



## Stand with Us Fund

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## **What is the Stand With Us fund?**

### **What do we want to achieve with this funding?**

The Stand With Us fund aims to empower and strengthen frontline VAWG organisations to build safer futures for women and girls.

We want to enable organisations to be in a stronger position to survive, thrive and grow by investing in organisational development work such as developing strategy, strengthening governance and leadership, having a stronger voice in the women's movement, creating alliances and partnerships, increasing fundraising, volunteering and activism, demonstrating impact and improving systems and processes.

### **How many grants do you expect to make?**

With the funding we have raised to date, we expect to be able to support at least 18 organisations across the four UK nations.

## **Who can apply to the Stand With Us fund?**

This fund is for organisations delivering a frontline service to women and/or girls who have been affected by male violence and abuse including (but not limited to) domestic violence, coercive control, rape, sexual abuse, forced marriage, 'honour' based violence, FGM, sexual harassment, economic and financial abuse.

### **What is meant by a women's 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 principle 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.

### **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.

### **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 be constituted.

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

Yes. However, please note that organisations which have not previously been funded by the Stand With Us fund Round 1 (SWU 1) will be prioritised in the second round of the fund. Organisations that have previously received a grant from SWU1 to fund the same staff posts will need to demonstrate how they will approach longer term funding of the post once SWU2 funding has ended.

## **What does the Stand With Us fund support?**

How much can I apply for?

You can apply for a one-year grant of up to £25,000.

If we don't have independently examined or audited accounts yet, will you accept management accounts?

No. You must be able to provide one year of annual accounts.

Can I apply if our organisation has reserves?

Yes. The maximum amount of unrestricted reserves your organisation can have is 12 months expenditure.

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

This fund will prioritise applications from organisations that are:

- led by and for Black and minoritised women and girls;
- led by and for disabled women and girls;
- led by and for LGBTQ+ women and girls;
- operating in the top 10% of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK -based on the Indices of multiple deprivation (IMD);
- based in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

What type of work will you fund?

We know we need organisational development support but don't know specifically what that means for our organisation.

We encourage you to look at the areas of change in the table under 'What sort of work will Rosa fund' in the application guidance document and identify if there are any specific areas that are relevant to your organisation.

It can be helpful to have wider discussions with your team, Board and volunteers to understand what your organisation's strengths are and to identify any areas of weakness. You might also want to spend time thinking about the areas of development that would

make the biggest difference to your organisation and to prioritise the things that you would like to work on.

### What will you not fund?

Under this programme, 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 set out under the heading ***What is meant by a women's and girls' organisation?*** above

### Can I request core costs?

This fund will not support requests for core costs.

### 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.

## What do I need to do to apply?

### Where do I apply?

Our application form is online. Please access it [here](#).

### What documents do I need to include in the application?

- Signed annual accounts for your most recent financial year
- Management accounts, signed by your Chair or CEO.
- 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.

## What is the difference between annual accounts and management accounts?

Annual accounts are a report of your organisation's financial activity over the last financial year. They usually include income and expenditure and a balance sheet. Management accounts are signed by the CEO/ Trustees and provide the organisation's cash position, income and expenditure and balance sheet. We understand that organisations have different ways of presenting their annual accounts and management accounts.

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

Please contact [grants@rosauk.org](mailto:grants@rosauk.org) stating your organisation and query in your email.

## I need accessibility support with the application form. Who can I contact for 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](mailto: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.

## I'm having technical difficulties with the online application form, 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.



[Contact Us](#) | [Log In](#)

### Please Sign In

*In order to sign in, please enter the e-mail address and password you used to set up your account.*

<input type="text"/>	<input type="password"/>
<small>E-mail</small>	<small>Password</small>
<small>New Applicant?</small>	<small>Forgot Password?</small>

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.

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## THE UK FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

The screenshot shows a progress bar at the top with seven steps: 1 Introduction, 2 Contact Information, 3 Eligibility Questions, 4 Your Organisation, 5 Grant Proposal, 6 Attachments, and 7 Review My Application. The 'Introduction' step is highlighted. Below the progress bar, the page title is 'Introduction' with a red asterisk indicating it is required before final submission. There are two buttons: 'Printer Friendly Version' and 'E-mail Draft'. A pink box contains the following text: 'Please read before starting your application... Welcome to your application to the Stand With Us Fund. All applicants must have read the programme guidance and FAQs before applying. You will find guidance about answering the questions on each screen. You can save and return to the form at any time. The closing date for applications is 4.00pm on Thursday 9th June. We are unable to accept applications after this time. Rosa takes your privacy seriously and is committed to protecting your personal information. The information you provide in this application will be retained in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. We may, from time to time legitimately share your personal information. For example with may share your information with freelance workers to assess grants applications, with organisations which help monitor and evaluate our services, with grants decision making bodies and with others in the field to support their own grant making. We may also share your details with other third parties for example to fulfil a legal obligation, for the prevention of fraud and to those who supply a service to us. We will always seek your permission before sharing personal information you have provided as part of our marketing.' At the bottom of the pink box are two buttons: 'Save & Finish Later' and 'Next'.

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 applicants to 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)

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.

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## How will you decide who will receive funding?

### How will funding decisions be made?

Once the fund is closed, we will work with assessors to carry out an eligibility check and initial review process. 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
- Need and opportunity for strengthening your organisation at this time
- A good geographic spread of applications across the four UK nations
- A number of organisations operating in the top 10% 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.
- A number of organisations that have not previously received a grant from the Stand With Us 1 fund.

Shortlisted applications will undergo a full assessment which may include a call with the applicant. The final funding decision will be made by a panel comprised of Rosa Trustees and experts from the VAWG sector.

### When will decisions be made?

Fund opens	Tuesday 18th June
Closing date for applications	5pm Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July
Notifications to applicants not shortlisted	By 16th September
Call to discuss your application (if necessary)	September/October
Notification of outcome for all other applicants	By Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

We recognise that this is a fairly long assessment process, but feel it is important to build in enough time to shortlist and assess applications, and to undertake the high-quality grant making that we are proud of at Rosa.

### 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 'Stand With Us Fund'.

### Will further rounds be available after this?

Please sign up to our newsletter for updates on any Rosa funding that is available in future.

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