

ILGA-Europe call for project proposals
No One Left Behind Fund



**Working towards socio-economic justice:
addressing LGBTI homelessness in the European Union**

Question and answers

This version contains answers to questions we received via email up to 30 March; the second updated version with questions that will come in April will be published on 24 April

- **On applying from the UK or any other non-EU country**

Question: We are an organisation from the UK. Are we right to understand this is only for members of the EU and does not extend to non-EU countries? Is there a possibility for us to apply?

Answer: Yes, you are right. This call is supported through a public EU funding source and EU funding no longer covers the UK; the same applies for any other non-EU country.

- **On the requirement to be an LGBTI-led organisation**

Question: We are a mainstream human rights organisation working on human rights broadly. We have a project on LGBTI in our portfolio and some of our staff are from LGBTI community. Can we apply?

Answer: The primary beneficiary of this call is the European LGBTI movement, as in LGBTI groups and organisations whose work specifically focuses on LGBTI communities (in general or with some LGBTI subgroups). We support LGBTI-led organisations and groups, which means those who directly represent the LGBTI community. This can include groups that represent a

part of the community (for example, trans-led groups representing the diversity of trans experiences).

When we talk about LGBTI and LGBTI-led organisations, it is not about the identity of some of your employees and/or the focus group of *some of* your projects; **the primary focus group of your organisation as a whole** (as in all activities) **must be the LGBTI community** (or part of it). If this is the case, you are eligible to apply. In light of that, mainstream human rights organisations that do not focus primarily on LGBTI communities and want to start a LGBTI project are not eligible to apply.

The application form has a set of specific questions that allow us to see and verify the LGBTI status of the organisations/groups. For example, we look at the primary target group of the organisation. We will assess whether LGBTI people are taking decisions and if they are represented in decision making positions. In some instances, we will have already worked with an organisation in some capacity, so we know its profile and priorities. If not, we will ask you to provide two references.

- **On payment schedule**

Question. We would like to know more about the financial support for this project: can you please specify the disbursement plan and whether there will be specific rules and criteria to get the full amount once the grant has been awarded?

Answer. For this kind of project, we usually have a three-installment payment schedule, linked with reporting deadlines. The financial support for the implementation of the project for this call is 20,000 euros per project, for projects running for 12 months from 1 July 2023, till 1 July 2024. The detailed payment schedule and reporting requirements will be explained in the grant agreement, but this is what the disbursement and reporting plan would look like:

- The projects will start on the 1 July. You will ask for and receive **50% of the total grant** within four weeks from the day the agreement enters into force.
- After 5-6 months (to be specified in the contract), you will need to submit a financial interim report. If, based on an interim financial report and interim check-ins with the Programmes Officer, the progress of the project's implementation is satisfactory, you will receive the **30% of the total grant** within four weeks of the approval.
- Finally, you will receive the **20% of the total grant**, or the remaining balance in case an underspend is noted in the final report, within four weeks of the approval of the final **narrative and financial report**.

Therefore, considering the project will end on 1 July 2024, you will send your final narrative and financial report by 15 July 2024, and you will get the last tranche after approval of the report.

This means that during the 12 months of the project, you will have to spend the full grant and report on the full amount. In other words, you will also need to spend and report on the last tranche (20%) of the grant before receiving it.

- **On declaring received grants in an application form**

Question. Do we have to declare only grants that we signed grant agreements for in 2022? Or do we have to declare all grants received during 2022? For example, we signed some grant agreements in 2020 and 2021 and we received funds based on these agreements in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Answer. With this question, our objective is to get more information about your previous expertise in managing grants and better understand your financial capacity. Therefore, in your answer, you should first indicate all the grants you received in 2022, even if the agreements were signed in previous years or if you have received other tranches before. If in 2022, you signed new grants but you have not received any money from those last year, you may still indicate it, but you should add this information in brackets.

So, for instance, this is how the different information may look like:

- ❖ “PROJECT A”, total amount 1, donor X (signed in 2022)
- ❖ “PROJECT B”, total amount 2 donor Y (signed in 2021)
- ❖ “PROJECT C”, total amount 3, donor Z (signed in 2022, first amount received/to be received in 2023)