

The UN Fund for Gender Equality announced the Call for Proposals for the second phase of its 2011–2012 grantmaking cycle. Proposals would be accepted for innovative programmes to help women achieve political and economic empowerment. The Fund will award multi-year grants ranging from USD 200,000 to USD 1 million for impact-oriented programmes around the world.

The Fund invites proposals from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Central Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean. The online application database was open from 12 to 23 March 2012, and grants will be announced in October 2012.

When the Fund began in 2009, 1,239 applicants from 127 countries submitted proposals, representing more than USD 3 billion in requests. Of those, the Fund could support only 1.2 percent of requests, yet more than 50 percent of applicants had viable and strong proposals that could have been funded. This figure is a snapshot of the great need for support towards this cause, but it is also a testament to the potential to be unleashed.

For further information, <http://www.unwomen.org/how-we-work/fund-for-gender-equality/>