

## Other Resources for Human Rights Activists and Civil Society Organizations

### Academics, Writers, Artists

1. The Council for At-Risk Academics
  - a. Fellowships support academics at immediate risk around the world, who urgently need a place of sanctuary, to secure a placement for study or post-doctoral research, in the UK or abroad. The focus of the fellowship is on helping academics to maintain and develop the skills, and the networks in the wider academic and scientific community, that they will need when they go back to their country of origin. The fellowship program very often helps the fellow's family to join them for the duration of the fellowship as well. Complete a short questionnaire on the website and then download and complete the Cara Fellowship Enquiry Form and submit it by email with supporting documents. <https://www.cara.ngo/what-we-do/a-lifeline-to-academics-at-risk/>
2. Institute of International Education: Scholar Rescue Fund
  - a. This fund provides fellowships for professors, researchers, and public intellectuals who face threats to their lives and careers in their home countries. These year-long fellowships support temporary academic positions at institutions of higher learning anywhere in the world where fellows can continue their work in safety. In most cases, fellows are eligible for a second and final year of fellowship support. Application materials can be submitted at any time throughout the year. Applicants can apply directly or have a third party submit application materials on their behalf. Scholars from any country and any academic field or discipline may apply. Any persecution or violence due to a scholar's scholarship, identity, or beliefs would qualify. IIE-SRF may also make a limited number of awards to scholars facing general insecurity, instability, or civil conflict. Applicants are not required to speak English. Priority is given to candidates who have been displaced or in exile for less than two years. Questions about eligibility can be sent to [srf@iie.org](mailto:srf@iie.org). <http://scholarrescuefund.org/>
3. International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN)
  - a. The International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN) is an independent organisation of cities and regions offering shelter to writers and artists at risk, advancing freedom of expression, defending democratic values and promoting international solidarity. ICORN member cities offer long term, but temporary, shelter to those at risk as a direct consequence of their creative activities. Any writer or artist who is threatened or persecuted for expressing their opinions or ideas, through their professional work or/and their art, is invited to apply for an ICORN residency. <http://icorn.org/application-guide-writers-and-artists-risk>
4. Scholars at Risk Network

- a. Scholars at Risk protects scholars suffering grave threats to their lives, liberty and well-being, primarily by arranging positions of sanctuary at institutions in our network for those forced to flee. In most cases this is a one semester or one year position as a visiting scholar, researcher or professor at a higher education institution in a safe location anywhere in the world. Scholars at Risk also provides advisory services for host institutions and scholars, including those still under threat as well as those forced into exile who are struggling to restart their lives and their careers. <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/get-help/>

## **Democracy and Governance**

1. National Endowment for Democracy
  - a. NED funds only nongovernmental organizations, which may include civic organizations, associations, independent media, and other similar organizations. Applications open four times a year, and applications are only accepted online. <https://www.ned.org/apply-for-grant/en/>
2. Open Society Foundation
  - a. The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. We are able to provide funding directly to formally established organizations around the world as well as to informal organizations or networks through intermediaries (fiscal sponsors, fiscal agents). Open Society is able to provide both project and general support. When appropriate, we at the Open Society Foundations seek to provide grantees with flexibility on how to use the funds where appropriate, including but not limited to general support. <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants>
3. Ford Foundation
  - a. The Ford Foundation funds projects aimed at social change across a wide variety of thematic and regional areas. <https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/>

## **Disability**

1. Disability Rights Fund
  - a. The DRF supports persons with disabilities around the world to build diverse movements, ensure inclusive development agendas, and achieve equal rights and opportunity for all. This fund accepts applications in two rounds. Round one is for Haiti (by invitation only), Indonesia (by invitation only), Malawi, Myanmar, and Nigeria, and opens in February. Round two is for Rwanda, Uganda, and the Pacific Island countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, and opens in July. They offer three grants: small grants, mid-level coalition grants, and national coalition grants. For more information see their website: <http://disabilityrightsfund.org/for-grantseekers/>

## Environment

1. Terra Viva Grants Directory: <https://terravivagrants.org/grant-makers/>
2. Environmental Defender Law Center
  - a. This foundation provides funds to cover expenses for lawyers needed by environmental organizations who are pursuing strategic litigation as an effective remedy to resource development projects that harm the human rights, health, and environment of communities in the developing world. For more information, email [info@edlc.org](mailto:info@edlc.org). <https://www.edlc.org/our-work/giving-grants/>

## Human Rights Defenders

1. Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de L'Homme: Emergency Fund
  - a. This emergency defense fund aids human rights defenders who are threatened or persecuted. The fund is available for situations that meet three criteria: a request concerning a human rights defender (member of a field association, but also a journalist, a lawyer, an union organizer, etc.), the person in danger is threatened because of his/her work protecting human rights, and the situation presents itself as an emergency. The intervention can include aid for an evacuation, social and relocation assistance, legal assistance, aid for medical care in cases of violence or torture, and/or an intervention with the relevant authorities. The defender should fill out a contact form on the website. Emails are checked daily so that requests can be processed quickly. Staff may ask for further information or start processing the case. <http://www.aedh.org/en/home/what-we-do/emergency-fund-for-human-rights-defenders>
2. EIDHR Direct Small Grants
  - a. The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) manages an emergency fund for human rights defenders at risk that gives direct small grants of up to 10,000 EUR per grant. Both individuals and organizations can apply, including organizations that are not legally registered. The urgent support may take any form that is considered necessary, such as medical expenses, security materials, evacuation, operations, etc. Defenders should contact their European Union delegation or the EIDHR team ([europaideidhr@ec.europa.eu](mailto:europaideidhr@ec.europa.eu)) and provide information about the particular case, including the name of the defender(s), background on the case(s), amount of grant requested, and for what purpose. [https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/eidhr\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/eidhr_en.htm)
3. Front Line Defenders Security Grants
  - a. This security grants program provides timely and efficient financial assistance to human rights defenders at risk. Front Line Defenders Security Grants can pay for organizational and personal provisions to improve the security and protection of human rights defenders and their organizations. Grants can pay to improve physical security of an organization, digital security, communication security, and

legal fees for HRDs who are being judicially harassed. They can pay for medical fees for HRDs who have been attacked or who have suffered a medical condition as a result of their peaceful human rights activities. They can also provide family assistance for imprisoned HRDs. Grants are for amounts up to a maximum of €7,500. They fund emergency and general security grants. Applications may be made in Arabic, Russian, English, French or Spanish. Applications are considered by Front Line Defenders Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis. They also have a 24-hour emergency hotline service.  
<https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/programme/protection-grants>

4. The Fund for Global Human Rights
  - a. The Fund offers emergency grants which help protect the security of activists under threat. These grants are made on a case by case basis to frontline groups when financial assistance is needed to protect the security of activists or organizations at risk. Email [info@globalhumanrights.org](mailto:info@globalhumanrights.org) for more information.  
<https://globalhumanrights.org/grants/funding-criteria/>
5. ProtectDefenders.eu: Supporting Defenders
  - a. Through its partners, ProtectDefenders.eu undertakes urgent actions, which can include faxed or phoned appeals to the relevant authorities, raising the case through the EU or individual government representatives, practical help with temporary relocation or assistance with medical or legal expenses. The emergency grants programme aims to reach every corner of the world, including most difficult countries and remote locations, and to provide urgent support to all Human Rights Defenders, especially those within the most vulnerable and targeted groups. ProtectDefenders.eu delivers the emergency support through the established emergency grants programmes of its partners Front Line Defenders, FIDH, OMCT, RSF, UAF, EMHRF, Forum Asia and EHAHRDP, which also draw on non-EU funding to provide rapid practical support to human rights defenders at risk. The mechanism provides 24/7 urgent support for Human Rights Defenders facing imminent danger or threats. In the event of a crisis, defenders can contact ProtectDefenders.eu through the permanent emergency helpline (available in Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) and the secure contact form. The application and guidelines for temporary relocation can be found on the website.  
<https://www.protectdefenders.eu/en/supporting-defenders.html>
6. World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)
  - a. OMCT, including in the framework of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, provides material assistance and emergency support to at risk human rights defenders working in the most difficult circumstances, in any region of the world. Eligible expenses for financial support or direct material support to human rights defenders and human rights organizations include the following: physical security; digital security; communications; capacity building in security; secure transportation; legal support; medical support (including psycho-social

support and rehabilitation); social assistance (including family support); support to temporary relocation where necessary; urgent monitoring, reporting and advocacy; etc. <http://www.omct.org/human-rights-defenders/links/2015/10/d23598/>

7. Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York: Protective Fellowship Scheme

- a. This protective fellowship scheme for human rights defenders at risk allows up to ten defenders per year to join the Centre for the purposes of training, networking, and rest from a difficult working environment. Human rights defenders are invited to come to York for periods ranging from three to six months. The focus of the scheme is on defenders who face risk in their working environment and have a need for human rights training that the Centre can provide. <http://www.york.ac.uk/cahr/defenders/protective-fellowship/>

8. Ireland: Humanitarian Visa Scheme for Human Rights Defenders

- a. Ireland has a dedicated humanitarian visa scheme for human rights defenders. The aim of Ireland's scheme is to provide a fast-track approach to processing applications to facilitate recognized human rights defenders to travel to Ireland for short stays (three months maximum) for the purpose of respite, and because of temporary safety issues. A high degree of confidentiality is maintained around the scheme and around individual cases. An application must be submitted through the Irish Embassy or consular representation in the applicant's country of usual residence. If there is no representation in the country concerned, the application should be made to the appropriate representation in a neighboring country. Exceptionally, the application can be made directly to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin (via the Human rights Unit). Applications should be made on a visa application form and must state clearly that the applicant is a human rights defender and include supporting documentation such as letters of support from Front Line Defenders or an equivalent organization. <https://www.dfa.ie/travel/visas/visas-for-ireland/>

9. The Netherlands: Shelter City Initiative

- a. This national initiative is implemented by Justitia et Pax (Justice and Peace), a Dutch NGO. It allows human rights defenders who are being severely threatened because of their work to apply for a three-month temporary shelter in one of the six Dutch Shelter Cities: Amsterdam, The Hague, Middelburg, Maastricht, Nijmegen and Utrecht. The program covers travel and visa costs, as well as health insurance and the cost of the three-month stay. It also offers capacity-building activities, medical care, and psychological care. To be eligible, defenders must speak English or French and be willing to speak out in public. Twice a year, by email and social media, Justitia et Pax calls for applications. Dutch embassies and consulates, and European representations, also help to identify candidates. Defenders can also email a staff member at Justitia et Pax for more information.

<http://en.justiceandpeace.nl/human-rights-defenders-and-security/shelter-city-initiative>

#### 10. KIOS Foundation

- a. Grant applications are accepted from Kenya, Uganda, and regional human rights initiatives of civil society actors based in and/or especially focusing their work on Burundi, Ethiopia and Rwanda; as well as Nepal, Sri Lanka, and regional human rights initiatives of civil society actors based in and/or especially focusing their work on South Asia. Special emphasis is given to proposals focusing on women's rights and gender equality, human rights defenders, the rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups as well as advocacy work related to the rights of these priority groups. Grants last for one year. <https://www.kios.fi/en/apply-for-funding/>

#### 11. The Norwegian Human Rights Fund

- a. NHRF grants can be given to Human Rights organisations working locally, regionally, nationally and/or internationally. The NHRF supports local initiatives and actors who know the local structures and work where human rights violations take place, so called front line organisations. NHRF grant support can be separated into two categories: support to projects in priority countries and support to human rights defenders at risk, which is not limited by geography. Currently, the NHRF will assess project applications from the following countries: Colombia, Mexico, Nigeria, Liberia, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. <https://nhrf.no/for-grandseekers/faq-for-grantseekers>

#### 12. FIDH Worldwide Movement for Human Rights

- a. FIDH manages a support fund to strengthen the protection capacities of local human rights defenders (HRDs) organisations to prevent and respond to developments adversely affecting HRDs' & CSO's. The key criteria used to allocate funding will be: the applicant is a human rights organisation working in accordance with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders; the applicant organisation is facing risks because of its human rights work; the applicant needs emergency support (lack of access to alternative sources of support will be taken into consideration). Applicants must submit a written request to [C2@fidh.org](mailto:C2@fidh.org) in English, French, or Spanish. Funding ranges from 5,000 to 8,000 Euros, and does not exceed one year. <https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/financial-support/support-fund-to-enhance-the-capacity-of-local-human-rights-defenders>

### **Indigenous Rights**

#### 1. OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship Program

- a. This comprehensive human rights training program contributes to build the capacity and expertise of indigenous representatives on the UN system and mechanisms dealing with human rights in general and indigenous issues in particular, so they are in a better position to protect and promote the rights of

their communities at the international level. The program is accessible in English, French, Spanish, and Russian. The IFP is held annually and fellows from the 4 language components of the program are trained together with simultaneous interpretation during 4 to 5 weeks in Geneva. The date of the training program usually coincides with the annual meeting of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (June/July), thus allowing the fellows to participate more actively in that Mechanism. Application forms available on the website should be completed and sent by post or scanned. Information about sessions and application deadlines vary by language; please visit the English, French, Spanish, or Russian websites for details.  
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IPeoples/Pages/Fellowship.aspx>

2. International Funders for Indigenous Peoples
  - a. This foundation sets up conferences and meetings to connect indigenous rights groups with possible donors or grant funding opportunities.  
<https://internationalfunders.org/>

## **Press and Media**

1. Free Press Unlimited: Reporters Respond
  - a. This emergency fund is meant to help journalists who have been confronted with vandalism or intimidations get started again as soon as possible. Reporters Respond gives financial aid to journalists, producers and cameramen and women who are at risk because of their profession.  
<https://www.freepressunlimited.org/en/projects/reporters-respond-emergency-funding-for-the-media>
2. International Federation of Journalists: Safety Fund
  - a. This fund provides immediate financial relief to journalists. Beneficiaries of the Fund include anyone in the news-reporting business who finds themselves in financial straits as a result of work-related reasons such as: forced exile due to threats at home; litigation needing help with legal fees; medical expenses for injured journalists; and travel costs to cover journeys to safety. The claim should be supported, to the extent possible, by IFJ affiliates familiar with the case.  
<https://www.ifj.org/what/safety.html>
3. International Media Support: Safety Fund
  - a. This fund provides support for journalists victimized as a direct result of their journalistic work. The Fund is used in cases where: individual journalists are targeted or victimized as a direct result of their work; a journalist has been killed or rendered otherwise incapable of sustaining his/her family; a journalist is in need of immediate protection as a result of a direct threat (relocation, safe houses, evacuation out of the country or region); or urgent legal or medical assistance is

required. Support is given only in the short-term, and no longer than 6 months, covering the immediate needs of the individual or his/her close relatives. For more information, please write to [info@mediasupport.org](mailto:info@mediasupport.org). <https://www.mediasupport.org/what-we-do/safety-for-journalists/#safety-fund>

4. International Women's Media Foundation: Emergency Fund
  - a. This fund provides women journalists with: small grants for psychological and medical care; 3 months of temporary relocation assistance in the event of crisis or threat; legal aid to counter threats of imprisonment or censorship; and non-financial assistance in the form of information about additional access to resources. Complete a preliminary questionnaire on the website, and staff members will follow up. <https://www.iwmf.org/programs/emergency-fund/>
5. La Maison des Journalistes
  - a. The Maison des Journalistes is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting journalists who have been forced to flee their countries because of persecution relating to their line of work. A physical refuge located in the 15th arrondissement of Paris, the Maison des Journalistes offers these courageous journalists a temporary home and the help they need to rebuild their lives. The journalists are housed free of charge for a period of six months. The organization provides administrative, legal, and social assistance. The application form is available on the website in French and English. <http://www.maisondesjournalistes.org/about-la-maison-des-journalistes/>
6. Reporters Without Borders: Assistance Desk
  - a. The Assistance Desk at the international secretariat of Reporters Without Borders (RSF) in Paris and its counterpart at RSF's Berlin bureau are responsible for coordinating the administrative, material and financial support that RSF provides to journalists and media in distress. RSF disburses around 100 individual support grants each year that enable journalists who have been the victims of reprisals to cover their immediate needs, pay for medical or legal bills or find a safe refuge if they are being threatened. The Assistance Desk also tries to help the dozens of journalists who flee abroad every year to escape imminent arrest, persecution and threats. RSF supports the applications they make to the entities responsible for providing them with international protection. Individuals, media outlets, NGOs, and journalists in exile can request assistance by mail or email. <https://rsf.org/en/overviews>
7. Rory Peck Trust: Assistance Grants
  - a. RPT provides individual grants to freelance journalists and their families who find themselves in a critical situation. This may include freelancers who have been threatened, imprisoned, injured, forced into hiding or exile, or killed. Amounts and target areas vary according to the particular circumstances of the applicant but examples include medical and rehabilitation costs, emergency subsistence, legal advice, and relocation costs. Freelancers and families in a critical situation can

contact RPT directly by phone at +44 (0) 20 3219 7867/7865 or by email at [assistance@rorypecktrust.org](mailto:assistance@rorypecktrust.org) to determine if they are eligible for a grant. If so, then RPT will send them an application form. Application forms are available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. <https://rorypecktrust.org/freelance-assistance/Assistance-Grants>

8. Digital Defenders Partnership
  - a. DDP supports users under digital attacks with emergency funds. The Incidental Emergency Grant is for mitigating digital emergencies, for bloggers, human rights activists, and small organizations, up to 10,000 Euro. The Sustainable Emergency Grants are for longer term support for NGOs, media organizations, and human rights organizations, from 10,000-50,000 Euro. <https://www.digitaldefenders.org/#section-ddp>

## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

1. Inter-American Foundation
  - a. The IAF supports initiatives proposed by organizations anywhere in Latin America or the Caribbean, that work to improve living conditions for the disadvantaged, enhance capacity for decision making and self-governance, and to develop partnerships with business, government, and civil society. Applications may be submitted in Spanish, French, Portuguese, English, or Haitian Creole. The initial review will take 5 months. <https://www.iaf.gov/apply-for-grant/>
2. Fondo Accion Urgente
  - a. The Urgent Action Fund supports projects and organizations working to advance the status of women and LGBTQ people in Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. To be eligible, the action must be implemented by civil society organizations led by cis or trans women, be urgent or an immediate intervention, must seek to create structural change in the long term, must be sustainable so that the action may continue, and the organization must be recognized by other similar regional groups. Grants have a maximum duration of 3 months and \$5,000 USD. <https://fondoaccionurgente.org.co/es/que-hacemos/apoyos-de-respuesta-rapida/>

## **MENA**

1. Arab Human Rights Fund (AHRF)
  - a. A not-for-profit philanthropic organization that provides support for the promotion and realization of all human rights in the Arab region. The Arab Human Rights Fund accepts letters of inquiry on a rolling basis throughout the year. A template is available through its Grants Portal. The letters of inquiry are designed to enable staff to determine the applicant's and project's eligibility for AHRF funding. Applicants are promptly notified regarding the outcome of the review,

and strong applicants are invited by the Fund to submit a full application. The Fund has an urgent approval process to respond quickly to short-lived or emergency opportunities that require an immediate intervention. Decisions are made within one week. <https://www.ahrfund.org/grants/how-to-apply/>

2. Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders
  - a. The grants are aimed at civil society actors whose work is aimed at promoting and protecting universal rights and freedoms of third parties, regardless of any other prerequisite. The Foundation gives priority to covering core costs. An applicant needs to be working in a difficult context or facing risks because of their work. These grants can be awarded to actors in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Israel, occupied Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. <http://emhrf.org/criteria/>

### **Sub-Saharan Africa**

1. Protect Defenders (previously The East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project)
  - a. EHAHRDP provides relocation assistance to human rights defenders from the East and Horn of Africa. It places defenders with partner organizations in countries in the sub region to ensure that defenders can continue to work during their temporary relocation. It also provides financial assistance for housing and other basic requirements. Out of country relocation is only carried out as last resort. EHAHRDP has a 24-hour emergency number available for defenders at risk: (+256) 783027611. <https://www.defenddefenders.org/our-work/protection-and-security-management/>
2. OHCHR Fellowship Program for People of African Descent
  - a. This program provides the participants with an intensive learning opportunity to deepen their understanding of the United Nations human rights system, instruments and mechanisms, with a focus on issues of particular relevance to people of African descent. The fellowship program will allow the participants to better contribute to the protection and promotion of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of people of African descent in their respective countries. The application components listed on the website should be submitted by email. <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Racism/WGAfricanDescent/Pages/FellowshipProgramme.aspx>
3. African Women's Development Fund
  - a. This program supports organizations that are women-led and comprised of majority women, a stated commitment to advancing women's rights in their mission, and registered in any African country except Sudan, South Sudan, and Somalia, working at the local, national, sub-regional, or regional levels. Grants are awarded of varying size for projects related to one of the three thematic areas: body and health rights, women's economic security and justice, and leadership,

participation, and peace, as well as capacity building efforts. Grant requests must be for less than 50% of their annual income. <http://awdf.org/apply/>

4. Global Philanthropy Alliance

- a. Global Philanthropy Alliance makes small grants of \$2,500-\$10,000 USD to youth led or youth empowering organizations in Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa working to find entrepreneurial solutions to social problems in their communities. Grant applications must be from grassroots organizations, focus on social entrepreneurship, be youth led or youth empowered, and have the funds be used for a charitable purpose. The fund supports specific project grants and overhead costs

5. Uhai-Eashri Fund

- a. Uhai supports civil society organizing for and by sex workers and sexual and gender minorities in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda with flexible grants, capacity support, convening, and knowledge building and documentation. There are 3 grants, each increasing in length and amount. Applications are accepted in Kiswahili, French, and English. <http://www.uhai-eashri.org/ENG/programmes/grant-making/opportunity-grants>

## Technology and Security

1. Open Technology Foundation

- a. Rapid Response Fund: Time sensitive, digital emergency that is short term and urgent. Offers either technological services from trusted partners or direct financial support. Applicable to HRDs, journalists, bloggers, activists facing specifically digital attacks. Proposed programs should address how the project will promote the greater goal of Internet freedom. <https://www.opentech.fund/funds/rapid-response-fund/>

2. Qurium: The Media Foundation

- a. Secure hosting: For human rights defenders or independent news outlets under threat, offers external encrypted hosting of open source websites. <https://www.qurium.org/secure-hosting/>
- b. Bifrost: A circumvention tool for Internet blocked WordPress based websites. Creates static mirrors of dynamic websites, which are stored in expensive clouds that repressive regimes do not have access to. Readers can access the blocked sites via cloud storage links. For independent news outlets or human rights organizations facing internet blockages. <https://www.qurium.org/bifrost/>

3. Deflect

- a. Deflect is a DDoS mitigation service to respond to attacks that censor internet freedoms. This service is available to civil society groups, individuals and organizations working for human rights or independent news outlets, as well as activists promoting democracy, ecology, women's rights, and the principles of the International Bill of Human Rights. You must register on their website and provide

an IP address, and then configure what services you will be requesting from them. It is a free service. <https://docs.deflect.ca/en/latest/tos.html>

4. Digital Defenders Partnership: Emergency Grants
  - a. The Digital Defenders Partnership supports projects which address digital emergency situations, regarding both network-related emergencies (internet and mobile) and user-related emergencies (bloggers, journalists and human rights defenders), in internet repressive and transitional environments. Projects of individuals and organizations are eligible for support if they plan to work on directly mitigating digital emergencies or 2 / 13 improving their digital security apparatus. Support may be direct support to replace equipment, secure hosting, VPN connections, providing personal legal protection, temporary support which is needed to mitigate a specific digital emergency situation, kick start the digital security or testing and research on a specific threat of internet critical users. <https://www.digitaldefenders.org/>
5. Access Now
  - a. Access Now supports civil society and human rights organizations facing threats to digital freedom, such as censorship, surveillance, online harassment, and lack of data protection. Access Now funds groups focused on women, the LGBTQI+ community, journalists, activists, and human rights defenders. They offer four grants: project grants (explicit end goals and finite timelines), core grants (applied to general operational costs), discretionary grants (small, short term, urgent), and digital safe spaces grants (for organizations particularly at risk online). Applications must be made on referral. <https://www.accessnow.org/grants/#who-we-fund>

## **Women, Gender, and Sexuality**

1. Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights
  - a. Urgent Action Fund supports women activists who are being threatened because of their work defending human rights. The Evacuation Grant is a specific type of Rapid Response Grant, designed for those in urgent need of relocation funding because of threats, persecution and/or an extreme security situation. Grants in this category can be used for evacuations within a country (such as moving to a safe house in another city) or for relocation outside of a country. Grant applications can be submitted in any language and you will receive a response within 72 hours. Requests can be made for up to \$5,000. <https://urgentactionfund.org/apply-for-a-grant/apply-for-an-evacuation-grant/>
2. FRIDA The Young Feminist Fund
  - a. FRIDA funds feminist startups that must be led by young women/trans people/intersex people under the age of 30 in the Global South. At least 70% of the organization needs to be people under 30. Preference is given to groups with little to no access to larger funding, groups located in remote areas, groups

working with marginalized gender/sexuality communities, and groups using creative and innovative strategies to further their mission. Grants are up to \$5,000 and can be used for a wide range of activities over the course of 12 months. Grants are open to renewal. <https://youngfeministfund.org/apply/>

3. Global Fund for Women

- a. Global Fund for Women aims to get resources to organizations being led by historically marginalized groups, such as women, girls, and trans people. They provide grants for operations and programs, grants for travel and events, as well as immediate grants to support organizations responding to human crises or natural disasters. Groups must be primarily women, girls, or trans people, and be led by women, girls, or trans people, and have a primary focus of advancing gender equality. Applications must be submitted online and in either Arabic, English, French, Russian, or Spanish. <https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/apply-for-a-grant/#.XILXUyhKiUk>

4. Philanthropy Advancing Women's Human Rights

- a. PAWH provides assistance to groups that are trying to apply for large multilateral grants but otherwise do not have the resources to submit a successful grant application. There are two types of grants: one is the joint fundraising opportunity to assist two organizations that want to apply to grants of over \$1 million to advance women's rights, but would not be able to apply individually due to budget size, etc. The other grant is called advocacy opportunities, for at least two organizations who will collaboratively advocate for new multilateral funding streams that promote women's rights. Applicants must be a current or recent grantee of a PAWHR member institution and based in the Global South or East. Applications are accepted on the first of every month and decisions are made within 45 days. To apply, you must email [info@pawhr.org](mailto:info@pawhr.org) to schedule an initial interview. <https://www.pawhr.org/projects>

5. Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice

- a. Astraea has three funds: international fund, intersex fund, and the global arts fund. The international fund supports groups working for LGBTQI justice in any capacity around the world; the intersex fund supports organizations led by intersex people working for intersex rights; the global arts fund supports and showcases art by LGBTQI people and organizations that are using art for social change and have limited resources. Their application period opens and closes on an as-needed basis. <https://www.astraeafoundation.org/apply/>

6. Red Umbrella Fund

- a. This fund provides flexible core funding to support the general coordination, functioning, and strengthening of a group. It may be used and adjusted according to self-identified needs, not for solely project based needs. Organizations that apply must be led by sex workers or for the benefit of sex workers, be committed to connect to and strengthen the sex workers' rights movement, and agree with

all the principles of the Red Umbrella Fund. The grants are two years long and between 8,000 and 80,000 euro.

<https://www.redumbrellafund.org/grantmaking/apply-grant/>

7. Association for Women's Rights in Development

a. A comprehensive, multi-page list of donors organized by country and region for feminist issues:

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