

LGBTI Communications: Learning Journey Grants

1) Can a non-established (non-registered) organisation/collective apply? Are informal groups of volunteers eligible for this call?

Yes, registration or being a formal entity is not required, ILGA-Europe funds non-formal groups as well. If you are a non-formal group, you will need a fiscal sponsor - another organisation that will receive funds into their bank account and support you in managing them.

2) Is it possible for two organizations to partner up and submit a joint proposal? If 2 or 3 organisations will apply together - will they count as one budget-wise?

Two (or more) organizations can definitely submit a joint proposal. But you need to indicate in your application who will be the primary grantee partner (the one we will sign a contract with), and it should be clear from the application form who is responsible for what. It is also important to know that even if the project is submitted by two or more organizations, we are not able to increase the amount of money awarded or extend the duration of the grant.

3) Can the applicant be a non-LGBTI organisation that works on LGBTI-related programmes/topics or a coalition that works with different social groups including LGBTI communities?

This call is for LGBTI organisations and groups. Non-LGBTI organisations may serve as support, context experts, or fiscal sponsors, but cannot be in charge of the project as a whole.

4) What is the focus of the learning component of the programme? Is it peer-learning, exchange of good practices, trainings on different methods and tools?

Learning and experience sharing is an integral part of the programme. We expect all grantee partners to commit to this part of the programme and participate in trainings and learning activities that will be organized. All the learning within this programme can be divided into 3 main components.

- The first one is peer-learning. Already during the first two months of the programme, our grantee partners will have two peer-learning sessions that will help them to think about their projects and plan precise activities.
- Second component is individual support. Our grantee partners will receive individual support with regular check-ins and coaching sessions with the communication expert/s.
- The third component is group learning sessions that will be designed to respond to our grantee partners needs.

The majority of the learning activities will be organized online.

5) Are organizations from other regions eligible for this call?

Only organisations and groups working in Europe and Central Asia are eligible for this call. For this call Europe and Central Asia is considered to include the following countries: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.

6) What shall be the focus of the successful application: project aimed at training for our organization members, communications campaign or both?

For this particular call, we are looking for organizations with high communications potential but low capacities and resources to deliver on that. We are not limiting applications to any specific activities. Both projects aimed at organizing specific learning activities (for instance, training) and projects aimed at campaigning can be a very good match for this call. The most important thing is to explain why you are choosing that precise approach, what kind of organisational learning it implies (and what do you need to learn while implementing your project) and how this learning will affect your communications work even when the project is over.

7) How much of the budget can be allocated to human resources, hardware, software, general expenses and so on?

Within this call, applicants can include costs for a variety of communications activities, such as (but not limited to):

- Expert's fee and other costs to support organizational learnings
- Creation of content for diverse communication channels.
- Work to influence narratives through audience insight and research, message development and testing, trialing dissemination methods, etc.
- Campaigning activities.

We understand that part of the budget can be used to cover at least some time of a team member/s who are involved in communications work. The grant can also cover corresponding and proportionate (no more than 10% of the total grant) administrative costs such as bank fees, amounts for communications (i.e. payment of a Zoom account) or part of other office costs (i.e. rent or stationary).

NB For this particular call, you do not have to submit your budget and the full list of the activities planned. The learning component includes the session on budget creation, and all the details will be discussed at this session as well.

8) Should we attach any additional materials to describe and display the current state of our communications work?

If you want, you can attach the additional materials as separate files. Please make sure that those materials are in English and do not exceed 3 pages. We do not recommend preparing

something specifically for this call, but if there are some interesting images/explanations/illustrations, you can use them.