



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

THE PROGRAMME “EMPOWERING WOMEN, DEFENDING RIGHTS: PATH TO GENDER EQUALITY IN ALBANIA”

AWEN – Albanian Women Empowerment Network, in the frame of the programme “Empowering Women, Defending Rights: Path to Gender Equality in Albania”, financed by the **government of Sweden**, launches the **6th Call for Proposals on “Emerging advocacy issues related to the protection, promotion and respect with a focus on women human rights in Albania”**.

With the aim to further strengthen the advocacy and lobbying efforts of AWEN and its member organizations by mobilizing more actors, making use of thematic knowledge, approaches and experiences (especially in watch-dog role), **AWEN will allocate emerging advocacy and awareness funds** that address issues that need immediate attention and interventions.

Priority directions are advocacy and watch-dog actions aiming at combatting all forms of discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, as below:

- *Cyber violence and cybercrime especially against girls and women;*
- *Direct and indirect discrimination of girls and women in education, employment, family, communities in general;*
- *Innovative methods and practices to promote tolerance and equality;*
- *Discrimination against LGBTIQ+ people*

Note: *The above list is not exhaustive and leaves space for relevant and emergent interventions related to girls and women rights/discrimination issues that are deemed urgent innovative and/or highly influential and related to the current developments in the country. This includes interventions/initiatives related to gender integration in environmental and climate issues.*

While aiming to influence the central and local agenda on combatting all forms of discrimination, engagement of decision makers, partners in actions, professionals, youth, etc., as important partners towards change, is strongly encouraged.

Eligible entities:

- NGOs working on issues that address human rights in Albania;
- Formal/Registered groups working in communities;
- Informal groups working in communities applying in collaboration with a registered local NGO.



Grant size: The grants will be of a minimum 2.000 EUR and a maximum of 5.000 EUR.

Implementation timeline: Project duration can be maximum 5 months, with the possibility to start from March 1st, 2024.

Deadline for applications: February 18, 2024.

Evaluation of proposals:

Applicants will be assessed on the potential of the project to have a tangible result that could as well lead to other actions to improve human rights. Each project will be evaluated based on the following selection criteria:

1. **Technical Approach:** Relevance of needs and issues addressed; Justification of the immediate need for intervention; The quality of the proposed activities; Results-oriented intervention logic.
2. **Organizational/group capacities:** Organizational and administrative capacities; Relevant experience in similar topics.
3. **Proposed Budget:** Adequate costs and expenditures.

Documents to be submitted:

- 1) A short project proposal as per attached format;
- 2) A proposed simplified budget that will be used effectively in accordance with the project objectives (annex 1);
- 3) Legal Documents: Organization Registration Document; Bank Extract; Tax registration number.
- 4) In the case of the involvement of an informal group, the accompanying documents must contain evidence of competence and previous experience in similar activities.

Information:

If applicants have questions about the applications or need more information on the call for proposal, they can request information or ask for an informative meeting during the application phase. Contact us at: info@awenetwork.org



Address where to send the application:

The application package which includes: the project according to the application form, the budget and all the scanned supporting documents, should be sent at info@awenetwork.org and teuta.dedej@awenetwork.org

Please submit your application in English – You can send a request to AWEN's email address (as per the above) if you do not have the possibility to prepare a proposal in English.

The notification regarding the approval of the proposals shall be made within 10 days after the deadline for proposal submission. Only winning applicants will be officially notified by e-mail.