

Questions and Answers for the Public Call for Applications for Capacity Building and Sub-Granting

Is our organization eligible to apply if we have only been registered for a year and a half?

No. The organization must be registered/ established at least two years before the publication of this Call.

What are the additional trainings that the organizations should go through, (Participatory policies) concerning strengthening the capacities of the organizations?

It will be decided based on the assessment of the organization, which will be conducted according to its capacities and needs.

Can an organization working in social protection apply?

Yes.

Can we apply as a regional consortium?

Yes. For the Regional grants at least 3 CSOs from 3 different countries must be part of the consortium, and each of the 3 CSOs must satisfy the eligibility criteria stipulated in the Call.

What is the minimum number of months to undertake the sub-granting project?

Minimum 12 months.

Does the project have to last for 18 months?

It does not have to. The maximum duration of the project is 18 months, therefore, it can last shorter than that.

In the application form (concept note), in the experience section, we should provide information about completed projects: "Project title, donor, and contact." Whose contact information should we provide, someone from the organization or a donor representative?

You should enter the donor's information.

Is it necessary for CSOs to be experienced in GRB?

No, that is not necessary.

How can we become a part of the e-academy?

The selected organizations will be granted access to the e-academy. However, if there are additional organizations interested in participating apart from the Call, they will have to complete another form, upon which they will be granted access as well.

Which documents, more specifically which financial reports do we specifically need to submit?

- Filled in Application Form and Concept Note (Annex 1);
- The statute of the CSO and each CSO partner (for regional grants);
- Financial statement for the last two years;
- Proof of Registration.

Are there limits to the amount of money allocated for human resources?

The limit for the human resources is 50% of the amount, under 50% should be additionally justified.

Is the applicant obliged to own contribution to the budget?

The contribution is not mandatory.

Is there a limit for indirect costs, are the utility, equipment maintenance, rent, etc. costs eligible?

All costs should be planned as direct. Supporting documentation needs to be provided for all eligible costs including utility, equipment maintenance, rent, etc.

Can an organization previously sub-granted by GBWN apply for the grant in this phase?

Yes.

If a consortium receives the grant is the amount awarded distributed equally or is it regulated by the partners in the consortium?

The distributed amount will depend on the budget and activities submitted.

Is it possible to work in consortium with 2 organisations on the national grant?

It is possible. GBWN will sign contract with the lead applicant ONLY.

Is it possible for one organization to be partner on two regional grants?

No. One organization can be lead on a national grant and act as a partner on regional grant.

Is it possible for one organization to be the lead in the regional grant and to apply for the national grant as well?

No. One organization can only either be lead of the regional grant or can be lead on a national grant and a partner in regional.

If there are other organisations from the Western Balkans looking for partners for the regional Grants, how can we connect?

You can find the list of members of the network here:

<https://gbwn.net/en/network-members/>

Where can we find the application form?

You can find application form on our website www.gbwn.net, available in English, Albanian,

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Montenegrin, Macedonian and Romanian.

- Call for proposals in English:
- Call for proposals in Albanian:
- Call for proposals in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Montenegrin:
- Call for proposals in Macedonian:
- Call for proposals in Romanian:

Can we contact you if we have any questions later on during the project?

Yes, please send all your questions to the Grants and Learning Officer: Liljana Tanevska Arsova
tanevska@crpm.org.mk

If we apply for regional grant, can we have other two partners from one country or they should be two partners from two countries?

The purpose of the grant scheme is to support regional cooperation between countries where network is active so the partnership has to be made of three partners from three countries.

Can we include as a partner state institution or it should be NGO?

The purpose of the call is to strengthen the capacities of the NGOs so the partners should be NGOs.

Can we apply if we are NGO dealing with social rights and issues?

Yes, you can

We are subgrantees from 2023 can we apply again in CfP 2024?

Yes

Can organizations that do not apply for grants or the ones that are not selected as winners follow the e-academia courses?

Yes, they can

Can more than one staff member follow the e-academia courses?

Yes

Are there restrictions on which prefectures we can work with?

No, you can work with all the prefectures.

Can the application be in Albanian language?

Yes, the application can be in Albanian.

Should we prepare a detailed budget?

In this phase, it is not necessary.

Does the CSO have to have previous GRB experience to apply?

No. We welcome new members to the Network and inexperienced organizations.

Does the organization need to have a certain amount of cash flow to be eligible to apply or this can be their first grant event (if they fulfill the condition of being registered for 2 years), can such organizations apply too?

Yes. We support small and grassroots organizations too and building their capacities. The precondition is that the organization has to be registered for at least 2 years.

Do we need to submit a financial report (including the projects we are partners in) or do we need to provide the organization's bank account statement?

Only financial report from the last two years.

Can the project be a follow up of the previous one (for sub grantees from 2023)?

Yes, but it has to follow the focus of the current call.

Do we have to have research activity as part of the grant?

The activities should relate to gender-responsive budgeting and climate change financing, including gender analysis to inform expenditures, monitoring expenditures using gender impact analysis, or using other GRB tools.

Should the implementation activities of the regional project be the same in all 3 countries?

The implementation activities should be aligned, not necessarily the same in these countries.

Can organizations that are lead partners of a regional project now apply to the current call for a national grant?

Yes, they can.