**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**THE PROGRAMME “PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALBANIA”**

**AWEN – Albanian Women Empowerment Network,** in the frame of the programme “Protection and promotion of women human rights in Albania”, financed by **Sida**- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, launches the ***4th Call for Proposals on “Emerging advocacy issues related to the protection, promotion and respect with a focus on women human rights in Albania”.***

With the aim to further strengthen the advocacy and lobbying efforts of AWEN and its member organizations by mobilizing more actors, making use of thematic knowledge, approaches and experiences (especially in watch-dog role), **AWEN will allocate emerging advocacy funds** that address issues that need immediate attention and interventions.

**Priority directions are advocacy and watch-dog actions aiming at combatting all forms of discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, as below:**

* *Direct and indirect discrimination of girls and women in education, employment, family, communities in general;*
* *Fighting against intolerance, racism, discrimination, hate speech and hate crime;*
* *Promoting diversity and inclusion at the workplace;*
* *Fighting discrimination against LGBTIQ people;*
* *Preventing, reporting and countering hate speech online.*

***Note:*** *The above list is not exhaustive and leaves space* *for relevant and emergent interventions related to girls and women rights/discrimination issues that are deemed urgent innovative and/or highly influential and related to the current developments in the country.*

While aiming to influence the central and local agenda on combatting all forms of discrimination, engagement of decision makers, partners in actions, professionals, youth, etc., as important partners towards change, is strongly encouraged.

**Eligible entities**:

* NGOs working on issues that address human rights in Albania;
* Formal/Registered groups working in communities;
* Informal groups working in communities applying in collaboration with a registered local NGO.

**Grant size:** The grants will be of a minimum 2.000 EUR and a maximum of 4.000 EUR.

**Implementation timeline**: Project duration can be a minimum of 3 months to a maximum of 6 months, with the possibility to start from March 8th, 2022.

**Deadline for applications:** February 25th, 2022, 17.00 hours.

**Evaluation of proposals:**

**Applicants** will be assessed on the potential of the project to have a tangible result that could as well lead to other actions to improve human rights. Each project will be evaluated based on the following selection criteria:

1. Technical Approach: Relevance of needs and issues addressed; Justification of the immediate need for intervention; The quality of the proposed activities; Results-oriented intervention logic.

2. Organizational/group capacities: Organizational and administrative capacities; Relevant experience in similar topics.

3. Proposed Budget: Adequate costs and expenditures.

**Documents to be submitted:**

1. A short project proposal as per attached format;
2. A proposed simplified budget that will be used effectively in accordance with the project objectives (annex 1);

**3)** Legal Documents: Organization Registration Document; Bank Extract; Tax registration number.

**4)** In the case of the involvement of an informal group, the accompanying documents must contain evidence of competence and previous experience in similar activities.

**Information:**

If applicants have questions about the applications or need more information on the call for proposal, they can request information or ask for an informative meeting during the application phase. Contact us at: info@awenetwork.org

**Address where to send the application:**

The application package which includes: the project according to the application form, the budget and all the scanned supporting documents, should be sent at info@awenetwork.org

**Please submit your application in English** – You can send a request to AWEN’s email address (as per the above) if you do not have the possibility to prepare a proposal in English.

Notice of receipt of applications will be given within 3 days. The notification regarding the approval of the proposals shall be made within 10 days after the deadline for proposal submission. Only winning applicants will be officially notified by e-mail.