



Criteria for the Hungarian Women's Fund Grant Application - 2024 Pilot Grant Cycle -

We invite locally-based feminist¹ groups in Hungary consisting of women or led by women to apply for our inaugural call for proposals. The Hungarian Women's Fund (HWF) was established to serve feminist and women's rights organizations in the country.

What is our main goal?

In our first grantmaking cycle, we aim to support feminist activist groups with small grants that have limited or no financial resources, and those organizing for the visibility, representation, and participation of women left behind in public discourse, as well as disadvantaged and discriminated women.

Additionally, the first application process provides an opportunity to assess the needs of women's organizations. Insights gained will contribute to the enhancement of our support strategy and decision-making processes.

Which groups can apply?

- Groups following feminist values, consisting of a minimum of three members, either informally or with legal personality, are eligible to apply;
- The group must be based and active within the territory of Hungary;
- Preference will be given to applications from outside the capital, but Budapest-based groups are not excluded;
- The leader of the group must be a woman, or in the case of a registered organization, the majority or entirety of the leadership (board, committee, directorate, executive team, etc.) must be women;
- The group's activities should contribute to broadening the social base of the Hungarian feminist movements;
- Preference will be given to groups organizing and operating for the interests and participation of women who are not visible or represented in public, and/or who face disadvantage and discrimination.

¹ We use the term "feminist" in a broad sense and do not seek to provide a precise definition. Essentially, it refers to individuals or movements advocating for gender equality and the equal rights and opportunities for women in any sphere of social, cultural, political, and economic life. Feminism encompasses various currents that offer different explanations for the causes of gender inequalities and their solutions. It is important to emphasize that feminism is not only concerned with the interests of women but strives to create societal structures that can lead to a fairer life and opportunities for everyone.

One of the core values of HWF is inclusivity, meaning it adopts an open and accepting attitude towards everyone. Therefore, it interprets women as a diverse social group encompassing various identities, experiences, sexual orientations. HWF aims to recognize and support every woman, thereby promoting equality, partnership, and participation for all.