

This list has been compiled in response to the large number of enquiries that the BRIDGE-hosted web resource *Siyanda* www.siyanda.org receives from women and women's organisations looking for funding sources.

There is a lot of information on funders in general on the internet so what is included here is not a definitive list but a selection of those donors that we thought would be most useful to highlight. The list falls into five main categories:

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Details are mostly extracted from funders' website pages and as such information may be subject to change. Please therefore check the individual websites for full and up-to-date information or contact the organisation direct.

We hope you find this resource useful. It is just a start and the list is by no means complete. Therefore if you are aware of any other funders, particularly those dedicated to women and women's initiatives, we would be happy to consider the information for inclusion when we update this resource.

Siyanda and BRIDGE Team

1. WOMEN'S FUNDS

Many of the funders of women's projects and organisations listed here are members of the International Network of Women's Funds (INWF). INWF is a network of funders in the North and the South committed to expanding the resources available to women's rights work around the world. <http://www.inwf.org/index.html>

African Women's Development Fund

Web Address:	http://www.awdf.org/awdf/?pid=2 (English & French)
Contact Details:	25 Yiyiwa St. Achimota Forest, Ablenkpe, Accra, Ghana Tel: +233 21 780477 Fax: +233 21 782 502 Email: grants@awdf.org
Geographical Focus:	Africa
Themes:	Women's human rights; political participation; peace building; health, reproductive rights and HIV/AIDS; economic empowerment.
Grants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Grants Programme (see themes above).• Small Grants Programme for small women's groups in Ghana.• Solidarity Fund for sharing of experiences on a local, national and international level. E.g. to participate in conferences, seminars, etc.
Grant size:	\$1,000 - \$25,000. Grants over \$20,000 are only made to organisations which operate on a regional basis.
Who can apply?	Local, national, sub-regional or regional African women's organisations, from any part of Africa.

Filia Women's Foundation

Web Address:	http://www.filia-frauenstiftung.de/index.php?id=49&L=1 (English & German)
Contact Details:	Am Felde 2 D-22765 Hamburg Tel: +49 (0) 40 / 333 100 14 Fax: +49 (0) 40 /333 101 56
Geographical Focus:	Germany, Global South and Eastern Europe
Themes:	Filia supports projects that contribute to improved chances for women and girls, allowing them to shape their own lives. Filia is especially committed to women subjected to discrimination not only because of their gender, but also due to the colour of their skin, their origin or sexual orientation.
Grants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Germany• Global South: to build on the synergy with women's foundations

- Eastern Europe: We are engaged in research, reaching out to our allies and strengthening contacts with networks

Grant size: Total of grants made in 2004 : 48,000

Who can apply? Criteria unknown. Contact Filia for further information.

Fundación Colectivo Alquimia

Web Address: <http://www.fondoalquimia.org/contactenos.htm>
(Spanish)

Contact Details: Av. Condell 1325
Providencia
Santiago
Chile
Tel/Fax (+56) 2 – 6657106
Email: alquimia@fondoalquimia.org

Geographical Focus: Chile

Themes: Women's rights, especially but not exclusively in the areas of justice, violence, health, employment, education, sexuality

Grants:

- Fondo Iniciativas: to support single initiatives of one year duration which contribute to social and cultural change benefiting women and the women's movement. This fund can be granted to the same initiative for a maximum of 3 consecutive years.
- Fondo Activistas: to support public actions in defence of women at neighbourhood, local, regional, national or international levels.

Grant size: Up to a maximum of \$500,000 USD (Fondo Iniciativas)
Up to a maximum of \$50,000 USD (Fondo Activistas)

Who can apply? Women's organisations and women's grass-root groups from Chile. Mixed organisations or income generating projects are not eligible.

Fundo Angela Borba, Recursos para Mulheres

Web Address: <http://www.angelaborbafundo.org/> (Portuguese)

Contact Details: Rua Hans Staden, 21
Botafogo, Cep 22281-060
Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
Tel (+55) 21 2286-1046
Fax (+55) 21 2286-6712
E-mail: frm@angelaborbafundo.org

Geographical Focus: Brazil

Themes: Women's human rights, particularly in the following areas: employment, education, violence, health, information and communication technology, culture, diversity (i.e. sexual, age, ethnic), environment, and legal rights.

Grants:	Unknown. Contact the organisation direct.
Grant size:	Grant focus, size and criteria may vary so it is crucial to consult the grant criteria and application guidelines each year
Who can apply?	Criteria unknown. Contact Fundo Angela Borba, Recursos para Mulheres.

Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres

Web Address:	http://www.fcmujeres.org/index.php (Spanish)
Contact Details:	Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres Rotonda El Güegüense 4c. abajo, 1c. al lago Managua, Nicaragua Tel: 505 - 2544982 Email: info@fcmujeres.org
Geographical Focus:	Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador
Themes:	Women's human rights, including economic autonomy, gender based violence, education, health, sexual rights, participation and leadership (themes may change slightly from year to year).
Grants:	To support creative and innovative initiatives from young women groups working to promote their economic, social, cultural and political rights. They do not support income generating or production projects.
Grant size:	Up to a maximum of \$5,000 USD
Who can apply?	Any women's groups or organisations in the region, but priority is given to groups that meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are led by young women (16-30 yrs old) • work on controversial or new themes • have little access to other donors • are located in non-urban or deprived areas • support particularly marginalised young women (i.e. women with special needs, indigenous and afro-caribbean women, lesbians and bi-sexual women, sex workers, women with HIV-AIDS) • support innovative and creative initiatives, which are replicable and relevant to the Central American context

Global Fund for Women

Web Address:	http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/3grant/criteria-guidelines.html (English, Arabic, Spanish, French, Russian)
Contact Details:	1375 Sutter Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94109 USA Tel: +415 202-7640 Fax: +415 202-8604

Geographical Focus:	Outside the United States
Themes:	Women's and girls' human rights
Grants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, flexible and timely grants for operation and project expenses. • Urgent requests for organizing or attending an event accepted.
Grant size:	\$500 to \$20,000
Who can apply?	<p>Groups MUST fulfil the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based in a country outside the United States • Demonstrate a strong commitment to women's equality and human rights • A group of women working together. Requests are not accepted from individuals • Governed, directed, and led by women. Women must fill all or most of the leadership roles

Mama Cash Foundation

Web Address:	http://www.mamacash.nl/site/en/funds/index.php (English & Dutch)
Contact Details:	<p>Eerste Helmersstraat 17 III P.O. Box 15686 1001 ND Amsterdam The Netherlands</p> <p>Tel: (+31)20 - 689 36 34 Fax: (+31)20 - 683 46 47 Email: info@mamacash.nl</p>
Geographical Focus:	Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and the former Soviet Union.
Themes:	Women's rights. Priority themes: bodily integrity, economic justice, peace and security, agency and participation, art, culture and media.
Grants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a project or general support • Travel grant.
Grant size:	€500 and €20,000 per year per project (Mama Cash occasionally gives multiple-year grants)
Who can apply?	<p>Organisations must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be small, locally-based and relatively new • be innovative, groundbreaking, taboo-breaking, and pioneering • have limited access to larger funding sources • primarily promote women's rights awareness and positive change for women in laws, policies and practices • be a women's organisation in which women are in leadership roles and comprise the majority of staff members <p><i>(note: Mama Cash also funds non-women's groups that have a strong gender focus and innovative programmes improving the position of women in society)</i></p>

- do not focus mainly or only on income generating activities, credit programmes, welfare and traditional skill training projects.

NIRNAYA WOMEN'S FUND

Web Address: <http://www.nirnaya.org/gettingfunds.htm>

Contact Details: # 11, Deepti Apartments, S.P.Road,
Secunderbad- 26, A.P., India.
Tel: 91-40-27805089
Fax : 91-40-27717305
E-mail : info@nirnaya.org

Geographical Focus: India

Themes:

- Improving the social, educational and economic situations of rural and urban women
- Improving girls' education and women's literacy
- Motivating grassroots women to form self-help groups and access bank/ government loans and schemes for their economic development.
- Raising awareness among grassroots women on collective work and collective responsibility
- Helping grassroots women to become economically independent
- Helping women recognize their labour and their innate intelligence as human resources
- Building women's self confidence through personal development and technical training
- Promoting legal education so that women become aware of their rights

Grants: For the above categories with special focus on women and girls marginalised by gender, caste, religion, physical disability, HIV+, commercial sex work, and tribal origin. Offers grants for collective activity, legal aid and counselling for women.

Grant size: US\$1,000 – 10,000

Who can apply? Groups should be:

- Made up of women who have completed high school, proficient in the local language and be conversant with local issues
- Committed to grassroots women's empowerment and social justice for women
- Come from the same or similar marginalised community they work in and be based in India
- Accepted by the community with whom they work
- Individuals / groups with three years experience working on women's issues

Semillas

Web Address: <http://www.semillas.org.mx/> (Spanish)

Contact Details: Sociedad Mexicana Pro Derechos de la Mujer, A.C.
Tamaulipas No. 66
Col. Condesa, C.P. 06140, Delegación Cuauhtémoc,
Tel: 5553 2900, 5553 0109
Email: buzon@semillas.org.mx

Geographical Focus:	Mexico
Themes:	Human rights; labour rights; sexual and reproductive rights and health; gender-based violence; sexual diversity; economic autonomy and sustainable development (themes may change slightly from year to year).
Grants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational Project Grant • Youth Leadership Development Individual Grant
Grant size:	Organisational Project Grant (\$5,000-\$10,000 USD) Youth Leadership Development Individual Grant (\$15,000 for 2005 but will change for the next generations).
Who can apply?	<p>Mexican organizations, based in Mexico, operating in Mexico having the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legal non-profit status (A.C., IAP, etc.), listed in the "Diario Oficial" • Ability to expedite tax deductible receipts (preferred) • Working in a human rights framework (not service or charity based) • Focusing on women and girls from one or more of the following marginal/marginalised populations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ poor (rural and urban) ▪ indigenous ▪ lesbians and other women who are not heterosexual ▪ domestic / informal economy workers ▪ sex workers ▪ youth (girls and boys, specifically in theme of sexual and reproductive rights) <p>Details about Semillas' annual call for proposals can be found on their website around July of each year.</p>

Tewa for Women's Empowerment

Web Address:	http://www.tewa.org.np/details.asp?hid=2&m=4
Contact Details:	P.O. Box 11 Lalitpur, Nepal Tel: + 977.557.2645 / +977.557.2235 Fax: +977.557.2659 Email: info@tewa.org.np
Geographical Focus:	Nepal
Themes:	Support to women's groups to improve organisational capacity, income generating activities for rural women, skill development training, physical structures, human resource development and peace building initiatives.
Grants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 cycles annually (January, May and September). • Discretionary grants for urgent needs
Grant size:	Grants are a maximum of NRs 50,000 (approx US\$ 680). On average, grants range from NRs 30,000-40,000. Discretionary grants are a maximum of NRs 100,000 annually (approx US\$ 2,000).

Who can apply? Rural, grassroots women's groups

UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S FUND

Web Address: http://www.uwf.kiev.ua/en_index.htm
(English and Ukrainian)

Contact Details: Address: 79 Artema str., office 38, Kiev 04050
Door code: 25
Tel.: (044) 568-53-89
Tel/fax: (044) 484-62-05
E-mail: uwf@uwf.kiev.ua

Geographical Focus: Ukraine , Moldova and Belarus

Themes: In 2005, the fund supported projects focussed on:

- Expanding economic opportunities for women
- Information exchange and networking between NGOs that work on women's issues and gender issues
- Developing women's organizations in the regions
- Preparing future female leaders, and promoting the formation of a women's movement among the younger generation.

Grants:

- General grants as above
- Grants that 'Bring Together'- offers the representatives of women's organizations in Ukraine a chance to participate in international activities and key international events dealing with women's issues and gender issues and to present the interests of Ukrainian women at the international level, to develop and consolidate Ukrainian NGOs that are involved in women's issues or issues of gender.

Grant size: Total financing 2000- 2005: \$724,869

Who can apply? Women's organisations

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights

Web Address: <http://www.urgentactionfund.org/> (English, Arabic, Spanish, French, Kiswahili, Russian, Nepali, Albanian, Serbo-Croatian, Indonesian)

Contact Details: USA Office: 1123 Spruce Street
Boulder, Colorado 80302. USA
Tel: 303-442-2388
Fax: 303-442-2370
Email: urgentact@urgentactionfund.org

Kenya Office: Life Ministry Centre, 2nd Floor
Jabavu Road, Kilimani
Nairobi, Kenya
tel: 254 20 2731095
fax: 254 20 2731094
info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1287
Boulder, CO 80306 USA

Mailing Address:
PO Box 53841-00200
Nairobi, Kenya

Geographical Focus: No specific geographic restrictions although the focus is on areas of

armed conflict, escalating violence and political volatility.

- Themes: Provides funding for strategic interventions which take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance women's human rights or to safeguard rights that have already been won. Such opportunities arise when an unexpected event – positive or negative – creates a situation in which an immediate response can have a significant impact.
- Grants:
- Interventions in Situations of Armed Conflict
 - Protection of Women Human Rights Defenders
 - Precedent-Setting Legal or Legislative Action
- Grant size: Unknown. Contact organisation direct.
- Who can apply? Requests may come directly from groups, or individuals and organizations already known to UAF staff or Board members. Every request is reviewed and receives an initial response within 72 hours. UAF will accept grant proposals in any language.

Women's Hope and Education Trust

- Web Address: <http://www.wheattrust.org/>
- Contact Details: Unit 17G Waverley Business Park, Mowbray 7700, South Africa
Tel: +27 21 447 3366
Fax: +27 21 447 3720
- Geographical Focus: South Africa
- Themes: Education and training for women leaders.
- Grants: Unknown. Contact organisation direct.
- Grant size: Unknown. Contact Women's Hope and Education Trust.
- Who can apply? Women's groups with the following criteria:-
- The group needs to have worked for not less than two years and must have eight or more members.
 - The group must have a constitution.
 - The group must have shown a desire to learn.
 - They must demonstrate leadership and be committed to giving back to the community.
 - They should identify and apply to attend a course at an education and training institution.
 - It should be at a general or further education level.
 - They cannot afford the fees.

Women's Radio Fund

- Web Address: <http://www.womensradiofund.org/>
- Contact Details: Dorothy Abbott, Founder of Women's Radio Fund
P.O. Box 242048, Memphis, TN 38124
Phone/fax: (901) 685-6950
Email: dorothy@womensradiofund.org

Geographical Focus: Unknown. Contact organisation direct.

Themes: The Women's Radio Fund's mission is to build a support network for women radio producers and broadcasters worldwide.

Grants: For women's radio broadcasting, production and distribution projects.

Grant size: Unknown. Contact Women's Radio Fund.

Who can apply? Criteria unknown. Contact organisation direct.

New Field Foundation

Web Address: <http://www.newfieldfound.org>
(English and French)

Contact Details: Email preferred: proposals@newfieldfound.org

By air mail or fax:
New Field Foundation
1016 Lincoln Boulevard
Mailbox 14, 3rd Floor
San Francisco CA 94129, USA
Tel: 1-415-561-3417
Fax: 1-415-561-3419

By hand, local mail or fax:
National Accountability Group
Attention New Field Foundation
P.O. Box 1312
18 Dundas Street,
Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa
Tel: 232-22-240995 (Attn: New Field)
Fax: 232-22-241054 (Attn: New Field)

Geographical Focus: Sub-Saharan Africa

Themes: To enable women and their families in rural areas to re-establish and transform their lives and their communities after years of devastating conflict in Casamance and the Mano River region.

Grants: Grants can be made for institutional capacity building, program activities, or administrative support, as defined by the organization or group itself. Applications can be for a one year grant or a two year grant. Longer periods will not be considered.

2006 funding to be announced. Last round of applications closed in Sept 2005.

Grant size: US \$7,500 - \$15,000

Who can apply? Applications are welcomed from organisations and groups. They must:

- be focused on, and preferably based in, Casamance and the border areas of the Mano River Region;
- be African-led, women-led and community-centered
- have well functioning management, finance and programmatic structures and systems;
- have non-profit status, or the equivalent of non-profit status;

- EITHER have an annual income of at least US \$35,000; OR have been in existence for two years.

THE HESPERIAN FOUNDATION CREATIVE EDUCATION FUND

Web Address:	http://www.hesperian.org/cef.htm
Contact Details:	The Foundation does not accept applications by email attachment. They must be sent by regular post or included in the body of an email message. See website for application form. Creative Education Fund Hesperian Foundation 1919 Addison Street, Suite 304 Berkeley, CA 94704 United States Tel: +(1-510) 845-1447 Fax: +(1-510) 845-9141 E-mail: creative@hesperian.org
Geographical Focus:	Developing countries
Themes:	To develop original and creative health education activities that will benefit women.
Grants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grants for community-based women's groups • Rolling deadline
Grant size:	The grants are given only once, and are usually for USD \$1,000. Under special circumstances, they may be for USD \$3,000.
Who can apply?	To receive a grant from the Creative Education Fund, the project must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be developed and managed by women (including the finances) • Benefit poor women and have clear goals with a clearly-defined plan of action • Educate the participants' community about women's health issues

United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Web Address:	http://www.unifem.org/gender_issues/violence_against_women/trust_fund_guidelines.php
Contact Details:	See regional offices. http://www.unifem.org/about/contact.php#regionaloffices
Geographical Focus:	Global
Themes:	Violence against Women – UNIFEM funds projects that conduct public education and awareness campaigns, build coalitions, involve law-enforcement, judicial and government agencies, train educators, healthcare personnel and police officials to respond to and prevent violence. Many projects strive to alter community attitudes and involve men as allies.

UNIFEM does not provide scholarships or funds for individual travel, meeting expenses, education or training.

- Grants:
- The Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women
 - UNIFEM regional offices may provide some funding. Please contact the regional office in your area.

2006 grant cycle to be announced in the summer of 2006.

Grant size: Range from \$25,000 to \$125,000

Who can apply? Contact your local UNIFEM office.

2. FOUNDATIONS

Ford Foundation

<http://www.fordfound.org/about/guideline.cfm>

The Ford Foundation is a philanthropic resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. Its goals are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation and advance human achievement. 2005 areas of interest were asset building and community development, peace and social justice, knowledge, creativity and freedom.

Support is not normally given for routine operating costs of institutions or for religious activities. Except in rare cases, funding is not available for the construction or maintenance of buildings. Most of the foundation's grant funds are given to organisations. Although it also makes grants to individuals, they are few in number and are limited to research, training and other activities related to its program interests.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/ForGrantSeekers/>

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awards the majority of its grants to tax exempt organizations identified by foundation staff according to the objectives of four program areas: Global Health, Education, Global Libraries, and Pacific Northwest.

The foundation favours preventive approaches and collaborative endeavours with government, philanthropic, private sector, and not-for-profit partners. Priority is given to projects that leverage additional support and serve as catalysts for long-term, systemic change. The Foundation does not award grants to individuals or to projects that serve an exclusively religious purpose.

Kellogg Foundation

<http://www.wkkf.org/default.aspx?tabid=63&ItemID=6&NID=41&LanguageID=0>

(English, Spanish & Portuguese)

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation was established in 1930 by breakfast cereal pioneer W.K. Kellogg. While Kellogg Company and the Kellogg Foundation have enjoyed a long-standing relationship, the Foundation is governed by its own independent Board of Trustees. The Foundation's mission is to help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life and that of future generations.

The Foundation will consider requests that fall within the geographical areas of the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Southern Africa - Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe.

Generally, the Foundation does NOT make loans and does not provide grants for: operational phases of established programs; capital purposes (purchasing, remodelling, or furnishing of facilities and equipment, except as part of a programmatic effort); separate budget line items labelled as "indirect or overhead costs"; conferences; films, television, or radio programs, unless they are integral parts of a project or program already being funded; endowments or development campaigns; religious programs; individuals.

MacArthur Foundation

<http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.855229/k.CC2B/Home.htm>

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is a private, independent grantmaking institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition around the world.

The [Program on Global Security and Sustainability](#) focuses on international issues, including peace and security, conservation and sustainable development, population and reproductive health, and human rights.

The [Program on Human and Community Development](#) operates primarily within the United States. Issues of interest to the program include; community development; regional policy; affordable housing, with a particular emphasis on the preservation of rental housing; system reform in education, juvenile justice and mental health.

The [General Program](#) supports public interest media, including public radio and the production of independent documentary film. Grants are made to arts and cultural institutions in the Chicago area and for special initiatives, currently including intellectual property rights in a digital environment.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

<http://www.rbf.org/about/index.html>

The Rockefeller Brothers fund is a philanthropic organization working to promote social change that contributes to a more just, sustainable and peaceful world. The Fund's programs are intended to develop leaders, strengthen institutions, engage citizens, build community, and foster partnerships that include government, business and civil society. Respect for cultural diversity and ecological integrity pervades the Fund's activities.

The Fund supports activities in a variety of geographic contexts. It also has identified several specific locations on which to concentrate cross-programmatic attention. The Fund refers to these as "RBF pivotal places" and includes sub-national areas, nation-states, or cross-border regions which have special importance to the Fund's substantive concerns and whose future will have disproportionate significance for the future of a surrounding region, an ecosystem, or the world. The Fund currently works in four pivotal places: New York City, South Africa, Serbia and Montenegro, and Southern China.

3. PRIZES

AGFUND International Prize

<http://seedinit.org/mainpages/interlinks/forthcoming/index.php>

This annual prize awarded by the Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND) aims at encouraging continuity in implementing pioneering development projects and stimulating the efforts of those who are capable of contributing to developmental and humanitarian action in the developing countries.

The categories for the 2005 Prize were:

1. "Microcredit helping to achieve the millennium development goals".
(Open to projects implemented by UN, international or regional organizations)

2. "The impact of microcredit to reduce poverty".
(Open to projects implemented by NGOs)

3. "Reaching the poorest of the poor with microcredit".
(Open to projects initiated, sponsored and/or implemented by individuals)

Prize: the first category prize is US \$150,000; the second category prize is US\$100,000; the third category prize is US \$50,000.

Next award scheme: 2006

Anticipated deadline for nominations: April 2006

The APC Africa Hafkin Communications Prize

<http://seedinit.org/mainpages/interlinks/forthcoming/index.php>

The APC Hafkin Prize - a biannual award - recognises outstanding examples of African initiatives in information and communications technology (ICTs) for development. The theme of the 2004/05 prize was 'Community Connectivity' projects for international development, that is, community initiatives that use the internet and other digital communication networks to access markets, skills and opportunities to derive real economic benefits. The competition is open to civil society organisations, government institutions, educational organisations, community-based groups, networks, social movements or individuals anywhere in Africa.

Prize: US\$7,500 will be shared amongst up to three winning initiatives.

Next award scheme: 2006/07

4. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

As far as funds from other governments and international organisations working in multiple countries are concerned, it is worth knowing that Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates often operate grant schemes. International non-governmental organisations (INGOs), governments with Development Cooperation Agencies*, the European Commission and the United Nations frequently also have offices or local representatives in-country who can be approached regarding their funding priorities.

Although the trend is for funding to go to fewer, larger and more long-term projects and for some donors to channel funds through country governments, there may still be other funding opportunities worth exploring. How you do this depends on the local context. If your organisation is part of a local or international NGO network that regularly meets and exchanges information, this can be one way of finding out what possibilities exist. Make contacts, find out who the local representatives are, collaborate with NGOs who already receive funding from these types of sources. Some governments such as Spain, Norway and Ireland are currently re-thinking and increasing their work on gender equality. Some donor agencies are open to working with you from the start and developing an idea together. These are just some suggestions.

A word of caution; find out what is required in the application process and once funding is received, ensure that you know how long funding decisions will take, the regularity of reporting expected and any restrictions on how the money is spent, etc. Some funders are more flexible than others. Also, be aware of any political implications that may arise from receiving grants from particular donors.

- See http://www.oecd.org/linklist/0,2678,en_2649_33721_1797105_1_1_1_1,00.html for a range of government Development Cooperation Agency websites.

Below are some examples of grants from Embassies along with information on the European Commission and contact details for the United Nations.

British Embassy - Small Grants Scheme

The British Embassy operates a Small Grants Scheme in several countries, funded by the Department for International Development, which gives several awards every year to small-scale grassroots development projects aimed at improving the living conditions of disadvantaged people.

The SGS is designed to provide a cost effective means for Heads of Missions to mount small developmental projects without reference to the Department for International Development (DFID).

Projects financed under the SGS must be consistent with the strategic objectives of the UK aid programme, as set out in the two White Papers on International Development and the International Development Act, which came into force in June 2002. See <http://www.fco.gov.uk/servlet/ServletFront?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1007029395231> for links to British Embassy websites in different countries. Search under Small Grants Scheme.

Dutch Embassy Bulgaria : Small Embassy Projects Programme (Matra/KAP)

<http://holland.bg/viewpage.php?path=2059>

Examples of grants from 2005:

Title: "Romani Women Can Do It"

Matra theme: Human rights/minorities

KAP funding: 9, 881 euro

Implementing agency: Kxam - Sun Foundation

The aim is to improve the capacity of local Roma women leaders to influence local policies in 5 municipalities.

Title: "Encouraging space"

MATRA theme: Arts /human rights

KAP funding: 1,597 euro

Implementing organisation: Women for present days

The project aims at changing the stereotype thinking about the role of women in the family and society by raising awareness on main gender issues through special theatre performances, dissemination of printed materials and a PR campaign.

Dutch Embassy Cairo/Development Cooperation

<http://www.hollandemb.org.eg/english/gender.htm>

(English & Dutch)

The Netherlands gender programme focuses on strengthening NGOs to implement the Beijing Platform of Action, which is reflected in two large programmes implemented by UNICEF and the Alliance for Arab Women (AAW). It further strengthens national institutions like the National Council for Women (NCW) and provides support to UNIFEM on "Gender Equality Measured through Statistics".

Based on the gender study in Fayoum, support to a "Women Action Facility" programme in Fayoum Governorate is given. In addition, the Netherlands supports some projects implemented by NGOs to address women's equity and equality in economic, social and political arenas including political participation and capacity building in different Governorates, such as the "Gender Equality at Local Levels" project and the "Arab Women Speak Out" project.

The Netherlands also provides support to the Female Genital Mutilation programme, "The FGM Free Village Model" project, which is co-financed by 8 donors and aims at combating FGM practices in Egypt through the National Council for Motherhood and Childhood (NCCM) and the UNDP. Within the scope of gender interventions in other sectors, the Netherlands funds a project on "Mainstreaming Women in Agricultural Policy and Practice" with the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MoALR).

Embassy of Finland in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: The Finnish Fund for Local Cooperation

<http://216.69.164.44/finland/lcf.brochure.html>

The Fund supports initiatives of local Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community-based organisations (CBOs), Government and other Institutions in Tanzania. The objective of the fund is to complement other Finnish development efforts to alleviate poverty in the field of human rights, democracy and good governance, and empower the civil society in particular. In addition, the fund provides support to cultural and social development activities at the small scale level as well as fosters economic development of corporative civil society. Furthermore, the fund strives to enhance goals of sustainable development and environmental responsibility. The approach is to establish long-term partnerships with a limited number of organisations instead of supporting one-time activities, workshops, seminars, etc. The fund's components and priority areas are:

- Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance within the priority areas of Gender Equality, Civic Education, Political Awareness and Media
- Democratic Institutions
- Economic Empowerment of Corporative Civil Society
- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Promotion of Cultural Development
- Small Scale Pilot Projects

The European Commission

http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/gender/funding_en.htm#tend

On 28 October 2004, the European Commission (EC) adopted the 'Programming Document-Promoting Gender Equality in development co-operation' which specifies the programming priorities for 2005 and 2006 under the thematic assistance 'Gender Budget Line'.

Two main priority areas of intervention are identified:

- Promoting gender equality in attitudes and behaviour of adolescent boys and girls in relation to violence against girls and women;
- Training and methodological support of key stakeholders in partner countries.

The European Commission provides financial support for [projects](#) improving gender equality through its bilateral and regional co-operation with Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and

Central Asia, the Mediterranean region, the African, Caribbean and the Pacific countries and Latin America.

In addition, financial resources are made available to fund gender equality projects without any geographical limitation (thematic assistance). These activities complement and reinforce assistance provided by the other instruments of the European development co-operation. '[The Regulation on Promoting Gender Equality in Development Co-operation](#)' defines the objectives and priorities of EC action as well as the type of activities that can be co-financed by the EC under the thematic assistance. It covers the period 2004 – 2006.
http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/gender/documents/regulation_98_en.pdf

EC assistance is often channelled through the following instruments:

- Bilateral projects are generally signed with a country government and sometimes managed in conjunction with international organisations. At this level, there may be a Small Projects Facility for non-profit organisations.
- Thematic or Horizontal programmes: these are worldwide calls for proposals, generally open for the participation of local organisations and covering issues such as Human Rights, Environment Protection, Gender etc;
- Regional programmes: These are region-wide calls for proposals, open to non-profit organisations, in most cases in partnership with other organisations from the region and/or from the EU.

The United Nations

For information on the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) see reference above in the section on Women's Funds, page 11. For regional offices go to:
<http://www.unifem.org/about/contact.php#regionaloffices>

For details of the United Nations system and its other funding agencies see:
<http://www.un.org/aboutun/chart.html>

5. ONLINE DIRECTORIES

- ***International Human Rights Funders Group***
<http://www.hrfunders.org/funders/index.html>

This Funders Directory provides information on funding sources for human rights groups. Grantseekers can search for a funder by issue, geography, type of support, etc. A search under 'women' will result in a list of funders who make grants for women's organisations and projects.

- ***Directory of Funders of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Programs***
<http://www.lgbtfunders.org/lgbtfunders/resource.htm>

The Funders Directory provides information on potential funders for organizations and projects working with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities. All of the organizations listed have provided financial support to LGBT programs. However, the extent of support varies greatly, from exclusive funding of LGBT projects, to awarding a single grant to a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender organization.

- ***Women's Funding Network***
<http://www.wfnet.org/>

The Women's Funding Network (WFN) is a partnership of over 90 women and girls' funds and philanthropic organizations. WFN works to improve the status of women and girls by strengthening its member's funds. As a worldwide partnership of women's funds, donors, and allies committed to social justice, the Women's Funding Network seeks to ensure that women's funds are recognized as the "investment of choice" for people who value the full participation of women and girls as key to strong, equitable, and sustainable communities and societies.

- **Allavida**

<http://www.allavida.org/finder-donors.html>

Various types of links are included in this website – from individual donor sites, websites listing donors, to sites with broader fundraising information and to sites of organisations providing other types of support. Donors which fund internationally are listed separately to those which focus on Allavida's core areas of Central & South East Europe & the NIS and East Africa.

- **Directory of Funders Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Issues**

http://www.gcir.org/resources/funding_directory/

This funding directory provides information on 200 private foundations, community foundations, public foundations, corporate foundations, and corporate-giving programs that may provide support to organizations, programs, and projects serving or working with immigrants and refugees. It is *not* a "directory of immigration funders." Rather, it includes a broad cross-section of foundations that support immigrant- and refugee- related efforts within their current fields of interest, such as health, welfare, arts, human rights, community development, research, and community organizing.

- **One World**

<http://www.oneworld.net/article/archive/4893>

A wide-ranging directory of potential grants for information, communication and technology (ICT) related initiatives. This covers; the United Nations agencies, regional and government development cooperation organisations such as the European Commission and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC); private sector funders such as Microsoft; foundations and large international donors including the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Bank. A useful list of donors for non-ICT projects as well.

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Siyanda (extensive gender and development database): <http://www.siyanda.org>