

Gender Equality & Macroeconomics Small Grants Programme Summer 2022 Call for Proposals

The [Gender Equality and Macroeconomics](#) (GEM) team at the Bretton Woods project calls for proposals from Global South women's rights and economic justice organisations who are seeking financial support for programming and advocacy activities that contribute to addressing the ways in which macroeconomic policies promoted by international financial institutions (IFIs) undermine women's rights and gender equality.

Who: Global South women's rights and economic justice organizations working on macroeconomics, IFIs and gender equality.

What: Small grants of up to USD \$11,500 to be spent directly on project work aligned with the Gender Equality and Macroeconomics (GEM) project aims.

When: Closing date of Sunday 26th of June 2022, 11:59pm UK time. We aim to communicate decisions on applications by July 11.

Where: CSOs registered and based in the Global South.

Background

The Gender Equality and Macroeconomics (GEM) project at BWP challenges the ways in which macroeconomic policies currently promoted by international financial institutions (IFIs) – in particular the IMF and World Bank – undermine gender equality and women's rights. To change this, the project critically examines the gendered implications of current fiscal, monetary, investment, and labour market policy, engages in direct advocacy with the IFIs, and works to support a wide range of civil society groups and organisations towards building an enabling macroeconomic environment for women's rights and gender equality.

The Fund

With a budget of \$35,000, we are able to offer a limited number of organisations grants. We will support projects that align with the aims of the GEM project, and particularly encourage women's rights organisations to apply. We will prioritise funding smaller organisations who might have less access to mainstream sources of funding. For a full list of criteria, please see below.

Eligible Projects/Activities

Essential criteria

- *The proposed projects/activities contribute to addressing the ways in which neoliberal macroeconomic policies promoted by international financial institutions undermine women's rights and gender equality.*
- *The small grant will make a critical difference in the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed project/activities.*

- *The applying civil society organisation is aligned with the Bretton Woods Project's [mission and vision](#).*
- *The applying organisation must be a legally registered charity in their local country and have a bank account that can receive international wire transfers.*
- *The proposed projects/activities must be carried out over the next 14 months (concluded by August 2023).*
- *The applying organisation is based in the Global South.*

Desired criteria

- *The applying organisation is a women's rights organisation.*
- *The applying organisation is relatively small – where a small grant can make a big difference.*
- *The proposed project relates to the IMF or World Bank, and/or focuses on countries where IMF or World Bank programmes are in place or being actively negotiated.*
- *The proposed project focuses on themes within gender equality and macroeconomics that remain underexplored.*
- *The proposed project offers synergies with the work of structural project partners.*

Timeline

- Application opens: May 23
- Application closes: June 26
- Decisions made & successful applicants notified: July 11

Application Process

Please follow the steps below and upload the requested documents by **June 26, 2022, 11:59pm UK time**.

Please make the subject heading of the email: *Organisation's Name_GEM_Small Grants 2022*

1. Online Application Form

Please fill out the [application form](#) on our website with the basic information for your organization.

Please also upload documentation demonstrating your organization's legal registration and/or charity status there.

2. Concept note

Please submit a concept note of 2-4 pages, including a brief narrative with the following sections:

- About the organisation / movement / network
- Your organisation's strategy and goals
- About your planned project
 - the problem or issue the project addresses
 - activities & timeline
 - intended outcomes
- A rough budget over the amount requested
- Bank details

Language: Please submit your concept note in English if possible. Proposals in other languages are accepted but will be read with the help of a translation tool. Grantee organizations are welcome to work in any language, but we kindly ask that you have a contact point that can communicate with GEM staff (via email) in English.

Reporting

We will ask selected applicants to submit a 1-2 page narrative report at the end of the funding period. We will also ask for a short interim update via email by August 30, 2022 (if activities have commenced by then).

Contact

For urgent questions or concerns regarding the process, you may reach out to amcshane@brettonwoodsproject.org. Please do not email to ask about the status of your application; we will do our best to make decisions and notify all applicants as swiftly as possible.