

Power Fund's Grantmaking Guidelines for Sub-Committee Members

AWARE and the Power Fund are committed to ensuring that grant-seekers are treated with fairness and professional courtesy. To this end, we recommend that all grant making decisions are made according to the following guidelines.

Note: Our values of gender equality, diversity and inclusion, respect, and non-discrimination are non-negotiable, and proposals that do not align with them will not be considered. The POWER Fund has the discretionary power to reject any projects; all its decisions will be final.

A successful project proposal will

- **Alignment**

Clearly demonstrate its alignment with Power Fund's mission, and its criteria for the type of organization to consider. The POWER Fund is interested projects that feature research and advocacy components, benefit marginalized women and girls, and/or involve collaboration with other organizations.

- **Problem statement**

Clearly identify and articulate the significance and urgency of the problem being addressed in the form of a problem statement.

- **Strategy**

Include a well-thought strategy, a feasible intervention, which anticipates risks, and shows how they will be addressed.

- **Budget**

The grant must have a clearly defined and reasonable budget, and mention the % of the total cost that the POWER Fund grant is likely to cover, and if there are plans to approach other funders for the remaining cost of the project.

- **Sustainability**

Mention if the project is a one-off, pilot or seed initiative to test a new approach. Also include any plans to continue the project in the future (i.e. beyond the lifetime of the grant which is one-year)

- **Capacity building needs**

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Let us know if you have any specific capacity building needs related to the implementation of your proposed project. These could be in areas such as advocacy, research, networking, strategic planning, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, project management, setting up a helpline, community engagement and any other issue that AWARE either has in-house expertise, or can easily access expertise on.
