



TOGETHER WOMEN RISE

Collective action for global gender equality

Grantee Information Session-2026

Featured Grants Program

Feature Grants Information Session Agenda

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Guiding Principles –Featured Grants

- Together Women Rise funds organizations and projects that address the varied issues and needs of women and girls in low-income communities in the Global South.
- Organizations and projects funded will provide solutions identified by the women and/or girls being served and must actively include their perspectives.
- Featured Grantees are sustainable organizations with multiple funding sources.
- Organizations and projects funded will create lasting change in the lives of the women and/or girls who are affected.
- Featured Grantees must demonstrate the direct impact of the project funded and the methods and ability to monitor and evaluate the project.
- Together Women Rise strives to maximize the educational opportunities for our members over the course of a year.

Featured Grants Program

Process Goals for Featured Grants

- Simplify the application and selection process while maintaining rigor
- Promote equity and narrow the power gap between grantees and Rise
- Provide meaningful opportunities for volunteer and member engagement
- Clear and transparent criteria, so everyone understands how decisions are made
- Reflects the values of Rise
- Is efficient and cost effective
- Is appropriately resourced, including the use of both volunteer and staff time
- Informs the upcoming shift in grants processing to Salesforce
- Includes financial due diligence

Rise must balance the goals of three key stakeholders

Rise Board of Directors:

- Fulfill compliance, legal, fiduciary requirements
- Build visibility for Rise to attract new members, donors, and others
- Have good data to measure Rise's own impact

Rise Chapter Members and Community:

- Provide rich education opportunities to learn
- Ensure Rise community feels connected with grantees and Rise's mission
- Ensure member donations are used wisely

Rise Grantees:

- Meet grantees "where they are"
- Streamline the asks of grantees and minimize the reporting burden while reviewing applications with same rigor

GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (GPC)

The Grants and Partnership Committee is comprised of 15 members who include Together Women Rise volunteer members, board members and are supported by staff.

The GPC are responsible for reading, vetting, deliberating and presenting a slate of grantees for the Board of Directors approval.

Understanding Direct & Indirect Impact

Type of Impact

Definition

Example

Direct Impact

Immediate participants or recipients of services.

Women attending a grant-funded leadership training.

Indirect Impact

Beneficiaries affected by broader or secondary results.

Family members of trained women who now have better economic opportunities.



Annual Impact Overview

Grantee Spotlight:

88%

Cohort 1 scholarship recipients **continued** their studies after the first year.

20%

Expanded from 8 schools in 2024, with 10 schools expected in 2025.

600

Girls expected to participate in 2025, demonstrating rapid program scale.

Featured Grants 2024 & 2025

27

Organizations supported by our grants

17+

Countries Impacted

487,185

individuals **impacted** indirectly across 2024 and 2025.

Featured Grant Program Details

- We award up to 12 featured grants per calendar year.
- Featured Grant term is 24 months (2 years).
- Featured Grant size is \$35,000 to \$50,000USD paid over a two-year period.
- Only organizations with budgets of \$100,000USD and above may apply.
- Organizations may receive no more than one Featured Grant per four-year period.

The two funding categories are:

Capacity Building

Support is funding to strengthen an organization's system and thereby increase its effectiveness. Only organizations with operating budgets below \$1 million USD may apply.

Special Programs/Projects

Support is funding to launch a new program or expand an existing program.

Eligibility Requirements

We encourage you to review these eligibility requirements carefully. In order to be considered for a Rise Featured Grant, you must provide evidence that your organization meets ALL of these eligibility requirements:

Nonprofit Status

Applicant must be a US 501(c)3 nonprofit organization or have a fiscal sponsor which is a US 501(c)3 corporation. We do not accept registration documents issued by any other country.

Financial Requirements

Applicant must have a minimum of \$100,000USD operating expenses annually for the most recent fiscal year, unless using a fiscal sponsor.

Operational Experience

Applicant must demonstrate capacity and on-the-ground operations in low-income communities in the Global South for a minimum of three years.

Eligibility (cont'd)

- Applicant must demonstrate fiscally responsible and sustainable practices within their organization.
- Applicant must have a website in English, unless using a fiscal sponsor.
- Applicant must submit all information requested on the grant application.
- Applicant must provide additional information as deemed necessary for Together Women Rise to make the grant decision.
- Applicant has not received a Together Women Rise grant within the past four years.

Eligibility (cont'd)

- Applicant must provide data regarding the direct impact of the organization's program(s) that the grant would support.
- Women must make up at least 50% majority leadership of the organization on its board of directors and staff at the time of application.
- If the applicant has previously received a Rise grantee, it must have satisfied **ALL** of Rise's reporting requirements for that past grant.

Eligibility (cont'd)

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 501(c)3 designation. An applicant that does not have a US 501c3 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 must satisfy all the Together Women Rise grant criteria.

Featured grants program details

- The Grants and Partnership Committee will review and select grantees on strict criteria established by the GPC and approved by the Board of Directors
- Interim and final payments tied to reporting deliverables
- Funding in \$35k-\$50k USD range
- Funding to grassroots organizations in low-income communities in the Global South focused on global gender equality with a majority of leaders being women
- Check-ins with grantees (bi-annually)
- Grantees must submit application & required documents via online
- Potential virtual site visits prior to final selection of grantees

Details (continued)

- Grantee video; photos; beneficiary story/quotes; social media announcements; interview on the national webinar
- All other education pieces for example country profile, books, recipes, geography and project fact sheet will be prepared by Rise volunteers
- Grantee and Rise will sign a fund agreement
- Funding will be for two years to allow organizations time to do the work (i.e. \$50,000USD over two years)
- Only organizations with operating budgets below \$1 million USD will be considered for capacity building grants.

TOGETHER WOMEN RISE WILL NOT SUPPORT:

- Debt reduction
- Grants to individuals
- Endowments
- Lobbying or political activities/parties
- Election campaigns
- Government entities
- Building funds or campaigns
- Organizations that engage in religious or political proselytizing.*

**Together Women Rise does not fund organizations that engage in exclusionary practices based on religion or political affiliation or that attempt to convert the community beneficiaries to a particular religious faith or belief, or a political party or belief.*

Featured Grant Program Timeline



Virtual Site Visit: What Applicants Need to Know

- If selected as a top applicant, you may be asked to respond to follow-up questions from the GPC.
- Questions are based on your application and may include financial-related inquiries.
- Responses are limited to 350 words per question.
- No attachments (graphics, videos, reports) are allowed.
- You will receive instructions and a deadline from the Grants Manager.
- Your responses will be reviewed during scoring.
- No additional questions will be sent during this time.

Q&A

350 Words

No Attachments

Common Challenges

Outcomes & Sustainability

- Identify the changes you hope to see in people or communities.
- Describe both measurable and narrative outcomes.
- Explain how those outcomes will be sustained after the grant period.

Measuring Impact

- Share what data you'll collect and from whom.
- Describe how data will be collected, analyzed, and used.
- Highlight resources or partners supporting your evaluation efforts.

Leadership & Gender Equity

- Explain your internal gender equity practices.
- Include representation of women across leadership levels.
- Share your strategies for fostering leadership among women.

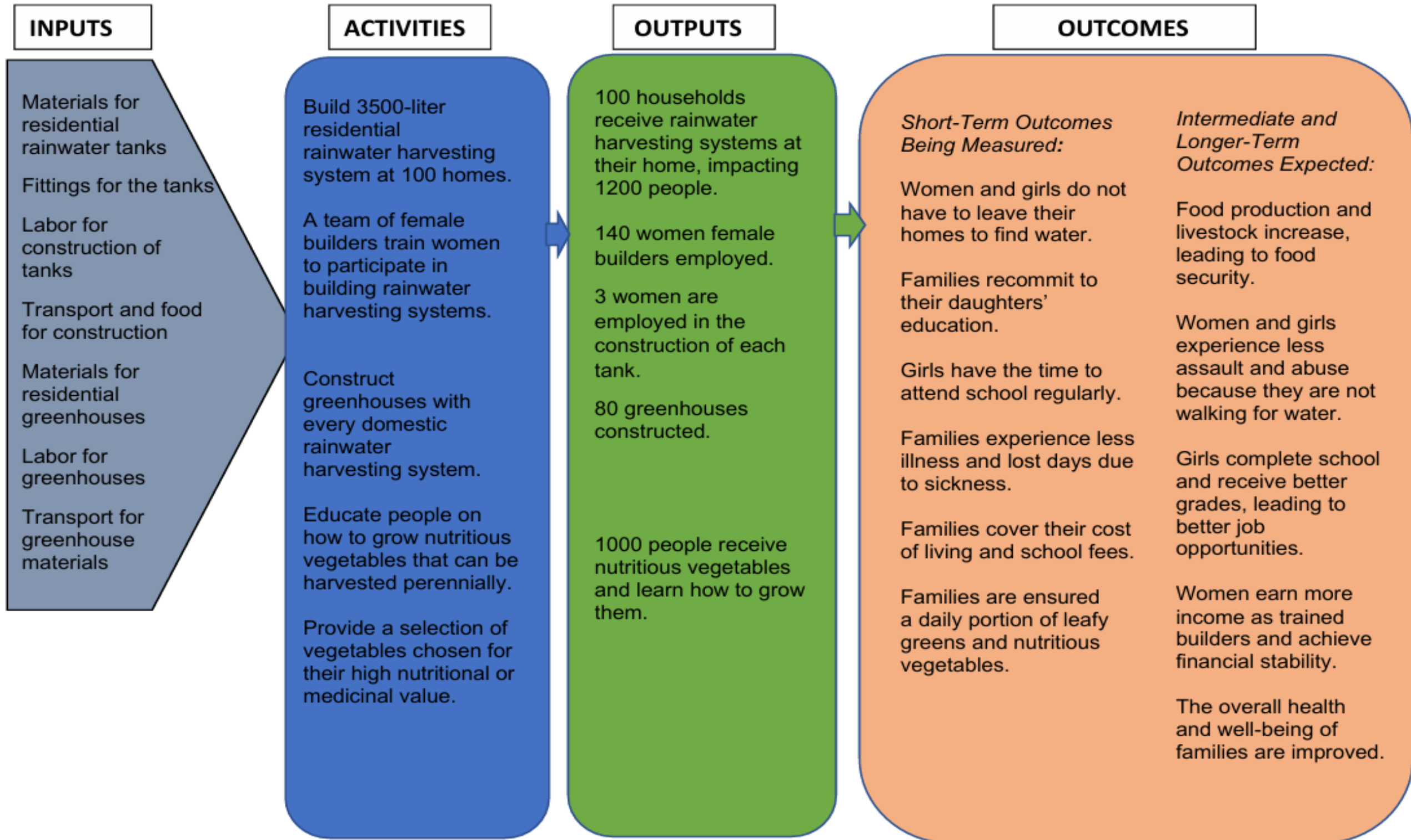
Budget Overview

- Be clear and transparent with your program or project budget.
- Explain how both Rise and other funds will be used.
- Share your contingency plan for potential funding gaps.

Community Context & Problem Definition

- Define the problem your project addresses and why it's important.
- Support your case with relevant data and community insights.
- Explain why your organization is well-positioned to address it.

TELL YOUR STORY: OUTCOMES



If you're running into any issues or just want to confirm you're on the right track, feel free to join one of the sessions below:

Office Hours Session 1

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM ET

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/nzIGwlg4QXelSWL5o8EttA>

Office Hours Session 2

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VxR1gCWLS_ae0BbmntibRA



Applicant Portal

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <https://togetherwomenrise.my.site.com/fundingprograms/s/featured-grants-pre-application?intid=a5tQh000000EBy5IAG>. The page header includes the Together Women Rise logo and a 'Home' link. The main content area contains the following text and form fields:

To help you determine your organization's eligibility for a featured grant, complete the eligibility checklist.

Please provide information about yourself

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Mobile Phone or WhatsApp Number

Organization Name

Next

Quick Links
Privacy Statement
About Us
Contact Us

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The bottom of the browser window shows a Windows taskbar with the system tray displaying 64°F Cloudy, a search bar, and the date/time 11:09 AM 4/23/2025.

Thank You For Your Interest Email

Thank you for your interest in Together Women Rise Inbox x



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Thank you for your interest in the Together Women Rise Featured Grants Program. Your organization meets all the qualifications of our eligibility checklist, and you are invited to complete a formal application for funding.

The deadline for full submissions is June 6, 2025, at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.

You can access the application portal by clicking below and using your Together Women Rise funding portal credentials.

[LOGIN](#)

Sincerely,

Together Women Rise Team



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"Paving the Path to Gender Equality for 20 Years"





Our Mission

Cultivate the collective power of community to achieve global gender equality

We've been supporting women and girls in low-income and marginalized communities since 2003.

[View Applications](#)



2026 Featured Grants Program: Key Terms



A guide to essential terminology for organizations applying to Together Women Rise's 2026 Featured Grants program.

Grant Types & Requirements



Featured Grant

\$35,000 to \$50,000 over two years for organizations advancing gender equality in the Global South.

Capacity Building

Funding to strengthen internal systems. Only for orgs with budgets under \$1M.

Programs/Projects

Funding to launch or expand programs aligned with Together Women Rise's mission.

Leadership Requirement

At least 50% of staff and board must be women at time of application.

Impact & Outcomes



Direct Impact

Individuals directly served by the funded program.



Indirect Impact

Individuals who benefit as a result of direct beneficiaries' participation.



Narrative Outcomes

Qualitative stories illustrating how individuals are being impacted.



Measurable Outcomes

Quantitative data showing changes attributed to the program.



Application Process

1

Eligibility Questionnaire

First step opening May 6, 2025 to determine if an organization can apply.

2

Application Window

Opens May 6, 2025 and closes June 6, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET.

3

GPC Review

Grants and Partnership Committee reviews, scores, and recommends grantees.

4

Virtual Site Visit

Follow-up questions for top applicants. Responses limited to 350 words.



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Resources/Information

Please visit our website: togetherwomenrise.org/grants for more detailed information about the featured grants program.

Contact Jasemen Hatcher, Program and Grants Manager at grants@togetherwomenrise.org.

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Thank you!!

