**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE KOSOVO WOMEN’S FUND**

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Kosovo Women’s Network (KWN) is pleased to announce the Kosovo Women’s Fund’s (KWF’s) twentieth grant round. We invite member organizations committed **to furthering women’s rights and gender equality** to submit applications for core support to their organisations.

More specifically, applications should **make it visible how their grant will** contribute to realizing the Strategic Goals identified by KWN members in the KWN Strategy for 2023-2026, towards **supporting, protecting, and promoting the rights and interests of women and girls**; towards a rights-based approach; and towards supporting more sustainable changes.

KWN strongly encourages **highly** **visible** initiatives that raise public awareness on key issues related to furthering gender equality, transform gender norms, and showcase the life work and achievements of gender equality and women’s rights activists in Kosovo. Effective strategies can include diverse communication methods such as social media campaigns, forum theatre, and partnerships with media outlets to ensure broad reach.

Advocacy efforts should engage stakeholders, seek to influence policies, and engage diverse women and men towards sustained **impact**.

**Ineligible** **Costs**

Given requirements by KWN’s funders, the core support must not be used for purchase of property, land, or buildings. Purchase of capital-intensive equipment may only be made provided that this is not the main purpose of the action. How the equipment will be used and disposed of after the end of the core support agreement must be documented. The grant may not be used for: debts and related service charges; provision for losses; potential future liabilities; provision for reserves; travel costs for business or first-class plane tickets; credit to third parties; extra allowances, such as sitting allowances or equivalent to finance allowances for participating staff/invited speakers/participants of workshops; and participation in or support to political parties, groups, movements or campaigns.

**GRANT AWARDS**

The grants expected to be distributed will be supported by the  Sigrid Rausing Trust, totalling €50,000.

**SIZE AND DURATION OF GRANTS**

KWN anticipates distributing five (5) grants with maximum amounts of €10,000 each. Initiatives are expected to begin around 15 August 2024 and last up to six (6) months from the date of contract signature.

KWN reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted, as well as to discuss applications with applicants. Funding decisions will be made by KWF Grants Review Committee (GRC).

**ELIGIBILITY**

In order to apply, organizations must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Be a KWN member;
2. Be focused on women’s empowerment and/or furthering gender equality;
3. Have no staff members currently part of KWN’s Board, or part of the GRC.
4. Have no core support grant ongoing.

The GRC will prioritize funding for organisations that:

* Have a clearly articulated strategy or strategic aims as an organisation, towards women’s empowerment and/or furthering gender equality in Kosovo. If there is no written strategy, short description of strategic goals can be submitted with the application form;
* Seek to bring about sustainable changes in supporting, protecting, or promoting women’s rights and gender equality at municipal and/or national levels (e.g., organisations aiming to contribute to tangible and visible results like new legislation, improved state services for women, municipal budgets more responsive to diverse women’s needs, etc.
* Have strategic aims that will contribute to implementing the KWN Strategy for 2023-2026 established and agreed to by KWN members to address together the main gender inequalities that they identified in Kosovo;
* Explain well in their application how core support will enable them to achieve their organisation’s strategic goals;
* Have a clear membership and/or constituency that the organisation serves;
* Report regularly to their constituents, membership, and/or board about progress towards realising their strategic aims, as applicable to the organisation’s statute;
* Actively seek to be inclusive of diverse women and girls, supporting and/or engaging persons with different abilities, minority ethnic groups, rural women, youth, and/or marginalized persons in their work;
* Provide a complete, well-considered organisational budget for 2024 and 2025 based on currently known secured and requested financing; the application should explain clearly how the use of funds will support the overall budget of the organization [note: an organisational budget is a budget that includes all of the organisation’s existing and anticipated expenses for all of its staff, operations, and planned activities for that period, towards achieving its strategic aims. Ideally, the budget should include columns that show the funding that the organisation is receiving, plans to receive, and still needs to secure to have the resources it needs for realising its aims for that year. KWN will support members in preparing this document, as requested;
* Demonstrate how they monitor and evaluate their work, and how they plan to do so in the future and;
* Demonstrate experience successfully implementing a KWF grant previously.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES**

Applications may be submitted in Albanian, Serbian or English languages. The full application must be submitted electronically to the following email: [grants@womensnetwork.org](mailto:grants@womensnetwork.org). Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. **Application**, using the KWN Application Form (Word format, attached and available at: [www.womensnetwork.org](https://womensnetwork.org/kosovo-womens-fund/call-for-applications/));
2. **Organisation’s Strategy**, if in writing, or short description of organisation’s strategic goals;
3. **Statute**; and
4. **Overall Organisational Budget for 2024 and 2025**, using the KWN Form (Excel format, or your organization format attached and available at: [www.womensnetwork.org](http://www.womensnetwork.org/)).

Proposals submitted to KWN must be the original and sole work of the applicant organization. Plagiarism will result in disqualification of the application.

KWN will retain all materials and documents submitted by applicants. KWN will not use information presented by applicants for purposes other than review and will not provide this information to other persons or institutions, except when required either by Kosovo law or requested by donors.

Upon delivery of their application, applicants will receive a Confirmation of Receipt with an application number, signed by KWN staff.