and marginalised women in urban areas.

Grant period: One year.

Organisations working within the below areas are particularly encouraged to apply- although we will be accepting applications from organisations working on all themes in our strategy. Please note that organisations may request grants of a maximum of 50% of their total income in the last financial year.

Theme	Duration	Geographical Scope	Maximum Amount/USD
Transnational/ subregional and regional organising	One year	Initiatives on any theme being implemented in two or more African countries, including initiatives engaging sub-regional or regional mechanisms	\$100,000
Rights of women living with disability	One Year	Any African country	\$50,000
Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	One Year	Any African country	\$50,000
Movement building in Francophone West Africa; Building leadership of young women in Francophone West Africa	One Year	Francophone West Africa	\$50,000

How to Apply

Download and complete application forms from the AWDF (www.awdf.org) website (English and French) by clicking [here](#)

We only accept one application per organisation/initiative for each call.



All other information about AWDF can be found on the website.

Please send applications with supporting documents to the email address, awdf@awdf.org

Please note that AWDF approves and announces grant awards twice a year. In May and November every year. Applications to be considered for the May 2020 grantmaking cycle are to be received latest by 9 March 2020.

All applications received will be acknowledged, however due to the volume of applications, only successful applicants will be contacted.