

Info Sessions & Frequently Asked Questions

Call for Small Grants: Civil society advocacy and response to the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on women and girls

Q&A information sessions hosted by UN Women

All sessions are open to prospective applicants interested in the call. The session is designed to answer any general questions that prospective applicants have. Specific guidance for a project or CSO on how to write an expression of interest will not be provided.

Date	Time	Zoom link and call in details	Facebook Live
12 Aug 2020	11am – 12pm Fiji time	https://unwomen.zoom.us/j/5235988394?pwd=SEFBenBPOFA4QzEvQlFhMnZnWm5Sdz09h Meeting ID: 523 598 8394 Passcode: Cov20@QA	@unwomenpacific To be confirmed, we aim to link the Zoom call to UN Women's facebook page.
19 Aug 2020	11am – 12pm Fiji time		
26 Aug 2020	11am – 12pm Fiji time		
9 Sept 2020	11am – 12pm Fiji time		

Trouble accessing the link? Please email leimor.penjueli@unwomen.org for support.

Frequently asked questions

Question 1: Who is eligible to apply?

Organisations based/registered in the following countries

Cook Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Nauru, Niue, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu

Eligible organisations

The small grant is designed to support smaller/medium-sized local or national civil society organisations committed to and currently engaged in ending violence against women and girls. This includes civil society organisations that focus on sexual and reproductive justice and health; economic justice and rights; LGBTQIA+/SOGI issues, disability justice, climate and environmental issues, youth and young people to name some focus areas.

Organisations must be nationally registered and operating for a minimum of 3 years. Additional criteria can be found on page 3 of the call for small grants.

Question 2: What activities can I do?

UN Women's Small Grants support civil society institutional and capacity strengthening.

The thematic focus of this specific call for small grants is to address the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on women and girls, especially gender-based violence. This call strives to support critical work that often goes unfunded, such as coalition-building, trainings, internal reflection and learning, strategic planning etc. Examples of activities include strengthening advocacy; fostering coalition-building; building internal/institutional capacities; learning and capacity-building; adapting GBV services and referrals for a diversity of scenarios, such as a lock down scenario; advancing an intersectional analysis etc. Some examples provided in the Open Call document.

This call **does not** fund provision of direct services or operating/running costs unrelated to a proposed activity.

Question 3: Can we work in collaboration with other CSOs?

Yes, you can collaborate with other CSOs and are highly encouraged to do so. Civil society networks that are not registered and informal are also welcome to be a part of the project. For example, if your project focuses on coalition-building, other CSOs would be expected to be a part of the co-creation of the scope of the project.

However, all contractual responsibilities for project implementation, project management, reporting of results and financial management/stewardship are born by the applying organisation in accordance with UN Women's policies and procedures.

Question 4: What if my CSO received funding from UN Women in the past or currently receives funding from UN Women?

Your organisation is not eligible for a UN Women small grant if:

- Your organisation is currently an Implementing or Responsible Partner with UN Women
- Your organisation has not been an Implementing or Responsible Partner with UN Women since November 2019
- Your organisation has already received \$60,000 USD in UN Women Small Grants*

*Organisations can receive up to a maximum of \$60,000 USD in UN Women Small Grants throughout the lifetime of the organisation and up to \$30,000 USD in Small Grants per 12-month period.

Question 5: What is the amount of the advertised small grant?

The minimum amount is \$5,000 USD. The maximum amount is \$15,000 USD.

Question 6: What is the duration of the advertised small grant?

Proposed activities and spending must be completed within a six-month period from the signed start date.

Question 7: Is the video submission required?

No, the video submission is *optional* and your application will not be penalized if you do not submit a video. The video submission, similar to the information sessions, are designed to bring humanity to a very rigid, paper-based application process.

Question 8: What is required to submit the application?

Eligible applications must submit (1) Annex 1 Expression of Interest template completed in full and (2) copy of registration.

Applications must be submitted by email only to sonia.rastogi@unwomen.org and leimor.penjueli@unwomen.org. Applications must be submitted in English.

Question 9: What if I have a question, but I am unable to make the information sessions?

Please send questions to leimor.penjueli@unwomen.org. No calls please.