



OPPORTUNITY RAPID RESPONSE GRANT APPLICATION

APPLY FOR A GRANT

You can apply:

Online: <https://urgentactionfund.my.site.com/UAFPortal/s/>

Email: proposals@urgentactionfund.org

Encrypted Proton email (more secure): urgentact@protonmail.com

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Accessibility needs: If you have any communication access needs such as Sign Language interpretation, Screen reader access or would prefer Easy-to-Read format, please contact Urgent Action Fund at proposals@urgentactionfund.org. We will do our best to meet your accessibility needs.

URGENT ACTION FUND FUNDING CRITERIA

Please take time to review our funding criteria below to determine if you are eligible for funding.

Urgent Action Fund for Feminist Activism provides fast, flexible support primarily to women, trans and non-binary activists so they can respond to unexpected risks and opportunities, protect and care for themselves and one another, and nurture feminist movements that are creating a more just and equitable world. We provide Rapid Response Grants in two situations:

1. **Security Grants** - Available to activists whose safety and security is at risk.
2. **Advocacy/Opportunity Grants** Support efforts focused on advocacy, awareness raising, influencing policy, and changing public discourse.

Grant Size: Urgent Action Fund's grants **do not exceed US\$8,000**. Final grant amount supported is determined by Urgent Action Fund staff.

Grant Period: 1) **Security grants are 3 months**; 2) **Advocacy/Opportunity are 6 months**.

We do not fund:

- Individuals that are not activists
- Planned projects/activities/service delivery programs



- Charity/humanitarian assistance/social services
- Annual operating costs (rent, salary, overhead costs)
- Bridge/gap funding
- Scholarships
- Organizations with a budget of over \$1 million
- Capital projects, for example, building constructions or making building improvements

Approval process: Urgent Action Fund’s grantmaking is informed by our country and regional advisors on whom we rely on to assess applications. Final decisions are communicated to applicants after we have received endorsements from advisors, Urgent Action Fund’s peer networks, or references provided by the applicant.

Confidentiality note: The proposal will only be shared with regional and country advisors, or Urgent Action Fund’s trusted contacts as needed. We respect and value the privacy and confidentiality needs of our partners, particularly in contexts where security is a concern.

**Please note that the IRS requires us to disclose all US-based grantee names who receive grant awards of \$5,000 and over.*

SECTION I. ORGANIZATION PROFILE

***Required**

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

1. **Name of Organization/Network affiliation***: (An organization or sponsor is required to be eligible for funding) _____
2. **Organization Address**
Street: _____
City: _____
State/province (if applicable): _____
Postal Code (if applicable): _____
Country*: _____
3. **Organization Website** (if applicable): _____
4. **Organization Email:** _____
5. **Social Media** (if applicable)



Facebook _____
 Twitter _____
 Instagram _____
 LinkedIn _____
 Other _____

6. What year was your organization founded? _____

7. How long has your organization been in operation? *

- Less than 1 year
- Between 1 - 5 years
- Between 6 - 10 years
- More than 10 years

8. What is your annual organization budget? *

- Under US\$50,000
- US\$50,001 - US\$100,000
- US\$100,001 - US\$500,000
- US\$500,001 - US\$1 million
- Over US\$1 million

9. What is the composition of your organization? *

___ # of paid staff
 ___ # of volunteers

10. What is the composition of your leadership? * Please check all that applies below

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Intersex <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian <input type="checkbox"/> Gay <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual <input type="checkbox"/> Queer <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Conforming <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary <input type="checkbox"/> Girls/Young Women <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Workers <input type="checkbox"/> Incarcerated or formerly incarcerated <input type="checkbox"/> Women/Girls w/disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Informal sector worker <p>Please specify (Optional): _____</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Asian / Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> LatinX <input type="checkbox"/> White (Non-Hispanic or Latino) <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants, Refugees, Stateless <p>Please specify (Optional): _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous/native people <p>Please specify (Optional): _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rural women <p>Please specify (Optional): _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cis-Women <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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<input type="checkbox"/> Racial, Ethnic and Religious minorities Please specify (Optional): _____	Please specify (Optional): _____
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11. **Is your organization, group, network or coalition self-led? *** (self-led definition - organizational leadership and board composition reflect the community they work with, serve or advocate for)

- Yes
- No
- Partial: _____

ORGANIZATION MISSION AND GOALS

12. **What are the organization’s mission and goals? ***

13. **What is the geographical scope of your organization? ***

- Local
- Regional
- National
- Global

14. **Who are the primary beneficiaries, recipients, or groups your organization, group, coalition works with and/or advocates for? *** (check all that applies)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Artist <input type="checkbox"/> Black/Black Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Documentarian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Researcher <input type="checkbox"/> Writer/Author <input type="checkbox"/> Journalist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant/Displaced Peoples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> Internally Displaced Person(s) |
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- Blogger
- Media
- Ethnic Minority
- Family Members/Spouse/Partner
- Gender Identity
 - Transgender
 - Two-Spirit
 - Gender Non-Conforming
 - Non Binary
- Healing Practitioners
- Incarcerated or Formerly Incarcerated
- Indigenous Native People
- Intersex
- Informal Sector Worker
- LGBQ
 - Lesbian
 - Gay
 - Bisexual
 - Queer
- Refugee(s)
- Undocumented
- People with Disabilities
 - Women
 - Girls/Youth
 - LGBTQI
- People Living with HIV
- People of Color
- Religious Minority
- Rural Women
- Sex Workers
- Stateless
- Children & Youth
 - Youth (18-35)
 - Children (17>)
- Women's Fund(s)
- Women (general)

15. What are the primary issue areas that your organization works or advocates for? * (check all that applies)

- Access to Justice & Equality Before the Law
- Civic and Political Participation
- Economic and Labor Rights
- Education, Religion, and Culture
 - Freedom of Affiliation
 - Rights to Education
 - Freedom of Belief and Religion
- Environmental and Resource Rights
 - Environmental Justice
 - Climate Justice
- Freedom from Violence
 - Patriarchal Violence
- Health and Wellbeing Rights
 - Rights to Adequate Housing
 - Common Goods/Resource Rights
 - Right to Food Security
 - Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health
- Migration and Displacement



- Rights to Water and Sanitation
- Rights to Food and Security
- Rights to a Healthy Environment to Share in and Determine the Distribution of Lands, Territories, and Resource
- Sustainable Agriculture Rights
- Equality Rights and Freedom from Discrimination
 - Disability Rights
 - Indigenous or Minority Rights
 - LGBTQI Rights
 - Sex Workers' Rights
 - Girls/Child Rights
- Expression and Information Rights
 - Digital Freedom/Rights
 - Freedom of Opinion, Expression, Information, and Digital Expression
 - Freedom from Interference with Privacy
- Freedom of Movement
- Immigrant Rights
- Migrant Rights
- Refugee Rights
- Right to a Nationality/Freedom to Change Nationality
- Right to Asylum in Other Countries
- Sexual and Reproductive Justice
 - Abortion Access
 - Right to Marriage and Family
 - Birthing Justice
 - Right to Sexual Expression
- Transitional Justice and Peacebuilding
 - Peacebuilding
 - Access to Transitional Processes
 - Access to Documentation and Archival Work
 - Legal Protection from Reprisals
- Humanitarian Emergency
- Human Rights General
 - Women's Human Rights

ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION

16. What is your organization's registration status? * Please select from the following.

- Non-Profit
- NGO
- Charity



- Not registered
- Other: _____

17. Does your organization have a fiscal agent such as an external organization/network(fiscal sponsor) or individual person's bank account that administers the organization's finances? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, what type of fiscal agent does your organization have? *

*Please note that this information will be used in the grant agreement if a grant is approved. Please make sure this is the most up-to-date, accurate information.

Fiscal Sponsor – Trusted organization with an official bank account to receive the funds on your behalf

Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name: _____
Fiscal Sponsor Contact First Name: _____
Fiscal Sponsor Contact Last Name: _____
Fiscal Sponsor Contact Email: _____

Please explain why you require a Fiscal Sponsor to accept funds on your behalf.

Individual Recipient – A trusted person who will receive the funds on your behalf.

*if the individual is based in the US, we will file a 1099-NEC form to report income to the IRS.

Individual Recipient First Name: _____
Individual Recipient Last Name: _____
Individual Recipient Email: _____

Please explain why you require an Individual Recipient to accept funds on your behalf.



ORGANIZATION CONTACTS

(Please list your organization/collective/network decision makers)

18. Primary Contact #1*

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Pronouns:

- she/her/hers
- he/him/his
- they/them/theirs
- Other _____

Title/Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preferred platform info (WhatsApp #, Signal #, Jitsi Meet, Zoom)

19. Primary Contact #2*

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Pronouns:

- she/her/hers
- he/him/his
- they/them/theirs
- Other _____

Title/Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preferred platform info (WhatsApp #, Signal #, Jitsi Meet, Zoom)

20. Primary Contact #3

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Pronouns:

- she/her/hers
- he/him/his
- they/them/theirs
- Other _____

Title/Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preferred platform info (WhatsApp #, Signal #, Jitsi Meet, Zoom)



METHOD OF REFERRAL TO URGENT ACTION FUND

21. How did you learn about the Urgent Action Fund? Please check all that apply. *

- Applied before but did not receive funding (non-Urgent Action Fund grantee)
- Received UAF funds/grants before (Urgent Action Fund grantee)
- Email/listserv
- Internet search/ Urgent Action Fund website
- Social media
- Colleagues/peers
- Urgent Action Fund staff
- Urgent Action Fund advisor
- Urgent Action Fund grantee
- Other (Please describe) _____

SECTION II. GRANT APPLICATION

GRANT APPLICATION CONTACT INFORMATION

22. Applying Contact *

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Pronouns:

- she/her/hers
- he/him/his
- they/them/theirs
- Other _____

Title/Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Preferred platform info (WhatsApp #, Signal #, Jitsi Meet, Zoom)

Preferred language:

- English
- Arabic
- Russian

References*



Please provide the names and contact information for at least two references who are external stakeholders or partners (not current staff, board, advisors, or volunteers) who can endorse your work. We recommend that you inform them so they can respond in a timely manner.

**Please note that the entirety of your application, including all submitted materials, is shared with your references for review*

23. Reference 1*

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization/network affiliation: _____
Contact email: _____
Contact phone: _____
Relationship to applicant: _____

24. Reference 2*

Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization/network affiliation: _____
Contact email: _____
Contact phone: _____
Relationship to applicant: _____

Donor Support

If applicable, please list 1-2 current or previous funders (in the last two years) and their contact information.

25. Funder 1

Name: _____
Donor agency: _____
Contact email: _____
Contact phone: _____

26. Funder 2

Name: _____
Donor agency: _____
Contact email: _____
Contact phone: _____

SECTION III. GRANT REQUEST



27. Please briefly describe your activism (or of the person/organization for whom you are applying). *

28. What is the critical advocacy opportunity that prompted you to make this request? Why is funding urgently needed now to respond immediately? *

29. When did the event(s) occur? (If available, please attach links to reports, news articles, or media coverage). *

30. Was this an unexpected situation? Please explain. *



31. Please describe the specific activities you propose. What capacity do you have that will help you successfully carry them out? *

32. If applicable: What other local partners are you planning to engage with and how?*

33. If applicable: Are you requesting funding for other activities (such as security) If yes, please describe. (Examples: security infrastructure, safety planning, evacuation/relocation, family support, detention support, institutionalization support, personal assistance support to navigate security risks, psychosocial support, digital security measures, other non-advocacy related activities). *



34. What is the timeline for the proposed activities? Activities should be completed in a 6-month period. *

35. If funded, what results do you hope to expect? *

SECTION IV. GRANT BUDGET

36. What is the amount of the request? Please indicate the currency that you are using. *

37. Please provide a budget with details of how the requested funding will be used by the activity. Please be aware that you may be asked to provide receipts for all expenses funded by this grant with the final report. *

Example:

Budget Item	Costs (please indicate currency & exchange rate used)
Lawyer's fee	\$1,000 USD
Printed materials	\$2,000 USD
Sign Language interpretation	\$400 USD



Total	\$3,400 USD
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38. Have you received additional funding for this activity? If yes, please tell us the amount you have received and the name of the funder.

SECTION V. CONFIDENTIALITY

39. Would you like this request to remain confidential? *

- Yes
- No
- Partial, please explain: _____

If you marked "Yes", Urgent Action will not disclose individual names and contact information to any party outside of the organization (except during our approval process as we consult with Urgent Action Fund's advisors and trusted contact).