

The Fund works across four key areas:

WEE Women's Economic Empowerment

EVAV Eliminating Violence Against Women

WLDM Improving women's participation in leadership and decision making

WCC Strengthening women's groups and coalitions for change

TYPES OF GRANTS

The Fund provides three types of grants which are Type A, B and C:

A FJD 150,000 or more



Year1 Year2 Year3 Year4 Year5 Year6

Grantees must have previous experience with Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or other international donors. Grants will focus on higher capacity and experienced organisations and networks to expand and enhance their work, particularly their roles within and leading the women's movement. Grants can include re-granting to smaller women's organisations for capacity development support. Applicants must be nationally registered and/or incorporated non-profit women's organisations working in Fiji.

B FJD 50,000 to FJ150,000



Grantees do not need previous experience with DFAT or other donors. Type B grants will be used as an opportunity to trial a new partnership and to establish a relationship with the Fund. A focus over time will be on support to less established organisations and networks, and those aiming to build their reach and support to rural and remote areas and marginalised groups. Applicants must be nationally registered and/or incorporated non-profit women's organisations working in Fiji.



HOW TO APPLY



ABOUT THE FUND

The Fiji Women's Fund (the Fund) is an initiative of the Australian Government's Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (*Pacific Women*) Program. The Fund has committed AU\$10.5 million from 2017 to 2022 for funding and capacity development support to women's groups, networks, and organisations in Fiji to expand and enhance their work on women's empowerment and gender equality.

The Fund works towards reaching women living in rural and remote locations and those who are marginalised, including women with disabilities and those facing discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

DELIVERY APPROACH

The Fund has two mechanisms for reaching remote, rural and other marginalised women.

The *first mechanism* is through larger partnerships with organisations that work in rural and remote areas, or support networks of otherwise hard to reach women. These organisations may provide direct services or act as intermediaries for re-granting or capacity development assistance.

The *second mechanism* is direct financial and non-financial assistance from the Fund to women's groups, networks and organisations of various sizes.

Essentially, the Fund will provide funding, capacity and network development support to women's groups, networks and organisations in Fiji, so that they can expand and enhance their work towards women's empowerment and gender equality. The Fund will also contribute to the development of the women's movement in Fiji as a key partner for equitable, rights-based development.

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Grantees can be small, emergent, and rurally based organisations who have not previously had experience with DFAT or other donors. Type C will be developmental grants and can include non-financial support.⁶ These grants will support capacity development and may be delivered directly by the Fund. The initial focus of these grants will be limited to economic empowerment and activities to expand the women's movement in Fiji. Women's organisations, networks or groups without registration will be considered on a case by case basis by the Grants Committee in line with broader due diligence processes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

The minimum eligibility criteria for Fijian women's groups, organisations or networks include:



Must be governed and led by women, with women filling the majority of leadership positions (including equality of financial control mechanisms);



Have a clear commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment;



Come from or have reach to remote, rural, or other marginalised groups;



Be open to working with diverse groups and issues regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, people living with disability; and



Have worked as a group for at least one year.

Other eligibility criteria include:

- » commitment to diversity (ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, disability);
- » ability to manage funding and other support – either directly or through relationship to a third party. Direct grants will require an independent bank account controlled by women; and
- » willingness and availability to participate in evaluation and training activities as appropriate to the size and type of grant
- » women focussed projects managed by organisations that do not specifically focus on gender may occasionally receive support from the Fiji Women Fund if they work with particularly marginalised groups: for example, women within groups of people with disabilities or women within Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Intersex (LGBTQI) organisations.

What programs and projects are eligible for this funding?

Eligible programs or projects that can be funded should focus on at least one or more of the following:

- » enhancing knowledge and evidence to inform gender sensitive policy and practice;
- » eliminating violence against women (specific activities only supported through Type A and B grants to organisations with a demonstrated women's human rights based approach);
- » increasing viable women's economic opportunities;
- » improving women's participation in leadership and decision-making;
- » strengthening women's groups and coalitions for change in relation to the above areas;
- » Programs or projects which link together one or more of the above issues through advocacy, research or learning activities; and
- » gender equality / women's empowerment focus.

When can we apply?

The Fiji Women's Fund makes the call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) annually. The call is widely advertised in the newspapers, on radio and social media.



HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

STEP 1

Prepare an expression of interest

Calls for expressions of interest (EOI) will be advertised. The Fund conducts information sessions to assist women's groups, networks and organisations to submit EOI. The Fund's Grants Committee assesses all the EOIs and only successful EOIs will progress to Step 2.

STEP 2

Prepare a proposal and project budget

Women's groups, organisations and networks whose EOIs have been approved by the Grants Committee will be invited to submit a full proposal. The Grants Committee then assesses all proposals and decides on grant award.