

URGENT ACTION FUND

FOR WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS

Call for Feminist Environmental and Climate Justice Defenders Letter of Intent (LOI) Feminist Innovation Fund 2.0 (FIF 2.0)

Urgent Action Fund is launching a second round of our Feminist Innovation Fund 2.0 to amplify the transformative work of women, trans, and gender diverse activists working at the intersection of gender justice, environmental and climate justice (ECJ) & collective care.

In line with our deep commitment to centering the leadership of intersectional feminist activists and recognizing the disproportionate impact the current climate crisis has on women and gender-diverse people, this Feminist Innovation Fund 2.0 seeks to support grassroots movements led by women, trans, and gender-diverse people from underrepresented communities in implementing innovative, holistic, and collective care practices and tactics into their activism and organizing to support activists and organizers build ongoing resiliency in the increasingly challenging climate justice fights.

This fund is a special grantmaking initiative separate from our core rapid response funding and has been designed to meet the growing needs of frontline defenders by strengthening and growing their capacity to incorporate collective care practices and opportunities into their activism/organizing that feeds into broader movement resiliency.

The strategies and actions utilized will be determined by frontline defenders. However, the following are examples of possible actions that this funding can support:

- **Movement Resilience** - Training, capacity building, holistic security (physical, psychological/mental health, digital, family support, etc) and peer learning activities that increase local groups' ability to resist actors and factors that contribute to the climate crisis
- **Collective care** - Transformational practices and approaches to self and collective care –and protection –among women, trans, and gender diverse activists, their organizations and movements.
- **New grassroots frameworks** - Raising the visibility and uptake of new or lesser-known environmental and climate justice frameworks and concepts that build on the intersections of gender, racial justice, healing justice, collective care, and environmental and climate justice
- **Nurturing Leadership** - Building and sustaining the leadership of women, trans, and gender diverse people, youth and/or those historically marginalized. Additionally, supportive resources and services to strengthen, advance, and nourish frontline leaders and activists

If your innovative actions are not listed, we encourage you to contact proposals@urgentactionfund to confirm eligibility.

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Eligibility:

1. Scope of work must center ECJ, Gender Justice, & Collective Care
2. Women/Trans-led collectives, groups, and organizations or collectives, groups, and organizations with majority women/trans/gender diverse decision makers (in the case of flat or horizontal structures)
3. Collectives, groups and organizations with an annual budget under \$1 million USD

Priority will be given to work that centers indigenous, underrepresented, and marginalized communities.

Countries/Regions:

- Canada
- Central Asia
- Europe
- Middle East
- the United States
- Russia
- South Caucasus
- Turkey

Please take the time to review the funding criteria above to determine if you are eligible.

1. Please provide background on your organization/group, including but not limited to (annual organizational budget, years organization, group, or collective has been active, leadership composition)

2. Is your group/organization self-led? (self-led definition - organizational leadership and board composition reflect the community they work with, serve or advocate for)

Yes

No

Partial (please specify) _____

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3. Please provide a history of your environmental and climate justice and gender justice activism.

4. What are your proposed activities pertaining to collective care/healing justice/community care/holistic safety & security? How does incorporating these activities impact and strengthen broader movement resiliency and sustainability?

5. What is the proposed timeline & tentative/rough budget?

The deadline to send a 1-2 page LOI is 30 September 2022. The maximum grant amount is \$20,000. Select grantees will be notified by 17 November 2022. All grant activities must be completed by 30 November 2023.