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Voices from the Frontline 2022

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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About the fund

1. What does Rosa want to achieve with this funding?

Rosa's Voices from the Frontline fund offers one-year grants of between £500 and £7,000 to support campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls to use their voices to achieve change.

By this, we mean that at the end of the grant, you will be able to report one or more of these changes:

Women and girls you work with will:

- Feel more able to raise their voice and challenge the inequalities they face.
- Improve their campaigning and advocacy skills such as organising a campaign and getting support, giving presentations, media training, networking, using social media, and voice coaching.

Your organisation will:

- Have developed skills and experience in campaigning, activism and/or advocacy
- Have influenced (or feel more able to influence) power holders such as your local communities, government, media, service providers and corporates.

2. How much can I apply for?

You can apply for a one-year grant of between £500 and £7,000.

3. How many grants do you expect to make?

We expect to be able to support between 30 and 40 organisations across the UK.

Who can apply to Voices from the Frontline

4. What is the eligibility criteria for Voices from the Frontline?

This fund is for women's and girls' organisations across the UK. You do not need to have any campaigning experience to apply. We also welcome applications from organisations which have previously received a grant from Rosa, either through Voices from the Frontline or through one of our other programmes.

To be eligible for the Voices from the Frontline programme your organisation must:

1. Meet **Rosa's definition of a women and girls organisation**. Rosa defines women's and girls' organisations as those which are run by, for and with women and girls. This means that your organisation will be governed and led by women. It will have a Board of Trustees (or similar) where the Chair is a woman, and the majority of members are women. The majority of your organisation's employee leadership team will be women. Your organisation will have the principal objective of working with women and/or girls and the majority of your organisation's beneficiaries are, and will always be, women and/or girls.
2. Be a not-for-profit organisation
3. Have a written governing document, e.g. a constitution or set of rules
4. Have a governing body with at least 3 unrelated members
5. Have a UK-based bank or building society account in the name of your organisation with at least 2 unrelated signatories
6. Have been active for at least one year and be able to produce annual accounts for a whole year
7. Have an appropriate safeguarding policy in place

5. 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.

6. Do you fund non-constituted groups?

No. Whilst organisations do not need to be a registered charity to apply, we do require organisations to have a governing body and to have a constitution or set of rules.

7. Are there any specific groups Rosa is looking to receive proposals from?

This fund will prioritise applications from organisations that are:

- operating in the top 20% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK -based on the Indices of multiple deprivation (IMD);
- based in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

- led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls;
- led by and for disabled women;
- led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls;

These are all priority groups for this programme and are not listed in priority order.

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

Yes.

Work that Voices from the Frontline supports

9. What type of work will you fund?

We will fund the broad range of activity that women's organisations undertake in order to raise women's voices and challenge inequality, including:

- campaigning for changes in policy and laws including activities such as petitions, social media campaigns and lobbying.
- Influencing community leaders and power holders about issues that affect women in a particular place or community.
- Gathering evidence or producing tools and reports which enable women and women's organisations to campaign for change.
- Mentoring or training for women on how to participate in public life and influence social policy.
- Activities and workshops for women, giving them space to identify and understand the injustices they face and to develop the confidence to speak up against them.
- Video and media campaigns about specific issues facing women.
- Training activists in campaigning, advocacy, lobbying or public speaking.
- Hosting workshops, events and conferences that educate and influence wider society.

We recognise that campaigning takes a long time. In the application guidance we have set out some of the steps you may need to take in order to amplify women's voices. You may be at the beginning of your campaigning journey, or you may have already started and need to continue or expand your work.

10. What will you not fund?

Under this programme, we will not fund service delivery. We will not fund the following:

- responsibilities of statutory agencies
- profit-making work
- party political activity
- activities promoting religious beliefs
- work outside the UK
- applications from individuals
- overseas travel
- interest payments on loans
- building purchase
- costs that your organisation has already incurred ('retrospective costs')

In addition, we will not fund organisations that do not meet our definition of a women's and girls' organisation.

11. Can you accept an application from a partnership of two organisations?

We will not accept applications made in partnership with another organisation or organisations applying to the fund on behalf of another organisation.

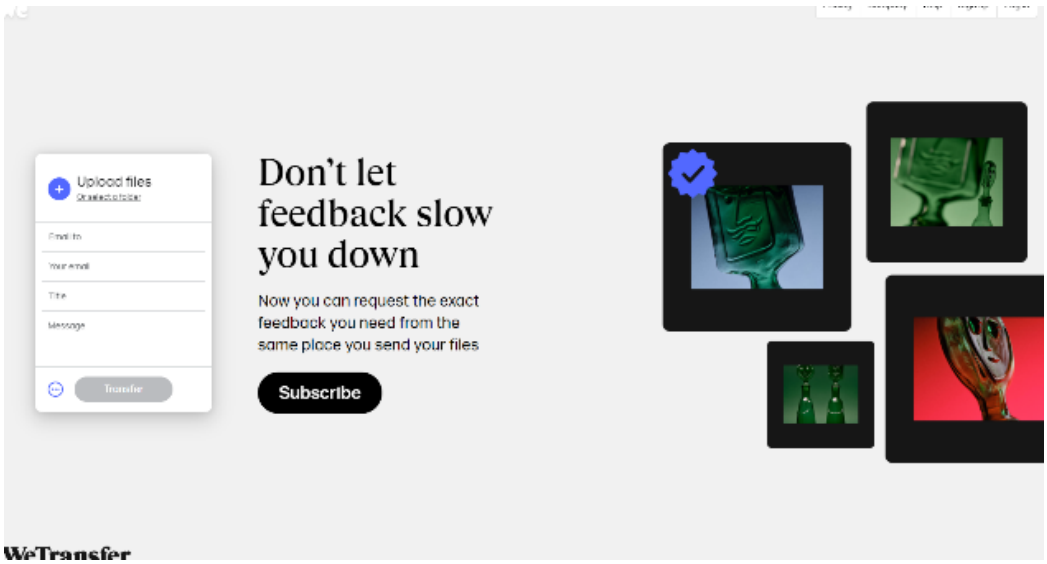
How to apply

12. Where do I apply?

To apply, please complete steps 1 & 2 below. Please note we will not accept applications that have not completed both steps.

1. Submit our brief online application form. The application form questions are in the application guidance document.
2. Send us a **three-minute video** by WeTransfer outlining how you will use the funding. Please find the guidance on creating and submitting your application video in the application guidance.

Once you are on Wetransfer, you will see an upload option on the left side of the screen.



Please select the blue plus button which is the upload file option. Please send the video to grants@rosauk.org, include the subject as 'Your organisation name, Voices from the Frontline application'.

The deadline for applications is the 3rd of November at 4pm. Please note that we will not accept applications after the deadline.

13. What documents do I need to include in the application?

- Last year annual accounts.
- A copy of a bank statement from within the last 3 months.
- A copy of the governing document for your organisation.
- Your organisation's safeguarding policy(ies).

Please note that we require all the above documents. If you are unable to provide any of the required documents your organisation may not be eligible for the fund.

14. Who can I contact if I have an enquiry?

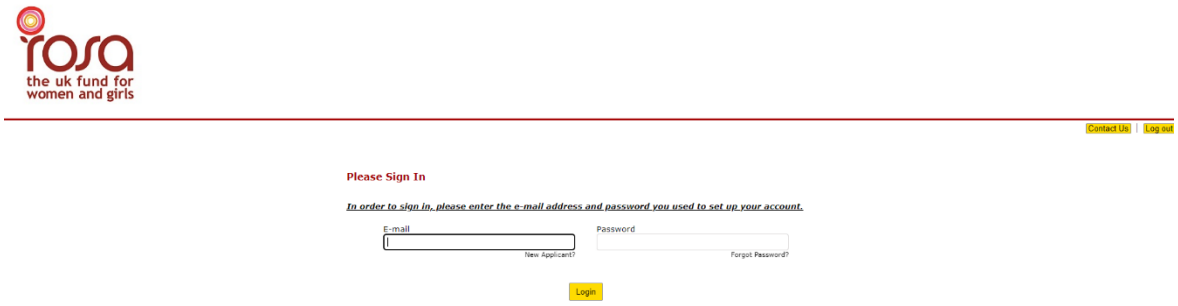
Please contact grants@rosauk.org stating your organisation and query in your email.

15. I need accessibility support with the application form. How can I get support?

We are happy to discuss your support needs and to see how we can help. You can contact us by email: grants@rosauk.org please tell us the name of your organisation and the type of support you need in your email. Or you can call us on 020 7697 3466.

16. I'm having technical difficulties with the online application from, can you help?

Once you click on the link for the application form, you will need to set up a login to access the application.



After you login, you are required to provide information in all sections of the application. Please note that you cannot submit your application if you do not complete all sections of the application.

If you would like to plan your answers before going online to fill in the form, the application form questions are listed in the application guidance.

If you are having any issues with the form, you may need to reset your password. We advise the applicants use one email login rather than set up multiple profiles. The online application form may also not be compatible with some older versions of Google Chrome. Please ensure you use one of the following `-browsers to access the form:

- Internet Explorer 11 (latest version)
- Google Chrome for Windows or Mac (latest version)
- Mozilla Firefox for Windows or Mac (latest version)
- Microsoft Edge
- Safari (Mac)

17. Can I upload multiple documents on the application form?

Yes. You may also upload the documents by compressing a file or folder that has multiple documents. Instructions on how to do this are below.

To zip (compress) a file or folder (Microsoft)

1. Locate the file or folder that you want to zip.

2. Press and hold (or right-click) the file or folder, select (or point to) Send to, and then select Compressed (zipped) folder. A new zipped folder with the same name is created in the same location.

How funding decisions are made

18. How will funding decisions be made?

Once the fund is closed, we will work with assessors to carry out eligibility checks on all applications. This will be followed by a shortlisting stage. Applications will be shortlisted based on:

- Passing the eligibility checks
- How well the proposal fits with the aim and priorities of the fund
- A good geographic spread of applications across the four UK nations
- A number of organisations operating in the top 20% of most disadvantaged areas in the UK – based on the Indices of multiple deprivation (IMD);
- A number of organisations led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls; disabled women; or LGBTQ+ women and girls.

Shortlisted applications will then be presented to a decision panel comprised of 2 Rosa Trustees, Rosa's funders and representatives from the women's and girls' sector.

19. When will decisions be made?

We will let you know whether your application has been successful by 6th January 2023.

20. What if my application is unsuccessful?

If your application is unsuccessful, we will write to you telling you the reasons why. 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, please title your email 'Voices from the Frontline Fund'.

21. Will further rounds of funding be available after this?

We hope to run this fund in the future. Please sign up to our newsletter on our website: rosauk.org for updates on any Rosa funding that is available.