

## **Cycle 51 Call for Proposal: Main Grants**

### **Background**

AWDF's first call for the year is prioritising women's rights and feminist organisations in French speaking Africa as well as organisations led by women experiencing multiple forms of discrimination including those led by young women, gender diverse people, women living with HIV and women living with disabilities.

In acknowledging the specific contexts in French speaking African countries and the different dynamics within the feminist landscape in Africa in relation to the ongoing conflict and security challenges, in this cycle, AWDF is making a deliberate effort to move resources to women's rights and feminist organisations in French speaking African countries. Similarly, with the closing civic space, the rise of homophobia and xenophobia in Africa, and the limited access to funding to support interventions led by minoritised women and gender diverse groups, we are also prioritising support to sexual minorities and other minoritised groups who are most impacted by the challenging contexts and other emerging trends in African countries.

### **Who?**

Are you an organisation led by young women, LGBTQI and non-binary people, women living with disabilities, or another minoritised group?

If so, AWDF invites applications from women and/gender diverse persons/women living with disabilities led organisations on the African continent. We are prioritising applications from organisations whose total 2022 budgets were less than USD200,000. A small percentage of organisations with budgets more than USD200,000 may be considered. You can apply for up to 50% of your verified 2022 income. For example, if your confirmed income for 2022 was USD100,000 you can apply for a maximum of up to USD50,000 per year for two years. If your confirmed income for 2022 was \$20,000, you can apply for a maximum of up to \$10,000 per year for two years.

AWDF will consider applications from interested women-led organisations who have been registered for at least three years (before June 2020). AWDF defines a woman-led organisation as an organisation whose Board Chair and Chief Executive/Director are both women or non-binary, and where at least 70% of the board and staff members of the organisation are women or non-binary.

## **Where?**

In this cycle, we particularly welcome and will prioritise applications from organisations from French speaking African countries.

## **What?**

Is your organisation working to address key issues impacting women and girls in your community, such as projects that focuses on amplifying women, girls and gender diverse peoples voice or aims to change social norms, or policy?

If so, AWDF invites you to submit an application to our next call for applications.

## **When?**

We will open for applications on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The deadline for submitting your applications is 12pm GMT on **25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. We can only accept applications through our online portal which you can accessed [here](#)

## **What you need to know about the call for applications**

If you are interested in applying, please read the Applicant Guidance Document as it contains essential information to help you through the process. If, after reading the applicant guidance document, you are interested in hearing more about the AWDF application process and would like to join one of our potential applicant Webinars, please register [here](#). The English applicants' webinar will be held on Monday the 3rd of April 2023 at 10.00am GMT, and the French applicants' webinar will be held on Tuesday 4th April at 10.00am GMT.

To apply for a grant from AWDF please complete the application process [online](#)

Guidance for the online platform can be accessed [here](#).

[Our FAQ document can be found here](#)

Successful applicants will hear from us in August 2023