



# AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

## THE LEGACY FUND

The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) is a grant-making organisation which supports the work of the African Women's movement through grantmaking and technical assistance. The vision of the AWDF is for African women to live in a changed world in which transformed women can live with integrity and in peace. To realise this vision, our mission is to mobilise financial, human and material resources to support local, national and international initiatives for transformation led by African women.

### **AWDF's objectives are:**

- Fundraising within and outside Africa;
- Grant-making on an Africa-wide basis
- Communication, focusing on the work and achievements of African women's organisations.
- Providing technical assistance to strengthen grantee organisations

### **AWDF GRANTMAKING FOCUS**

AWDF funds local, national, sub-regional and regional organisations in Africa working towards women's empowerment. The AWDF is an institutional capacity-building and programme development fund, which aims to help build a culture of learning and partnerships within the African women's movement. AWDF funds work in six thematic areas:

- Women's Human Rights
- Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods
- Governance, Peace and Security
- Health and Reproductive Rights
- HIV/AIDS
- Arts, Culture and Sports

AWDF prioritises programmes, which develop and promote women's leadership and advocacy across all these themes. These thematic areas have been chosen because they feature very highly on the agenda of the African women's movement.

## **THE LEGACY FUND**

The Legacy Fund is a new project of AWDF, and has been established in order to create an additional source of funding for current or potential AWDF grantees, to enable them immortalise the contributions of outstanding African women to the development of their communities.

The idea of a Legacy Fund evolved out of a meeting with AWDF's Regional Advisers in Addis Ababa, July 2004. One of the issues discussed at this forum was the lack of mechanisms to document the experiences and contributions of African women who have committed their lives to the women's movement and to democratic values and struggles in their countries. Many African women in our social movements pass away, with no comprehensive record of their accomplishments for others to learn from. In addition those who are doing their valuable work away from the limelight will never have books written about them or students studying them.

This special fund within AWDF will enable African women's organisations document the lives of African women through documentaries, films, photographs, memorial lectures, books and monographs. Other long-lasting initiatives such as contributions to scholarship funds for young girls and support for building projects can also be considered.

### **The Objectives of the Legacy Fund are:**

- To support initiatives that will document the contributions of feminist activists, scholars and practitioners for posterity.
- To promote and safeguard the legacies of African women who have been active in the women's movement, whether they have passed away or are still alive.
- To give women's rights activists voice and visibility at local, national, regional and international levels
- To provide African philanthropists with an opportunity to make contributions in the name of a woman who has touched their lives.
- To create a knowledge base for young African women

### **The Legacy Fund is for the following target groups:**

- Local, national, or regional African women's organisations, who are seeking funding for projects that meet the objectives stated above

- Whilst other organisations are encouraged to apply, priority will be given to current grantees of AWDF, or those organisations who would usually qualify to receive a grant from AWDF.

### **Examples of recent AWDF grants from the Legacy Fund**

- \$20,000 to the Kenya Community Development Foundation to support the Wanjiru Kihoro Memorial Fund – October 2010
- \$20,000 to the Hawa Yakubu Memorial Fund to support young women's leadership - November 2010
- \$8,000 to Ajegunle Community Project, Nigeria to organize a memorial lecture in celebration of the life and works of Alhaja Raliat Roli Daniju, a distinguished trade unionist
- U\$10,000 to the Women' Trust, Zimbabwe, towards the Mama Milazi Scholarship Fund that supports young girls orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

### **Frequency of grant making:**

Applications to the **Legacy Fund** can be sent in at any time, and must be received at least six months before the identified activity.

### **Size of grants**

Organisations can apply for grants up to U\$20,000.

### **How to Apply**

Please send a proposal not exceeding six pages with the following information:

#### ***Contact Information***

Name of organisation

Address

Telephone and FAX number

E-mail address and World Wide Web site address (if any)

Contact person's name and title

Who completed this proposal? Please sign and date.

How did you learn about the African Women's Development Fund?

#### ***Grant Request Information***

- Are you a current/previous grantee of AWDF?

- How much money are you applying for?
- For what purpose are you seeking a grant from the Legacy Fund?
- Please tell us about the woman/women who you are featuring in this project (Please include a bio for the person, CV, etc)
- Please tell us specifically how this grant will be used and provide a detailed budget for the project.
- What are the expected benefits?
- How will this benefit be measured?
- How will this grant enable your organisation to achieve its strategic objectives?

**Please include the following information:**

- a) A copy of your most recent annual report and financial statement
- b) Brochures/leaflets describing the work you do

**For further Information, please contact:**

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