



Women's Health Community Fund Overview:

The fund is designed to support **small, grassroots organisations and community groups who are directly delivering health information and support** to women, girls and people from underrepresented groups. We will fund projects that address the following key points;

- Projects that aim to improve information, education and support for menstrual health, related gynaecological conditions e.g. PCOS, endometriosis, adenomyosis, fibroids, PMDD, and menopause.
- Support people and groups that are often underrepresented in mainstream healthcare, information and services, for example people from Black, Asian and ethnic minority backgrounds, LGBTQI+, people living with disabilities, deaf people, blind and partially sighted people, people experiencing homelessness, addiction, people living in areas of economic deprivation.

Guidance:

The fund will support successful applicants for a **12-month period** and applicants can apply for grants between **£500 - £5000** for projects and activities **based in the UK**. Proposed activities or projects should focus on **menstrual health, related gynaecological conditions and menopause**. The project should include multiple activities across the year with considerations made around its sustainability beyond the funding cycle. Applicants from grassroot organisations, community groups and volunteer-led projects will be prioritised, as they directly meeting the aims of the fund.

Successful applicants will receive half of their awarded funding at the beginning of the project and the second instalment 6 months into the funding cycle upon completion of a short impact report.

Eligibility criteria and guidance:

- Applicants must be based in the UK and be focused on supporting communities in the UK.
- Applicants must be non-profit, CIC, community or volunteer-led groups. We will not fund commercially driven or public sector organisations.
- If you are a registered charity or non-profit organisation you must have a UK-based bank or building society account in the name of your organisation.

- You must have an appropriate safeguarding policy in place.
- Funds should be used for a series of activities throughout the funding period, as opposed to one large activity.
- Successful applications will be sent funding terms and conditions to sign before receiving the first installment.
- Funds can support existing or new activities, but applicants should consider ongoing sustainability and address this in their application.

Exclusions:

- We will not fund any projects that do not meet our objectives of reaching underserved communities.
- We will not fund projects that do not directly meet our objectives of providing education and support on menstrual health, gynaecological conditions, menopause.
- We will not fund commercially driven or public sector organisations.
- Funds should not be used to support commercial activities – outputs should be free for users and the aims of the organisation or individual applying for funding should not be profit-making.
- Fund cannot be used to pay salaries including staff training or speaker fees, however all reasonable expenses such as venue hire, light refreshments, equipment hire and speaker expenses can be covered by the fund.