



## How is participatory grantmaking conducted?

We strive to integrate the principle of participation throughout our grant cycle and operations. The grant criteria were developed through demand assessment interviews conducted with women's rights organizations (2022), and with the involvement of the Advisory Community.

We have established an Advisory Community consisting of five women's rights activists with diverse backgrounds and experiences. They were involved in shaping our vision, mission, grant criteria, and strategy, and they also participate in the evaluation of applications. Their local knowledge and networks help ensure that news about grant opportunities reaches places in Hungary that traditional communication channels might not reach. Additionally, they support HWF staff with their suggestions to encourage the participants they represent to willingly engage in the application process and find participation valuable, regardless of whether they receive funding.

During the support process, we strive to build trust and reciprocity. The pilot cycles help us understand how organizations want to be involved in shaping HWF's operations and principles, and help us determine which participatory models are most suitable in the Hungarian context.

If you wish to apply for funding, please note that the support process is based on collaboration. Supported groups and applicants are expected to:

- Participate in workshops, either online or in person, aimed at implementation and capacity building.
- Collaborate with each other and engage in networking, exchanging ideas based on their experiences.
- Provide feedback on the participatory support model and make suggestions for its improvement.
- Evaluate the implementation of their projects.
- Participate in a joint closing event, either online or in person.