

Other funding sources for applicants¹:

❖ **African Women's Development Fund**

The Solidarity Fund has been established to create an additional source of funding for current or potential AWDF grantees, to enable them engage in activities which promote learning and the sharing of experiences on a local, national and international level. To this end, the Solidarity Fund will support African women to participate in exchange visits, conferences, seminars and workshops, thereby providing valuable opportunities for networking and information, all of which are vital to the strengthening of the African women's movement.

Website:

<http://www.awdf.org/the-process/solidarity-fund>

❖ **Global Fund for Women**

The Global Fund for Women is an international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice. We advocate for and defend women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world. The travel grants are small grants that allow members of an organization to attend conferences and events.

Website:

<http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/cms/type-of-grant.html>

❖ **Open Society Institute (SOROS Foundation)**

The Open Society Institute works to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. To achieve its mission, OSI seeks to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. The Open

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Society Institute International Women's Program (IWP) supports and helps build the capacity of national and regional women's groups, human rights groups, and other relevant organizations to undertake advocacy, education, and outreach. Through its Travel and Event Grants Program the IWP aims to amplify the voices of women's rights advocates in key international policy venues.

Website:

http://www.soros.org/grants/application/grant_apply_step_5_view?grant_type=organizational&country_id=112&country_name=Canada&initiative_code=women&initiative_name=Women%27s+Program&focus_area_code=travel_2009&x=45&y=14

❖ **The Sigrid Rausing Trust**

Small Grants are grants of up to £15,000. They are awarded throughout the year and are intended for small organisations, who find it difficult to fundraise from international funding agencies. Applications for a small grant must come with a recommendation from an existing grantee or another funding agency.

Website:

<http://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org/Types-of-Grant-and-Application-Process>

❖ **Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)**

The Conference Fund supports participation by eligible delegates at conferences that address topics of particular interest to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Conferences must directly support one or more of [CIDA's program priorities](#) (governance, health, basic education, private-sector development, and environmental sustainability, with gender equality as a cross-cutting theme), and seek to influence sustainable development in developing countries and/or countries in transition. The Conference Fund will support up to 33% of total conference costs, to a maximum of \$200,000, towards the participation of eligible

delegates. Please note that complete applications must be received no later than 16 weeks before the conference begins.

Website:

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/acdi-cida.nsf/eng/JUD-77113212-L8P>

❖ **Nirnaya (India)**

This organization supports women's groups which are based and working in India. Nirnaya is a women's fund which since inception has been supporting various women's groups across the country. In future too it has plans to support deserving individuals and groups who identify with the cause of women and are passionate about it. Nirnaya welcomes applications for funds from such women who sincerely want to bring about transformation.

Website:

<http://www.nirnaya.org/gettingfunds.htm>

❖ **The Fund for Global Human Rights**

The Fund aims to provide funding for human rights organizations over the longer term. To that end, we maintain a long-term focus on specific countries and regions where we believe strategic grant-making can make a difference in advancing human rights protections over time. For human rights organizations based in Guatemala, Mexico, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Philippines and Thailand, please check the website in May 2010 for updated information.

Website:

http://www.globalhumanrights.org/for-grantees/copy_of_for-grantees

❖ **Hivos**

This should be considered for wider organizational funding. Hivos funding is approved for specific activities, programmes or organisations as a whole.

Organisational funding is a signal of confidence and trust in the partner, based on quality and fruitful co-operation.

Hivos supports organisations in a limited number of countries. These are: Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Peru, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tanzania, Timor Lorosae, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Website:

<http://www.hivos.nl/english/Hivos-Virtual-Office/Criteria>

❖ **International Indigenous Women's Forum**

The Indigenous Women's Fund will provide long-term and flexible funding for Indigenous women's organizations, including support for core administrative costs, travel, and capital expenditures that relate to organizational development or networking. Of particular relevance to Women's Human Rights Education is their Scholarship Program to Indigenous Women to Pursue Technical and Higher Education.

Website:

<http://indigenouswomensforum.org/iwfund/grantmaking.html>

❖ **Grassroots International**

Grassroots works with local, regional, national and international organizations who monitor and document human rights abuses and defend economic, social, cultural and environmental rights including the rights to food, water and land. Grassroots makes grants for training of local human rights monitors; legal defense for resource rights activists; communications, education and training to raise public awareness of resource rights as human rights; and presentation of documentation or cases at regional or international human rights bodies. They do not accept unsolicited proposals, but interested applicants should email them directly to inquire further.

Website:

<http://www.grassrootsonline.org/issues/defending-human-rights>

❖ **Mama Cash Foundation**

Mama Cash funds and partners with local and regional women's funds to build the infrastructure of women and girls' movements around the world. Mama Cash offers both general support and support for specific programs, projects, or initiatives. However, they encourage groups to apply for general support.

Website:

<http://www.mamacash.org/page.php?id=2054>

Additional Notes:

- Many participants find the most luck in approaching past and existing funders.
- Also, in many countries Embassies have some discretionary funds or small grants that may go to support travel.
- Many progressive religious organizations have small social justice funds---this may be something to look into.
- Many Unions have funds, including international solidarity funds, to support training and social justice.
- There may be government funds available to you for training, travel, conference participation, or as part of initiatives to support women's issues in your State; do look for local sources rather than just international funders.

**We have to be creative in our fundraising in a time of austerity
and backlash against Women's Rights!**