



TOGETHER WOMEN RISE

Collective action for global gender equality

Featured Grant Guidelines

Together Women Rise awards 12 Featured Grants per year in the amount of \$35,000 to \$50,000 each.

Featured Grants are awarded through an annual application process. We invite Letters of Intent in April and announce the selected grantees in October. Click here for the [grant cycle calendar](#).

We feature a different project each month, provide extensive learning materials on the project and the issue being addressed, and promote it through our nationwide chapters, website, newsletters, and social media. Grantees are assigned to be featured in a specific month based on issue area and geography.

The following requirements must be met in order to qualify for a Together Women Rise Featured Grant.

Guiding Principles

- To maximize the educational opportunities for our members, during the course of a year, Together Women Rise will strive to fund projects that address the varied issues, needs, and geography of women and girls
- Projects funded will address one or more of the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).
- Projects funded will create lasting change in the lives of the women and/or girls who are affected.
- Projects provide solutions that have been identified by the women and/or girls being served and must actively include their perspectives.
- Grantee must be able to demonstrate the direct impact of the project funded and demonstrate methods and ability to monitor and evaluate the project.
- Grantees are sustainable organizations with multiple funding sources.

Requirements for Grantees:

1. Grantee must be a US 5.01(c)3 corporation or have a fiscal sponsor which is a US 5.01(c)3 corporation – A fiscal sponsor is a US non-profit organization that provides fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to help build the capacity of charitable organizations that do not have a US 501c3 (non-profit) designation. An applicant that does not have a US 501c3 (non-profit) designation can submit an application to Together Women Rise with a fiscal sponsor if they have a verifiable present relationship with that fiscal sponsor that has been in existence for the past 12 months. The fiscal sponsor would need to satisfy all the



Together Women Rise grant criteria. We do not accept registration documents issued by any other country.

2. Grantee's relationship with fiscal sponsor must be of at least twelve months' standing.
3. Grantee must demonstrate capacity and on the ground operations in countries with populations of greatest need for a minimum of three years.
4. Grantee and/or fiscal sponsor must provide Form 990 or Form 990 EZ for the two most recent consecutive years demonstrating \$100,000 in annual expenses. We do not accept 990-Ns or 990-PFs.
5. Grantee must have minimum of operating expenses of \$100,000 annually for the most recent fiscal year unless using a fiscal sponsor.
6. At least half of the members of board of directors of the of the grantee organization must be women at time of application.
7. Grantee must demonstrate fiscally responsible practices
8. Grantee must provide data regarding the direct impact of the organization's programs
9. Grantee must provide evidence of its monitoring and evaluation practices.
10. Grantee must have a website in English unless using a fiscal sponsor
11. Grantee must be able provide a video clip at least 5 minutes in length about organization and the funded project upon being selected for a grant.
12. Grantee must provide high resolution photographs upon being selected for a grant.

Requirements for Fiscal Sponsors

1. Fiscal sponsor must be a US 5.01(C)3 corporation
2. Fiscal sponsor must provide evidence it has had an oversight and supportive relationship with grantee for at least 12 months
3. Fiscal sponsor must provide form 990 or form 990EZ for the two most recent consecutive years. We do not accept 990-Ns or 990-PFs.
4. Fiscal sponsor must have minimum operating expenses of \$100,000 annually for the most recent fiscal year
5. At least half of the members of the board of directors of the fiscal sponsor organization must be women (at the time of application)
6. Fiscal sponsor must demonstrate fiscally responsible practices
7. Fiscal sponsor must have a website presence in English and the applicant must be represented on the fiscal sponsor's website.

Grantees must:

1. Support women and girls living in extreme poverty in developing countries (defined as living on \$1.90 a day or less)
2. Address one or more of the following issues / needs:
 - a. Education and vocational training
 - b. Improved women and girls' health:



- i. Physical health
- ii. Emotional /Psychological Health
- iii. Maternal Health
- iv. Sexual and Reproductive Rights
- c. Economic empowerment
- d. Clean water, sanitation and healthy environment
- e. Improved food security, regenerative agriculture, and nutrition
- f. Human trafficking: prevention, rescue and reintegration
- g. Leadership training
- h. Advocacy for policies that promote gender equality, peace and security

Together Women Rise does not fund:

1. Organizations with political affiliations
2. Consolidated funding activities (grant making organizations / grant funder)
3. Group trusts
4. Organizations with religious affiliations
5. Foundations
6. Endowments
7. Individuals
8. Membership Campaigns
9. Previously funded Featured organizations in our Featured Grants Program.
10. Major building projects, land purchases, and large capital expenditures.
11. US administrative expenses and US office expenses.

Ready to Apply?

We are no longer accepting applications for our 2023 Featured Grants. Applications for our 2024 Featured Grants will be accepted starting April 1st, 2023. Please review the grant cycle deadlines [HERE](#).

Questions?

Contact our Director of Grants and Partnerships, [Dr. Veena Khandke](#) at 864-335-8401