



**THE UK FUND FOR  
WOMEN AND GIRLS**

## **Rosa's Covid-19 Response Fund – Small Grants**

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**Do organisations have to be registered as a charity to apply?**

No, but their activities must be charitable, legal and for the benefit of women and/or girls. They must also have all of the supporting documents listed in the application guidance.

**I’m personally affected by the coronavirus pandemic, can individuals apply?**

We understand the outbreak is having a huge impact on many individuals and communities across the UK. Unfortunately, Rosa is unable to fund individuals. This fund has been set up to support women’s organisations to continue their vital work during the coronavirus crisis. If you are a women’s organisation you need not be a registered charity, but your activities must be charitable (for the public benefit), not for profit, legal and for the benefit of women or girls.

[Turn2us](#) is a good source of information and support for individuals.

**How much can I apply for?**

You can apply for a grant between £1,000 and, up to and including, £10,000.

What types of organisations will you fund?

- We will only fund women’s organisations. Rosa defines “women’s organisations” as those which are run by, for and with women. This means that organisations should have the principal objective of working with women and girls and where the majority of beneficiaries of the organisation as a whole are, and always will be, women and girls. It must be clear that your organisation is run primarily by women and we will review your organisation’s constitution, website and management committee in light of this
- Organisations that serve a charitable purpose
- Organisations that are committed to social justice and equality for women
- Organisations that have been active for at least a year and can submit annual accounts for a whole year

### **What type of work will you fund?**

This is an open call for UK women's organisations to apply for what they identify as a short-term funding need that has arisen as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. We will fund a wide range of costs that will enable women's organisations to continue or adapt their day to day work during the Covid-19 crisis. We will also consider funding new emergency response activities.

We will support charitable women's organisations whose work fits under one or more of Rosa's four pillars. These are explained in more detail [here](#):

- Leadership and Representation
- Safety
- Health and Wellbeing
- Economic Justice

You can apply for unrestricted funding towards core costs (meaning costs related to the day to day running of your organisation such as staff salaries, office costs and other general running costs), equipment, volunteer costs, staffing and other costs that will support critical work. You must be able to describe how the funding will help to improve the situation for your organisation and the women you work with.

Here are some examples of the types of costs we may cover:

- Costs that enable you to meet the immediate needs of the women and girls you support
- Costs that enable you to meet the immediate needs of your staff and volunteers
- Costs that enable your organisation to adapt your work to continue to reach women and girls during this time. Please note, costs already incurred as a direct result of the Covid-19 crisis will be considered.
- Costs to free up capacity to fundraise
- Costs that support the short term survival of your organisation
- Costs that support your organisation to better connect with the sector or with wider stakeholders

This is by no means an exhaustive list and we are open to hearing what your short term funding needs are.

### **We have already incurred additional costs whilst working to continue our operations during the pandemic. Can we apply for funding to cover these costs?**

Yes, we will consider costs already incurred as a direct result of the Covid-19 crisis. Examples may include video conferencing software, IT equipment, phone costs, remote working systems and additional staff costs.

### **How will you prioritise grants?**

The fund particularly welcomes proposals from women's organisations that:

- Address the critical needs of women and girls that miss out the most, including: marginalised populations, BME women, lesbian, bisexual or transgender women and girls, women and girls with

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disabilities, older women, homeless women, survivors of gender violence, women in prison and ex-offenders, and other underserved and disadvantaged groups of women.

- Operate in less economically resilient towns, cities and rural areas within the UK.

We anticipate a high number of requests for support and we will do our best to manage this proactively and provide a quick response to all applicants. We may need to prioritise applications for funding, if necessary, we will prioritise:

- Organisations working with women and girls that have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus outbreak
- Smaller organisations that have less capacity to fundraise
- Organisations based outside of London due to the significant [London Community funding response](#).

### **What will you not fund?**

Rosa's Covid 19 Response Fund - Small Grants Fund will not fund:

- Work that is not exclusively targeting women and girls as beneficiaries
- Work intended to benefit specific individuals (as opposed to groups in the community)
- Work that substitutes or overlaps with statutory service provision
- Paid for advertising and marketing
- Work that should be provided by statutory organisations
- Party Political activities
- Activities promoting religious beliefs
- Overseas travel
- Interest payment on loans
- One-off conferences or events unless they are part of a longer term strategy.
- Research, except tightly focused on a specific issue
- Profit-making work
- Work outside of the UK

### **When do any successful awards need to be spent?**

All successful awards must be spent within six months of receiving the grant.

### **Who can I contact if I have an enquiry?**

We strongly advise all applicants to read our application guidance and read answers to all of our FAQs before submitting your enquiry.

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If you have an enquiry that is not covered in our guidance materials you can send your enquiry to [info@rosauk.org](mailto:info@rosauk.org). Please insert 'C19 Response Fund Small Grants' as your email subject and provide your organisation and contact name.

If you wish to speak to someone on the phone, please leave your contact name and number and we will arrange a call back. We aim to get back to all enquiries within 5 working days.

### **I'm having technical difficulties with the online application form, can you help?**

The online application form may not be compatible with some older versions of Google Chrome. Please ensure you use one of the following web-browsers to access the form:

- Internet Explorer 11, the latest version of
- Google Chrome for Windows or Macintosh (latest version)
- Mozilla Firefox for Windows or Macintosh (latest version)
- Microsoft Edge
- Safari (Macintosh)

If you are still having problems please contact us on [info@rosauk.org](mailto:info@rosauk.org). Please insert 'C19 Response Fund Small Grants' as your email subject and provide your organisation and contact name.

If you wish to speak to someone on the phone, please leave your contact name and number and we will arrange a call back. We aim to get back to all enquiries within 5 working days.

### **When can I apply and when will I hear back?**

The online application for the fund is now available to complete [here](#). Applications will be considered from **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020** on a rolling basis.

We will do our very best to notify applicants of the decision within approximately **two weeks** of submitting an application. If we receive a very high volume of applications we will notify you if the response will be longer.

### **How can I check whether my organisation is eligible for funding?**

If you meet **all** of the following requirements, you are eligible to apply for a grant:

- Your organisation is non-profitable and run predominantly by, for and with women. You do not have to be a registered charity, but your activities must be charitable, legal and for the benefit of women.
- You have a written governing document, e.g. a constitution or set of rules
- You have a governing body with at least 3 unrelated members
- You have a UK-based bank or building society account in the name of your organisation
- Your bank or building society account has at least 2 unrelated signatories

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- You have been active for at least one year and can produce annual accounts for a whole year.
- You have an appropriate safeguarding policy in place (every organisation that delivers charitable activities has a duty to safeguard volunteers, staff members, participants and donors).

### **How can I check whether the work we are seeking funding for is eligible?**

We will fund a wide range of costs that will enable women's organisations to continue and/or adapt their day to day work during the Covid-19 crisis. Please see **'What type of work will you fund?'** above. Please see **'What will you not fund?'** above for ineligible costs that cannot be considered.

### **Will you fund existing work or does it need to be new?**

We will fund both existing and new work. We will fund costs that enable women's organisations to continue or adapt existing, well-established work at throughout the Covid-19 crisis. We will also fund costs that support women's organisations to deliver emergency response activities to meet the needs of marginalised women and girls including those that are disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 crisis. Where you are requesting funding towards new work, please tell us about the skills and experience your organisation has to deliver this.

You can apply for funding towards costs to adapt your work, specific project costs and/or core costs, meaning costs related to the day to day running of your organisation such as salaries, rent, costs relating to volunteers, costs relating to staff development and other general running costs.

### **If our organisation has had to furlough staff can we still apply?**

Yes. We know that many women's organisations are working hard to adapt their operations at this time. For some organisations, it may have been necessary to temporarily pause strands of work and furlough some staff due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We will consider applications from organisations where this is the case, however, we expect your organisation to still be operational to some degree.

### **I am a current recipient of one of Rosa's other grants, can I apply?**

Yes the fund is open to both new applicant organisations and Rosa's current grantees.

### **If we have received other Covid-19 emergency funds will we still be able to apply?**

Yes. We recognise many women's organisations need urgent financial support to continue their work.

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**Will successful applicants receive any support as part of the award?**

Yes. We are reviewing and adapting the wider development support we will offer which includes mentoring, training and information webinars. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

**How will funding decisions be made?**

Each applicant is assessed on its own merit according to the fund's objectives published in the application guidance. The Grants Panel then seek to make awards that meet the overall aims of the programme.

**What if my application is unsuccessful?**

If your application is unsuccessful, we will write to you telling you the reasons why. We do provide feedback on common errors and application weaknesses. You are not able to appeal our decision, but if you have a complaint about how your application has been dealt with, please contact Rosa's Executive Director, at [info@rosauk.org](mailto:info@rosauk.org), please title your email 'Covid-19 Response Fund - Small Grants'.