



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Respect, Mainstreaming and Realisation of LGBTI+ Rights in the Commonwealth

Small Grants to promote intersectional advocacy interventions in Asia
and the Pacific

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BACKGROUND

Established in 2011, Kaleidoscope Trust (KT) is a UK-based charity focused on fighting for the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and gender diverse (LGBTI+) people across the Commonwealth and beyond. We fund, fight for and empower those upholding the human rights of LGBTI+ people by working with governments, change-makers and civil society organisations to effect meaningful and lasting change in the lives of LGBTI+ people everywhere.

In line with our vision towards a free, safe and equal world for LGBTI+ people everywhere, KT designs and implements programmes that seek to create lasting change for our communities globally. We deliver funding, resources, technical support, platforms, and connections to ensure the long-term sustainability and effective advocacy of organisations defending the human rights of LGBTI+ people. This also includes providing opportunities for learning, sharing, strategising, and building the global movement for LGBTI+ individuals and their allies striving to improve their advocacy strategies nationally, regionally or internationally. To date, KT has supported 120 civil society organisations (CSOs) in 41 countries around the world through resource mobilisation and capacity development opportunities. In addition to this, KT has provided over 35 capacity development interventions (CDIs) to over 60 CSOs to support their ongoing capacity to protect and defend LGBTI+ rights.

KT has secured funding from the Australian [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\)](#) for the implementation of the *Respect, Mainstreaming and Realisation of LGBT+ Rights in the Commonwealth Programme (RMR)*. This multiyear (2022-2025) intervention aims to protect and promote intersectional LGBTI+ rights through supporting the enhanced capacities and intersectional advocacy efforts of Commonwealth LGBTI+ civil society in Asia and the Pacific. Through this programme, KT is providing Commonwealth LGBTI+ civil society organisations (CSO) and allied social justice movements with the technical and financial support they require to sustain and advance their work locally and regionally.

Under the RMR project, we are supporting a **small grants scheme** to support Commonwealth LGBTI+ civil society organisations in Asia and the Pacific regions to advance their human rights work through the implementation of **intersectional advocacy interventions**.

Kaleidoscope Trust is now pleased to **announce the opening of this CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SMALL GRANTS**.

BUDGET AND DURATION

Grants issued under this Call for Proposals will be available for **£5,000–8,000 per grant per organisation**. KT anticipates being able to award between **7–12 small grants** depending on the amounts requested per application. Applicants are therefore encouraged to be realistic with their proposed activities and timelines and not automatically request the maximum amount.

These intersectional advocacy grants are intended to predominantly cover direct activity costs in initiatives focused on the advancement of the rights, equality and overall dignity of LGBTI+ people with intersecting identities, both locally and regionally. However, core costs, i.e., *staff costs and other administrative costs*, can be recovered up to 35% of total project costs.

Projects supported under this grant can begin anytime from **1 August 2024**, but the funding provided through the sub-grants must be utilised before **31 March 2025**. The final reports, both narrative and financial, will be due no later than **30 April 2025**.

Applicants must submit their application in English, using the templates provided by Kaleidoscope Trust.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for funding under this call, **applicants must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Applications for funding must be submitted by an individual LGBTI+-led and/or -focused civil society organisation, alone or in partnership with an allied social justice organisation or group.
- The organisation and/or allied group must be based and operating in a Commonwealth country in the Asia or the Pacific regions. Eligible Commonwealth countries in this region include: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, India, Kiribati, Malaysia, Maldives, Nauru, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

- Applications must clearly and concisely demonstrate how the proposed activities will contribute to advance or protect the rights of LGBTI+ people and communities, particularly those with intersecting identities, either locally or regionally.
- Activities must be realistic and feasible within the given time frame, allowing for the proposed intervention to be completed **before March 2025**.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate experience and capacity delivering projects of a similar nature and/or size.
- Applicants must successfully complete our due diligence process. Please note that while we accept proposals from both registered and unregistered organisations, however, unregistered organisations will be required to operate through a fiscal host organisation, who will also be required to undergo the due diligence process.

Special consideration will be given to applications that come from:

- Organisations which received a capacity development intervention in April/May 2024 *AND* are able to showcase in the proposals how the skills and increased technical or practical capacity gained then will be built upon throughout this new project period.
- Projects in countries experiencing an increase in anti-LGBTI+ rhetoric, violence or any political and/or legislative developments intended to curtail the rights of LGBTI+ communities.

FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Intersectionality acknowledges the interconnections between diverse social identities, such as gender, race, class, and disability, in shaping experiences of discrimination and oppression. As a framework, it is a powerful tool for analysis and advocacy, highlighting specific needs within programming and activism. Activities supported under this grant scheme should focus on advancing the rights of LGBTI+ people from an intersectional perspective and/or combatting the disparities of LGBTI+ people who are impacted by issues of an intersectional nature (e.g., climate change, migration or access to health).

Activities and areas of work that will be considered under this Call for Proposals include, but are not limited to:



Documentation and Research: Activities could include advocacy-oriented desk reviews or primary research, including conducting baseline surveys to discover unique issues that marginalise LGBTI+ communities and intersecting populations, the documentation of human rights violations, or the review of legal and policy environments' direct effects on the rights of LGBTI+ communities in a certain context, with a view to be used for advocacy purposes.



Awareness and Sensitisation: Activities could include raising the awareness or engaging various, diverse and intersectional stakeholders or the general public around issues related to intersecting identities, or developing external communications that bring visibility to the issues affecting LGBTI+ populations including the production and dissemination of media publications, video content and other initiatives.



Targeted advocacy and Outreach: Activities could include inclusive and rights-based responses to long-term causes of intersectional inequality through engagement with key decision-makers and other stakeholders (e.g., faith-based groups, diplomatic missions, human rights institutions and mechanisms), identification and sensitisation of LGBTI+ allies for collaborative advocacy, social inclusion, and respect and dignity for LGBTI+ communities and other

intersectionally disadvantaged groups.



Training and Capacity strengthening: Activities could include the development and execution of digital and/or in-person staff and volunteer advocacy training sessions or the development of advocacy strategies on how to practically implement intersectional awareness within a CSO. Where possible, capacity building activities should be paired with an additional activity(-ies) that allows the learnings to be implemented into practice.

Activities should be explicitly focused on generating positive impact towards the human rights, equality and overall dignity of LGBTI+ people from an intersectional perspective and should be in line with internationally accepted efforts to promote human rights and/or reduce stigma and discrimination and/or to build the capacity of civil society organisations working within the intersections of human rights, social justice, development and humanitarian work.

The following activities/lines of work are, unfortunately, **NOT eligible** as part of this call:

- Applications coming from individual activists.
- Income replacement schemes.
- Service delivery programmes (e.g., legal aid, counselling)
- Basic needs (e.g., food parcels, medication), humanitarian relief interventions/products, charity, or social services.
- Bridge/gap funding.
- Scholarships, study visits.
- Equipment (laptops, projectors, etc.) or real estate purchase.
- Funding that goes into organising and/or participation in protests and demonstrations.
- Providing bail for imprisoned persons, statutory fines, criminal fines, or penalties.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Proposals submitted will be evaluated by a Selection Committee composed of representatives from Kaleidoscope Trust and possibly an external evaluator against the five criteria set out below:

- **Quality of the proposal**, including, but not limited to, its innovative or amplified solutions to existing challenges, organisational capacity and experience, and scalability (30 points)
- **Relevance of the proposed intervention** to the overall project's goal (15 points)
- **Proposed impact** for the betterment of LGBTI+ people from an intersectional perspective (20 points)
- **Value for money**¹ (20 points)
- **Sustainability of the intervention** (15 points)

Applications that most closely meet the criteria will be selected. Following the decision to award a grant and the successful completion of due diligence and compliance checks, the awardees will be offered a contract with Kaleidoscope Trust – or a designated partner – detailing conditions of the grant.

NOTE: We have noted an increase in the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based tools to write applications and funding proposals. While we do not encourage its use, we do understand

¹ Proposals can indicate 'value for money' by including the projected number of people impacted (including gender breakdown), how vulnerable communities will be targeted, evidence that funds are being well spent, etc.

that some organisations may find it a useful tool. If an organisation does decide to use it, we expect it to be clearly stated in your proposal. All proposals will be screened through an AI detector regardless.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Proposals should be submitted using the *RMR Narrative Proposal Template* and *RMR Budget Proposal Template* which can be found on our [website](mailto:programmes@kaleidoscopetrust.com), to programmes@kaleidoscopetrust.com. The subject line should read “RMR Programme Small Grant Application - [Applicant Organisation Name]”.
- The **deadline for applications is 23:59 BST, 21 July 2024.**
- Applicants can expect to be informed of the **outcome of their application by 31 July 2024** (relevant activity expenses can be retro dated to **1 August 2024** once approved).

Attachment A: RMR Narrative Proposal Template

Attachment B: RMR Budget Proposal Template

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