

## Frequently Asked Questions for World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism against GBV Call for Proposal - 2021

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### Question 1: Who is AWDF?

**Answer:** The [African Women's Development Fund](#) is a Pan-African grant-making organisation that supports the realisation and fulfilment of African women's rights through funding of autonomous women's organisations on the continent. AWDF supports work to advance women's rights under three strategic themes: [Body and Health Rights](#), [Women's Economic Security and Justice](#), and [Leadership Participation and Peace](#).

### Purpose of the Call for proposal

### **Question 2: What is the focus of the call for proposal for World AIDS Day 2021?**

**Answer:** The 2021 World AIDS Day grants are to fund activities that support mental health and emotional wellbeing for women living with HIV and AIDS. The fund will prioritise activities that focus on women living with HIV and AIDS and living in hard to reach areas and difficult circumstances. We particularly welcome applications from organisations of women living with HIV and AIDS, women's organisations working on improving the mental health of women, and from young women's groups. This call for proposals is opened only to **African Women led organisations with budgets of under USD100,000.**

### **Question 3: What is the focus of the call for proposal for the Sixteen Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence 2021?**

**Answer:** The 2021 Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence (16 days) grants are to fund activities that support mental health and emotional wellbeing for women and girls across Africa who have and continue to experience violence at home, work, school, in public spaces and online, the prevalence of which has been exacerbated by the COVID19 pandemic. The fund will support women's groups and organisations to increase education and awareness on preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG) as well as promoting women's access to comprehensive mental health and emotional wellbeing services. Young women's organisations, organisations led by and focused on women and girls living with disability, sexual

minorities, and other highly marginalised women groups are particularly encouraged to apply. This call for proposals is opened only to **African Women led organisations with budgets of under USD100,000.**

## **Eligibility**

### **Question 4: Who is eligible to apply for the World AIDS day and 16 Days Call for Proposal**

**Answer:** This call for proposals is opened only to **African Women led organisations with budgets of under USD100,000.**

### **Question 5: Do I have to be a registered organisation or group to be eligible?**

**Answer:** Yes, to be eligible to apply to AWDF, women led organisations and groups have to be registered either with a national or recognised community authority.

### **Question 6: Does AWDF fund organisations that have been registered for less than 3 years?**

**Answer:** AWDF doesn't generally accept applications from organisations that haven't been registered for at least three years. In extremely rare circumstances however, AWDF will consider applications from organisations that have been registered for less than three years. Some examples are organisations led by and focused on particularly marginalised groups of women and girls, including women and girls living with disabilities, LBTQI+ women and girls, sex workers, refugees and migrant women, women living with HIV/AIDS, young feminists and other imposed marginalities.

### **Question 7: Does AWDF support community-based organisations (CBOs)?**

**Answer:** Yes, AWDF does consider applications from CBOs if they meet all our eligibility criteria

### **Question 8: Does AWDF consider applications from profit making entities eligible to apply?**

**Answer:** AWDF does not fund profit making entities or organisations

**Question 9: Will this call for proposals consider applications from organisations that are registered and/or have their headquarters outside Africa ?**

**Answer:** This grant will not support organisations that are not based and headquartered in Africa and/or organisations that are not led by African women (senior staff and Board)

**Question 9: Does AWDF support organisations where the ED/CEO and/or Chair of the Board is male?**

**Answer:** No. AWDF will also only consider applications from organisations where the Director of the organisation **and** the Chair of the Board identify as female and where a majority, (at least 70%), of all staff identify as female.

## **This Specific Grant**

**Question 10: Can an organisation apply for both World AIDS Day and 16 Days grants in this cycle?**

**Answer:** **No** organisations can only apply for **one** category of grant; either a World AIDS Day grant or a 16 Days Grant

**Question 11: What is the maximum amount an organisation can apply for under this call for proposals?**

**Answer:** For the World AIDS Day and 16 Days grants, the **maximum amount** you can apply for and the maximum award is **US\$2,000**. Please do not apply for more than US\$2,000, as your application will be ineligible.

**Question 12: Do I have to have an audited accounts for 2020 or 2019 to be eligible to apply for this grant?**

**Answer: No**, you do not have to have audited accounts to be eligible. However, you do need to submit your 2020 and 2019 financial statements, signed and dated by your Board or management team.

### **Question 13: How do we submit the proposals for the World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence?**

**Answer:** Applications for the World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence call should be submitted on the AWDF Awardforce platform <https://awdf.grantplatform.com> . However, in some circumstances, we are able to accept proposals submitted by email.

### **Question 14: Can an applicant submit the proposals for the World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence grant via email?**

**Answer: Yes**, organisations who are unable to submit their application on the AWDF Awardforce platform can submit their proposal for either the World AIDS Day or 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence grant via email at [proposals@awdf.org](mailto:proposals@awdf.org) .