FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

“No One Left Behind” Fund
Addressing socio-economic barriers for LGBTI communities

For LGBTI organisations and groups in Europe and Central Asia

Deadline for project applications: Sunday 5 July 2020 – 23:59 CEST

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1. QUESTION: Is this call a one-time funding opportunity or it will be renewed?

   ANSWER: The purpose of the fund is to help organisations getting the work started and to build a collective understanding about the work that needs to happen in this field. At this moment we cannot commit to grant beyond the first grant.

2. QUESTION: Will organisations who have already received a grant from ILGA-Europe this year be supported?

   ANSWER: Yes. Please make sure to mention this in section 1 of the application form. We will however assess your track-record of existing grants. For instance, if you have been delayed in reporting on your current grant and have not been in touch nor provided justifications for this delay, then this might affect our assessment of your organisational capacity to implement new grants. Should you have questions about your implementation of an ongoing
or previous grants might impact this funding call, make sure you’re in touch with us.

3. **QUESTION:** Can organisations which are not officially registered (including LGBTI student associations) apply?

   **ANSWER:** Yes, unregistered groups can apply but they are expected to partner with a registered organisation (so-called ‘fiscal sponsor’). In exceptional cases and for low-budget grants, it is possible for an individual group member (physical person) to act as a fiscal sponsor on behalf of the group.

4. **QUESTION:** In the case of an application submitted by a group of organisations (increasing the budget request to €17,500), can partner organisations be unregistered groups?

   **ANSWER:** Yes, if the lead organisation is registered and deals with the financial management of the grant, there is no problem if partner organisations are unregistered. However, you should explain how decisions in your organisation/group are taken and how the structure of your group works.

5. **QUESTION:** What is the difference between fiscal sponsorship and a partnership of two groups?

   **ANSWER:** Fiscal sponsorship is a situation where an unregistered group asks a registered entity to “manage and account for the money”. The fiscal sponsor usually receives the money into their bank account, issues payments, and helps with financial reporting, while the (unregistered) grantee implements the project and makes all project decisions.
A partnership is a situation where two (or more) groups (registered or not) plan, implement and manage the work together. In such cases, they can apply to up to € 17 500 for this call.

6. **QUESTION:** In the case of an application submitted by a group of organisations, do partner organisations also need to be LGBTI-led?

   **ANSWER:** No, partner organisations do not need to be LGBTI-led. We welcome other partners as we recognize the importance of building alliances. Lead organisations, however, should be LGBTI-led. Where work focuses on marginalised communities, the application should explain how people from these communities will lead on the project and/or be meaningfully involved in decision-making related to the allocation of resources, strategic direction and implementation of the work.

7. **QUESTION:** In the case of an application submitted by a group of organisations, should the leading organisation fill in the application form or should all of the organisations fill it in?

   **ANSWER:** The lead organisation should fill in section 1, 2 and 3 of the application form. However, the presentation of the proposal should clearly state who the other partner organisations are, how they have been consulted and/or will be involved in the in the decision-making and implementation of the project.

8. **QUESTION:** Can an organization submit their own application and also serve as fiscal sponsor for an unregistered group (two different projects with different focus)?

   **ANSWER:** Yes, in principle that is possible.
9. **QUESTION:** Is re-granting eligible under this fund?

**ANSWER:** No, unfortunately re-granting is not possible. The timeframe for that is too short.

10. **QUESTION:** Can we apply for a grant with the aim of, for example, building alliances between LGBTI communities and sex workers, campaigning for/educating health care professionals to treat sex workers and LGBTI people with dignity and in ways that support a greater healthcare access towards our intersecting communities?

**ANSWER:** Building alliances, campaigning and training activities do fall under the scope of the fund provided they relate to the purpose of the call and target actors who are instrumental in addressing socio-economic inequalities and/or specific needs of marginalised communities.

Whilst we will prioritize projects that are LGBTI-led, we recognize that LGBTI people can be active/mobilized within groups organised by other marginalised communities, such as sex workers organizations. Whilst we cannot cover costs of activities that do not target LGBTI communities, we can support projects that focus on alliance-building and tackling socio-economic inequalities in cases where there is a clear overlap between (intersecting) populations. In such cases, applicants should explain how LGBTI communities are involved in the decision-making.

11. **QUESTION:** Can we apply for a grant to cover work on developing analytical material on advocating for LGBT people at national level and for further distribution of the material to young LGBTI people in the country and to international human rights organisations?
ANSWER: Yes, research activities falls under the scope of the call provided they focus on analyzing the ways in which socio-economic inequalities affect the livelihoods of LGBTI people, in particular when these are aggravated by crises such as COVID-19. Research projects as a standalone activity are, however, unlikely to be funded, and we strongly recommend that they include a dissemination/advocacy plan and activities that clearly explain how outcomes of the research are going to be used to affect change.

12. QUESTION: If we are seeking normative change in relation to healthcare systems exposed by the COVID-19 crisis, would external costs such as lawyer, survey analysis, etc. be covered?

ANSWER: Survey, research, and production of analytical material focusing on economic, social or other barriers to accessing medical services and treatment are in line with the objectives of the call. Costs related to the production and dissemination of analytical material would therefore be eligible, including expert costs where they clearly contribute to achieving the aim of the project. The application should explain how outcomes of the activities are leading to such normative change and thus how they feed into your work in the longer term.

13. QUESTION: Can we apply with a project promoting equality on the labour market for transgender people? We do not have transgender people in our team but have the system of receiving feedback from the transgender community and invite transgender people to our strategic planning.

ANSWER: Tackling economic precarity of LGBTI people, in particular when it results from discrimination and lack of access to the job market is one of the objectives of the fund. We particularly welcome projects that include specific focus on marginalised and/or underrepresented groups within the LGBTI
community including (but not limited to) transgender people. Make sure to explain clearly in your application how transgender people will be meaningfully involved in decision-making related to the allocation of resources, strategic direction and implementation of the work. Please note that in the case of high competition for funding, we will prioritize proposals that are led or co-led by the groups concerned in the proposal.

14. QUESTION: Would the fund support short-term professional training for vulnerable members of the LGBTI community who have lost their income due to pandemic?

ANSWER: Direct service delivery activities, individual education or classes as well as scholarships for educational purposes will not be supported through this call. But projects focusing on providing indirect support to the community are eligible, provided they contribute to developing practices and/or tools that can be used beyond the project’s lifetime. This means that, for instance, working with vocational training organisations to integrate LGBTI sensitivity into their curricula or setting up a training specifically targeted to the needs of LGBTI communities would be eligible if the application clearly states how the materials will be used after the end of the project (for example in partnership with educational institutions or other organisations, or in the applicant’s own community service programme(s)).

15. QUESTION: Would training of professionals outside of our own organisation be eligible under this call?

ANSWER: Yes, activities that aim at building the awareness, knowledge and skills needed for professionals to address one of more of the underlying causes of socio-economic inequalities of LGBTI people are eligible under this call. For example, training of health professionals with the objective of
ensuring non-discriminatory access to healthcare and medication would be eligible. Projects should clearly describe how this work will last beyond the project cycle i.e. by collaborating with an institution that is responsible for training health professionals.

16. **QUESTION:** May a part of the grant cover costs for an additional training for our peer-to-peer consultants?

**ANSWER:** Yes, provided your application clearly explains how the work of the peer-to-peer consultants serves the broader purpose of the call. Please note that individual education or classes as well as scholarships for educational purposes are not eligible under this call.

17. **QUESTION:** Why are LGBTIQ+ organisations in countries outside of Europe and Central Asia not eligible to apply for the fund? Is there a different fund or organisation that could help?

**ANSWER:** As ILGA-Europe is a membership organisation for LGBTI organisations based in Europe and Central Asia only, ILGA-Europe does not provide grants to organisation located outside of this region.

For more information on alternative funding opportunities, including those that fund outside of the Europe and Central Asia region, please have a look at [https://www.ilga-europe.org/covid19/funding-opportunities](https://www.ilga-europe.org/covid19/funding-opportunities).