

## **Ireland-Mexico Human Rights Partnership Fund 2019**

The Ireland-Mexico Human Rights Partnership Fund is provided by the Embassy of Ireland in Mexico to support local non-governmental organisations to carry out small-scale development projects that address the root causes of poverty and injustice in a strategic and cost effective manner.

### **Objectives**

The fund supports interventions that contribute to:

- Strengthening the voice of local communities to influence policy decisions that impact upon them and implementation at local, state and federal levels;
- The promotion and realisation of human rights;
- The improvement of livelihoods and security;
- Improved access to essential services;
- The promotion of women's empowerment and gender equality, including initiatives to tackle gender based violence and women trafficking.

In applying to this fund, applicants should explain how the project will make a particular contribution to **at least one** of the above objectives. However, it is not necessary that an intervention contribute to all objectives.

Projects should also be relevant to at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>)

Pursuant to Irish and EU priority areas and in line with Ireland's most recent UN Universal Periodic Review recommendations, the Embassy invites project applications under the following three headings:

1	<b>Impunity</b> Funding of €10,000 will be provided to one project <b>or</b> €5,000 for two projects with the objective of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- tackling the issue of impunity at federal, state and/or local level <i>OR</i></li><li>- Increasing/promoting access to justice (with a particular focus on the families of the disappeared)</li></ul>
2	<b>Women, Peace and Security</b> Funding of €10,000 will be provided to one project <b>or</b> €5,000 for two projects with the objective of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Promoting/Advancing/Supporting women under the priorities of the UN Women Peace and Security Agenda</li></ul>
3	<b>Human Rights Defenders and Journalists - Freedom of Expression</b> Funding of €10,000 will be provided to one project <b>or</b> €5,000 to two projects with the objective of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Promoting and protecting the rights of Human Rights Defenders <i>AND/OR</i></li><li>- Promoting and protecting the rights of Journalists</li></ul>

## **Note on Women Peace and Security Agenda Projects**

The Women, Peace and Security Agenda is founded on the idea that due to the power dynamics of gender, conflict has different effects on women, girls, boys and men. It outlines the long term impact of women's meaningful and equal participation in conflict prevention, peace negotiations, peace building and post-conflict reconstruction and governance in terms of creating and sustaining peace and stability.

There are four pillars which underline the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Participation, Protection, Prevention and Relief and Recovery. Ireland's most recent National Action Plan is based on a slightly amended version of the four pillars of WPS. Project applications submitted under this theme should align with at least one of these four pillars:

1. *Participation*: increased participation of women at all levels of decision-making, including in national, regional and international institutions; in mechanisms for the prevention, management and resolution of conflict; in peace negotiations; in peace operations.
2. *Protection*: the protection of women and girls from sexual and gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse and other violations of women's rights and international humanitarian law and relief and recovery and rehabilitation.
3. *Prevention*: improving intervention strategies in the prevention of violence against women, including by prosecuting those responsible for violations of international law, strengthening women's rights under national law and supporting local women's peace initiatives and conflict resolution processes.
4. *Promotion* of the Women Peace and Security Agenda in International, Regional and National Arenas

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Applications will only be accepted from Mexican, locally managed not for profit organisations that are independent of the state and are formed voluntarily by members of society to address the root causes of poverty and injustice in their respective communities. This includes:

- a) *Locally Registered NGO*; registered as a trust or society with relevant authority to receive funds from a foreign source.
- b) *Community Based Organisation*; registered as a trust or society with relevant authority to receive funds from a foreign source.
- c) *Non Profit Company or Corporate Foundation*; with relevant authority to receive funds from a foreign source.
- d) *Faith Based Organisations* involved in development work and registered as a religious trust or charitable trust or society with relevant authority to receive funds from a foreign source. Where developmental and religious work is convergent (e.g. schools/training run by faith based organisations) enforcement of non-discrimination policies should be documented in the application.
- e) *Co-operative*

The following activities will NOT be eligible for funding:

- Interventions that are primarily welfare support(s) and that are clearly not sustainable without external support.
- Individual or family support
- Major infrastructural schemes for e.g. dams, roads, hospitals (but is not limited to this list).
- Educational scholarships including study or research fellowships
- Projects that involve evangelisation for the proselytising of religious beliefs
- Retrospective Expenditure (i.e. cost incurred prior to the date of submission of the application)
- International Travel
- Emergency projects that are in response to natural or human disasters.
- Marketing, fundraising and entertainment

### **Terms**

Grants awarded as part of this fund will have an initial duration of one year, with review by the Embassy at the end of the first year. The program year will run from August 2019 - August 2020.

Organisations in receipt of grants are responsible for their own project implementation and for monitoring the project throughout the course of the funding.

Organisations must submit a Final Narrative and Financial Report no later than one month after the end of the contract period i.e. from the date of the contract was signed.

Successful applicants will be notified of the full details and requirements for financial and narrative reporting.

Projects in receipt of funding through this fund should identify that the project is supported by the Embassy of Ireland in Mexico in any promotional material or other publications.

Documents, including application forms and annexes, any report submitted to the Department, any other written communication with the Department and any information which the Department may generate automatically become records of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and as such, are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

### **How to Apply**

Eligible applicants should complete the Ireland-Mexico Human Rights Partnership Fund 2019 application form and submit to [Brigid.Dolan@dfa.ie](mailto:Brigid.Dolan@dfa.ie) before 11pm (local time) on Sunday 7 July 2019.

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions via email. Applications should be submitted in English.