

**#FUNDINGFAIRERFUTURES**

FEMINIST

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**Second Call for Proposals**

*Frequently Asked Questions*

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# Feminist Climate Action Fund - Who Can Apply

## Who can apply for the fund?

Applicants must be non-profit entities, such as civil society organisations (CSOs), or informal groups with feminist objectives.

## Which countries are eligible to apply?

Organisations or informal groups based in Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain and Sweden.

## Can an organisation based outside of the listed eligible countries/regions apply for funding?

No, only organisations or groups from the countries explicitly listed as eligible can apply. If your country is not on the list; your organisation does not meet the eligibility criteria.

## Can organizations from non-eligible countries partner up with organizations in an eligible country to submit a joint proposal?

Only individual proposals are accepted. Joint proposals are not allowed for funding under our guidelines.

## If we're an organisation based in the EU working in the EU but that as one of the projects gives voice to people outside the EU, would we be eligible?

As long as your organisation is based in an eligible country and the project activities take place in an eligible country, yes your project can also give voice to people outside the EU.

## How can I apply?

Complete all required documents (one-pager, [small budget](#), [group representation form](#), [declaration on exclusion criteria](#) and [declaration of honour](#)), and submit them to the [form](#) by January 26, 2026 at 23:59 CET.

## What is a one-pager?

A one-pager is a single-page document that clearly and quickly explains something. You can use pictures and illustrations, and you may include links. We appreciate creativity. As guidance you can try to cover the following topics: your group, the action and the impact.

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# Informal Groups

## **What are informal groups?**

Informal groups do not have legal status. Groups must consist of at least three individuals, but may include more. The three core group members must be residents of an eligible country. After shortlisting, groups will be asked to provide proof of residency through passports, national identity cards, or valid residence permits.

## **What are the responsibilities of the group representative?**

The group representative will sign the grant agreement, the declaration on exclusion criteria and declaration of honour. The group representative needs to have a bank account in the eligible country.

## **What does it mean to receive the grant money through a fiscal host?**

A fiscal host receives the project funds on behalf of the group. The host makes payments or reimburses the group based on documented expenses and keeps clear, traceable financial records. The informal group remains fully responsible for decision-making and for the project's activities and results.

## **What documentation is needed when using a fiscal host?**

If you use a fiscal host, after shortlisting we will ask for a short written agreement between the group and the host. The fiscal host will also be required to sign the declaration of exclusion criteria.

## **What does it mean to receive the grant money in a personal bank account?**

Receiving grant funds in a personal bank account is at the group's own risk. National tax laws and regulations must be taken into consideration. The group representative will receive the funds in their personal bank account, coordinate payments for project activities, and ensure that the money is used exclusively for the project. To address possible questions from tax authorities, the representative must keep appropriate documentation, including:

- a copy of the grant agreement;
- a list of all project-related payments;
- brief notes explaining the purpose of each payment.

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# The Project and the action

## **How long is the project?**

The project period is from April 2026 – February 2027. Your action must take place during this period.

## **What activities are eligible for funding?**

Actions at the intersection of climate change action and gender equality. Your project must align with the objectives of the call and consist of activities such as: awareness raising, public engagement activities, mobilisation campaigns, advocacy activities, or capacity building and training activities.

## **Where should the action take place?**

The action should take place in the country where the group or organisation is based.

## **Is the Just Transition Campaign the sum of the activities of the subgrantees or does Funding Fairer Futures consortium organise something special to which all subgrantees should contribute?**

The Funding Fairer Futures consortium will coordinate the campaign design with a bottom-up approach, leading to moments when contributions from all subgrantees will be encouraged.

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# The Budget

## **What are the funding limits per project?**

Each project will receive €5,000.

## **Are these lump sums or actual cost grants?**

The grants are awarded using the lump sum mechanism. With lump-sum grants you should still design a budget for the evaluation of your project but the funding will be made available to you in several payments depending on your submission of the project deliverables. You are still expected to manage your money in a financially sound way.

## **Can we allocate a budget for the promotion of the association, like establishing a webpage, etc.?**

Visibility actions are limited to publications around the project. Webpage development will not be considered as an eligible activity.

## **Can any of these funds support research projects on the just transition aimed at further mobilizing?**

Generally, we are not looking to fund research projects.

## **What do we not fund? THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST**

- New equipment or major purchases
- Profit-making activities
- Costs already funded by another EU grant
- Using this grant to co-finance other EU projects
- Activities outside the EU
- General organisational running costs (this is a project grant).
- Political campaigns or political parties
- Projects with exclusively religious purposes
- Fundraising activities
- Projects benefiting only one individual
- Debts and debt service charges (interest)
- Provisions for losses, debts, or potential future liabilities
- Exchange losses
- Negative interest charged by banks or other financial institutions
- Bonuses or salaries of public administration staff
- In-kind contributions (volunteer time, donated goods/services)

## **Can informal groups include salaries if they use a personal bank account?**

No, if an informal group uses a personal bank account, it is only possible to work with stipends. Stipends are small, fixed payments given to individuals to support their

participation in the project. They recognise time, effort, or contributions and help make participation possible for people who might otherwise not be able to afford it. Stipends must be set as a fixed amount (for example per month, per activity, or per role). They are not linked to hours worked like a wage and are often combined with reimbursement of actual expenses.

Stipends may be taxable, depending on national law. Individuals receiving stipends are responsible for checking and complying with local tax regulations.

**Can informal groups include salaries if they use a fiscal host?**

Yes, salaries are eligible costs. As this is a project grant, salaries must be directly linked to the delivery of the project activities.

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## Funding Fairer Futures - General

### **What is the maximum number of applications an organisation or group can submit as part of the Funding Fairer Futures Calls for proposals?**

You can apply to multiple rounds of funding, but you can only be funded once through Funding Fairer Futures. Please submit only one application per fund. You may apply to a maximum of two different funds at the same time but you will never be accepted for both. We will only fund you through one fund.

### **Does participation in a previous DEAR call exclude an organisation from applying?**

Participation in the DEAR 2022 call (first phase ending in late 2022 and the second phase in early 2023), excludes an organisation from being an eligible applicant for this call. Participation in earlier DEAR calls or projects does not affect eligibility. No matter if you were the lead or a partner, the 2022 DEAR call does exclude you from applying regardless if you were accepted.

### **The call for proposals states that only organisations lacking the financial, administrative, or operational capacity to compete directly for EU funding are eligible. How should my CSO assess whether it meets this criterion? Are there specific criteria or benchmarks to determine this capacity?**

Applicants should not have had the financial, administrative or operational capacity to compete directly for EU Funding under the EC DEAR 2022 CfP EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi. At the minimum, this means applicants should have not participated in the Call for Proposals EC DEAR 2022 CfP EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi. The review of your application will also take into account your financial, administrative and operational capacity. While having a larger budget doesn't automatically disqualify an organization, we prioritize supporting those with more limited resources and less access to funding. Whether or not an organization was successful in their DEAR 2022 application is an indicator of their capacity to compete for such funding.

### **What if my organization already receives funding from e.g. WECF but not under Funding Fairer Futures? Are we still eligible for funding?**

Yes, you're eligible to apply.