



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

THE PROGRAMME “PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALBANIA”

AWEN – Albanian Women Empowerment Network, in the frame of the three-year programme 2019-2021 “Protection and promotion of women human rights in Albania”, financed by **Sida**- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, launches the **2nd Call for Proposals on ‘Emerging advocacy issues related to the protection, promotion and respect of women human rights in Albania’**.

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

Eligible directions are advocacy and watch-dog actions that address issues as below:

- *Support for establishment and functioning of the local referral mechanisms on domestic violence;*
- *Lack of specialized-support services for gender-based/domestic violence survivors at local level;*
- *Implementation of Guaranteed Juridical Aid Law regarding access to justice of DV survivors – the monitoring/watch-dog role to follow up on the implementation and identify and address gaps and challenges;*
- *Participation of women in politics and decision-making at local level;*
- *Women economic empowerment at local level, regarding the need for local interventions to empower vulnerable girls and women;*
- *Property rights for women: address gender inequalities on property rights.*
- *Media role in advancing women human rights - concrete advocacy and lobbying efforts that address several problematics related to representation and reporting of women issues and women human rights in the audio-visual media;*
- *Primary prevention interventions at central and local level that address intimate partner violence (IPV) among youth/adolescents – making use of the findings of the pioneer research study conducted by AWEN during 2018. You can download the research here:*

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AqP54sycddhugr9nk4-9V-vQJjpHg>



- *Other relevant and emergent advocacy issues related to vulnerable groups of girls and women that need to be addressed.*

While aiming to influence the central and local agenda on women human rights issues, engagement of as many boys and men (decision makers, partners in actions, professionals, youth, etc.) as important partners towards change and as part of the solution is strongly encouraged.

Eligible organizations:

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

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

The overall available budget for this call for proposals is 25.000 EUR.

Implementation timeline: Project duration can be a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of 9 months, starting from April 1st, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Deadline for applications: March 10, 2020, 17.00 hours.

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 women 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 women 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 and awencoordinator@hotmail.com;

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 awencoordinator@hotmail.com.

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.

Notice of receipt of applications will be given within 3 days. The notification regarding the approval or rejection of the proposals shall be made within 21 days from the date of submission. Only winning applicants will be officially notified by e-mail.