

WEBS OF SAFETY & CARE GRANTS

2023

UAF A&P's Webs of Safety and Care (WSC) grants seek to support women, trans, and non-binary-led human rights organisations and networks with the necessary resources to build and strengthen community-based safety and care structures and practices in response to the many risks, threats, and challenges they face in their activism. These grants are a part of UAF A&P's Enabling Defenders programme and are open for applications until 15th September 2023.

The Webs of Safety and Care grant recognises that holding space for safety and care practices in activism is a radical act.



THE 'WEBS OF SAFETY AND CARE' FRAMEWORK

Apply By
15 September
2023

WHAT DO WSC GRANTS SUPPORT?

Assess

Grantees can conduct a holistic assessment of the risk and threats they face as an individual or as part of a collective or movement. They can also assess existing systems and practices that can support them in times of crisis. UAF A&P can provide assessment tools that can be adapted as required to analyse activists' needs and help design optimal solutions.



A WSC grantee reached out to 13 groups of women, trans, and non-binary human rights defenders in the region and identified the common threats and challenges they face with the support of a WSC grant. Based on these learnings and insights, they designed and implemented regional safety and care workshops for human rights defenders. They also used the assessment results to educate and influence key stakeholders about the threats and challenges faced by LGBTQ defenders in order to mobilise more support for them.

A grantee created a safe house that hosted 19 human rights defenders in exile with the help of a WSC grant. They have been able to create a support system that helps human rights defenders in exile acquire legal status, access internships and educational programs, and reignite their activism. Many of the defenders they supported have gone on to set up their own organizations and safe houses to help their community.



Create

Grantees can create new systems and care practices that help human rights defenders and their communities prioritise rest and rejuvenation, build resilience, and provide holistic well-being and care. This could mean creating safe spaces for women, trans, and non-binary human rights defenders to seek refuge during crises or while facing threats, but also for rest and respite from their day to day activism whenever needed.

Build

Grantees can expand or deepen existing initiatives that cater to the safety and well-being of human rights defenders, their organizations, and networks. This can include skills training for human rights defenders to address risks and threats (such as digital security training), skilled peer psycho-social counselling, or building a network of pro-bono lawyers.



A grantee expanded their shelter for women and non-binary human rights defenders with the help of a WSC grant. The shelter serves as a safe space for gatherings, workshops, and other community activities (such as selling snacks - which helps generate additional income for unemployed human rights defenders).

An organisation of defenders used a WSC grant to conduct a risk assessment and foster discussions on intersectionality between women, labor, and LGBT rights.



Connect

Grantees can share their learnings, ideas, and experiences within their own community or across movements to promote practices of well-being and collective care for greater resilience. Based on needs identified, organisations and networks can use this grant for workshops and convenings to create spaces for brave conversations on care and well-being, reflections and strengthening connections.

WHAT IS THE WEBS OF SAFETY AND CARE GRANT AMOUNT?

You can apply for a WSC grant to conduct a holistic safety and care needs assessment

up to **USD 5000** per grant

is provided to applicants proposing to conduct a complete safety and care assessment of their organisation, network, or community.

You can apply for a WSC grant for an initiative that is based on a holistic safety and care needs assessment.

up to **USD 10,000** per grant

is provided to applicants who have conducted a complete safety and care analysis. The proposed plan to address the risks and threats is based on this analysis.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Cis-women, trans women, trans men, and non-binary human rights activists and defenders led organisations and networks in Asia and Pacific are eligible to apply for the Webs of Safety and Care grant. Past WSC grantees are also eligible to re-apply for a grant.

- If you have conducted a Safety and Care needs assessment before, you can apply for this grant right away! Just make sure to include a copy of your needs assessment report in your application - we assure you that it will remain confidential and shared with anyone outside UAF A&P.
- Proposal must have a clear link between the safety and care needs identified and how the proposed initiative will address them.
- Proposal must contain a clear implementation strategy and expected outcomes.
- The proposed initiative must be led/implemented by organisations, collectives, and networks led by women, trans, and non-binary human rights defenders.
- Processing of application will include a verification process through UAF A&P's Country Advisors and trusted partners. Their recommendations will also be taken into consideration. For a strong application, the applicants must be supported by human rights, women's rights, and other related networks and organisations at local, national, and/or regional levels.

Additional criteria and pro-tips for applicants

APPLY BY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL wscgrants@uafanp.org

