

Strengthening Childcare Models that Advance Women's Economic Power

Grand Challenges

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Eligibility

Who is eligible for grants?

This initiative is open to organizations based in South Asia (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) and Africa, including nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies and academic institutions. Collaborations with global partners is acceptable, however, at least 80% of the funding needs to be awarded directly to organizations based in low-and middle-income countries. Individuals and organizations classified as individuals for U.S. tax purposes are not eligible to receive an award from the foundation as part of this initiative.

Upon registration, applicants must provide information about the tax status of their organization as different terms and conditions may apply. You should confirm your organization's tax status with the appropriate advisor or entity within your organization such as your grants or contracts department, finance, or office of sponsored research. The foundation may request additional information regarding your tax status. For information about tax statuses, you may check with your own advisors and review information provided on the Internal Revenue Service web site at: <http://www.irs.gov/>

Application Process

What must my application include?

Please refer to the [Application Instructions](#) document

Am I able to edit my proposal once submitted?

Yes, you may edit your proposal up until the specified deadline.

What amount of indirect cost is available?

Details of the foundation indirect cost policy guidelines can be found here: [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's indirect cost policy](#)

Review Process

How does the review process work?

Please refer to the [Rules and Guidelines](#) document.

Can I get a list of potential reviewers who might be assigned to my application?

No. We do not make public the roster of reviewers.

Can I request that my application not be reviewed by a specific individual?

No. However, we will ask reviewers about conflicts of interest and will not assign reviewers with conflicts.

Will I receive specific feedback on my application if it is not selected?

Due to the rapid proposal and review timelines applicable to this RFP, applicants with proposals that are not selected for award may receive a notification of decline without specific feedback.

Award Information**Are grant awards made directly to individuals?**

No. All awards are made to the organization where the individual holds their primary appointment. Institutions must agree to the terms and conditions governing the grant award prior to award activation.

How much money will each grant provide?

We will consider proposals for awards of up to **\$400,000 USD for each project**, with a grant term of up to 3 years. Application budgets should be commensurate with the scope of work proposed. Indirect costs will be considered, and should be included in the budget for the up to \$400,000 USD award (subject to the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's indirect cost policy](#)).

Technical Support**I forgot my password. How do I reset my password?**

You can request to update your password within the application site. If you continue to have issues, please reach out to grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org.

How will I know if my application was submitted?

Once an application is submitted, an email confirmation will be sent.

I am having trouble uploading my application file. What should I do?

If you are having issues submitting your application, we would encourage you to submit from a different browser. If the issue persists, please email the specifics of your problem to grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org.

How often do you intend to update the Frequently Asked Questions, and do you plan to provide answers to all questions submitted?

We will periodically post answers to questions as they are submitted, but do not have a specific schedule. We will provide answers on this page that are of relevance and of general interest to potential applicants. For answers to specific questions that are not covered here, please email grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org