

# Rosa - Woman to Woman Fund

Grants are available for local grassroots women's organisations across the UK to support a wide range of charitable work that benefits women, especially those that work with disadvantaged communities or in disadvantaged areas.

## Fund Information

Funding body: Rosa

Maximum value: £ 25,000

Application deadline: 25/01/2018

## Background

Established in June 2008, Rosa is the first UK-wide charitable fund specifically aimed at supporting projects that promote justice and equality for women and girls.

The Woman to Woman Fund has been created by Rosa with funding from the Tampon Tax Fund which was set up to support women's charities through the VAT raised on sanitary products. Rosa has been awarded £2.2 million from VAT receipts on sanitary products, via HM Treasury for a programme of grants and support to small grassroots women's groups.

## Objectives of Fund

The Fund welcomes proposals from women's organisations that:

- Address the critical needs of women and girls that miss out the most, including: marginalised populations, BME women, lesbian, bisexual or transgender women and girls, women and girls with disabilities, older women, homeless women, survivors of gender violence, women in prison and ex-offenders, and other underserved and disadvantaged groups of women.
- Operate in less economically resilient towns, cities and rural areas within the UK.

## Value Notes

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available. It is expected that no fewer than 100 groups will receive funding.

Any grant awarded must be spent within 12 months of receipt. Grants will be awarded over three rounds until March 2018.

In addition to grants, Rosa will provide additional support that women's groups say they need, including mentoring, training and networking opportunities.

## Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding is not required.

## Who Can Apply

Charitable organisations in the UK with an income of less than £100,000 can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a women's sector organisation.
- Be a charitable organisation. (Although it is not necessary to be a registered charity, the group's activities must be charitable and legal.)
- Be a local organisation, which is not part of a national enterprise.
- Have an income of less than £100,000 per year or employ less than two full-time paid members of staff.
- Have a written governing document, such as a constitution or set of rules.
- Have a governing body with at least three unrelated members.
- Have a UK-based bank or building society account in the name of the organisation, with at least two unrelated signatories.

## Location

UK

## Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Work that is not exclusively targeting women and girls as beneficiaries.
- Work intended to benefit specific individuals (as opposed to groups in the community).
- The purchase or upgrade of physical assets such as buildings or equipment.
- Paid for advertising and marketing.
- Work that should be provided by statutory organisations.
- Party political activities.
- Activities promoting religious beliefs.
- Overseas travel.
- Interest payment on loans.
- One-off conferences or events unless they are part of a longer term strategy.
- Research, except tightly focused on a specific issue.
- Fundraising events.
- Profit-making work.
- Work that has already taken place.
- Work outside of the UK.

## Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for work that fits into one of **Rosa's** four pillars which underpin the issues facing women and girls today:

- Leadership and representation
- Safety
- Health and wellbeing
- Economic justice

In celebration of the centenary of the women's vote, the third round of the Woman to Woman fund will have a renewed focus on leadership and representation. The Fund is particularly interested in work that increases women's representation, skills building and civic engagement.

Rosa is particularly interested in funding work that increases impact and sustainability. Therefore grants can pay for core costs such as staff salaries, office rent and staff training; as well as project costs such as drop-in support services, mobilising volunteers and outreach.

Rosa is committed to supporting voluntary sector organisations pay the living wage. Grants made towards staff costs will be paid a minimum of a Living Wage where possible.

### How To Apply

The deadline for Round 3 applications is 25 January 2018 (5pm).

This is expected to be the programme's final round.

An online application form, guidelines and frequently asked questions can be found on the Rosa website.

There is a two-stage application process. Groups must first complete the stage one application. Those that are shortlisted will go on to the second stage.

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## Useful documents & links

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<http://www.rosauk.org/resources/blog/woman-to-woman/>

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## Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

- Enquiries**

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