



ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

PROJECT FUNDING - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What type of organisation can apply?

ACWW welcomes applications from small to medium-sized (annual income less than £150,000) NGOs, women's groups, educational institutions or umbrella organisations in less developed countries. Organisations must have been locally registered for at least 2 years (with suitable registration for receiving foreign donations) and be able to provide all of the supporting documents required. Applications from organisations where at least 80% of those in decision-making positions are women will be given priority for funding.

All non-member organisations who wish to apply for funding must first complete the Pre-Application Questionnaire form via the website: www.acww.org.uk/projects

ACWW will use the information provided to establish the eligibility of the organisation and the suitability of project proposals. Shortlisted organisations will then be invited to submit a full application and advised of upcoming deadlines and Projects Committee meeting dates.

2. When can we apply?

The ACWW Projects Committee meets twice a year to consider applications, usually in March and October. We would advise non-member organisations to complete the Pre-Application Questionnaire at least 9 months before the next meeting.

Member organisations are not currently required to complete the pre-application questionnaire and can contact ACWW Central Office for further advice and application forms.

3. What type of project can we apply for?

ACWW will support sustainable projects to improve the standard of living of women and their families under the following criteria:

Education and Capacity Building; Health Education; Nutrition and Home Economics; Civic Consciousness and Community Involvement; Income Generation; Water and Sanitation; Agricultural Training and Development.

Current priorities for funding include projects that focus on basic literacy, skills-training, income-generating businesses, organic smallholder agriculture, improved nutrition, maternal health and access to water and sanitation.

ACWW will NOT fund:

The purchase of land, motor vehicles or items of large mechanical equipment; emergency relief work; capital infrastructure projects (buildings); on-going office administration and salary expenses.

4. How much money can we apply for?

The maximum amount granted for non-member organisations is £5,000. The maximum amount granted for member organisations is £10,000. * Proposals for smaller amounts are more likely to be approved and as such, we are currently recommending that non-member organisations apply for no more than £4,000 and member organisations no more than £8,000.

**Please check the £GBP exchange rate and allow for fluctuations as many applications are rejected because they exceed the maximum amount.*

5. Are we required to make a contribution?

Yes.

All applicants are required to make a contribution of at least 25% of the total project cost. The applicant's contribution can be in cash or in kind (volunteer time, provision of venue or other facilities, etc.) but must be clearly shown in the budget. Example:

Total project cost: GBP £4,000

Grant applied for: GBP £3,000

Applicant's local contribution: £1,000

6. What type of bank account is acceptable to ACWW?

A bank account in the name of the organisation or the project, not in the name of an individual. This should be based in the country where the project will be implemented and should be suitable for receiving foreign donations.

7. Can individuals apply for funds?

No.

There are some individual scholarship funds open only to women who belong to ACWW member organisations (see Members' Area on the website or contact ACWW Central Office for more details).

8. Will ACWW personnel visit our project?

It is possible that a pre-funding visit will be carried out by an ACWW Resource Person if your organisation is not known to ACWW. If your project is approved and once it is underway, it is likely that a Resource Person will carry out a Monitoring Visit, to check on the progress of the project.

9. Where can I get more information to help with my application?

Further guidance is available in the ACWW Funding Guidelines and ACWW Applications Information Document.

If you have an enquiry that is not dealt with in the FAQs then please email projects@acww.org.uk