

Opportunities to Advance Women's Health Innovation

Grand Challenges

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Eligibility

Who is eligible for grants?

This initiative is open to nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, international organizations, government agencies and academic institutions. We particularly encourage applications involving projects led by women or from women-led organizations and applications from institutions based in low- and middle-income countries. Proposals should be aligned to local public health systems. Additionally, collaborations are highly encouraged.

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 Call to Action, applicants with proposals that are not selected for award will 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?

The funding level for each **award is a total of up to USD \$150,000 for a project lasting up to 2 years**, based on the scope of the proposed project. The Women's Health Innovation team intends to fund up to 3 proposals for each of the 8 in-scope Opportunity Areas listed above and in Table 1. The proposed budget must realistically reflect the technical work and project deliverables within a time frame of up to 2 years; in some cases, a smaller budget and/or shorter grant period may be justified. Budgets and scope may be negotiated with applicants as part of the review process to ensure the foundation's ability to fund a robust and balanced portfolio with good geographic scope with the existing available budget. Indirect costs will be considered, and should be included in the budget with the maximum award of \$150,000 USD (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.