# request for applications:

# cso gff resource & engagEment hub

# capacity building and engagement support

PAI is pleased to announce a civil society Global Financing Facility (GFF) resource and engagement hub (The Hub), a multiyear initiative to amplify and support civil society advocacy organizations and coalitions to contribute to GFF country-level investment outcomes. Please visit [The Hub](https://pai.org/special-projects/global-financing-facility/) webpage for more information.

**CAPACITY BUILDING AND ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT**

the Hub will provide small grants and technical support for civil society engagement and capacity building, including:

* **Financial and In-kind Technical Support**: In-country CSOs and CSO GFF networks can apply for financial and in-kind support to strengthen CSO coordination, develop GFF action plans and advocacy strategies, fund implementation of GFF advocacy strategies, boost health financing literacy, ensure accountability and meet other needs. Financial support will be prioritized for CSOs ready to directly engage in GFF processes in their countries and have discrete opportunities to catalyze GFF engagement.
* **Financial Support for Technical Assistance Providers, Particularly for South-South Learning:** Southern and global CSOs sharing lessons and best practices on CSO GFF engagement can apply for financial support to provide technical assistance to other local CSOs and CSO GFF platforms. Recipients of these grants will be identified based on a demonstrated ability to share valuable knowledge or expertise in an area of expressed need. For these grants to be considered, there must be a matching request for assistance from CSO networks or coalitions who will receive support.

# GRANT DETAILS

In 2019, the GFF Hub will issue capacity building and engagement grants as follows:

* Apply to receive capacity-building financial support or technical assistance. Five to 10 technical grants will be issued per year, ranging from USD 3,000 to 30,000, depending on specific country needs.
* Apply for funding to provide country or region-specific technical assistance. Grants, typically less than USD 3,000, will cover necessary travel costs and related expenses.
* Apply to receive a GFF engagement grant. Six to eight engagement grants will be issued annually, ranging from USD 3,000 to 30,000, depending on the specific opportunity.

Funds may support direct costs: staff time, meetings and briefings, materials development, communications expenses, and local travel. Administrative or overhead costs must not exceed 15%. All activities must be fully budgeted. Miscellaneous budget lines will not be accepted or funded.

# ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING CRITERIA

* Registered as a non-governmental or non-profit organization (charity) in the country where proposed advocacy will take place
* Active membership in local, national and regional networks working in health, family planning, reproductive and maternal health or nutrition; or governance and accountability
* Audited by an accredited external entity for last two consecutive years
* Dedicated bank account in organization’s name to receive funds

Grants will not be awarded to:

* Individuals
* Doctoral or purely academic research
* Fund scholarships or school fees
* Organizations with no experience working on the GFF
* Organizations that discriminate against people because of religion, sex, race, disability or sexual orientation
* Organizations that have been awarded funds from another grant-maker to do similar work

# EXPECTATIONS OF FUND RECIPIENTS

* Utilize existing GFF guidelines and CSO resources that support CSO Engagement in the GFF, as appropriate
* Document process, achievements, setbacks, key messages, shifts in strategy, unexpected outcomes, and new allies and successful innovative approaches;
* Disseminate good practices and lessons learnt towards enriching approaches to CSO engagement in GFF
* Maintain regular email and Skype communications with Fund managers based at PAI
* Brand any resource or tools developed according to the organization or coalition that produced them. Materials will be placed on the GFF Hub website but are not permitted to include PAI or GFF Hub logos.
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# APPLICATION REQUIRMENTS, SELECTION CRITERION AND TIMELINE

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis throughout the year until resources are exhausted. They will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

* Request takes advantage of a discrete and opportunity presented by the GFF process in the country
* Demonstration that the organization or network proposing the work is the best placed to carry out the work, with a preference given to local organizations, professional networks and/or citizens associations
* Activities are done in coordination with relevant CSO platforms that work on the GFF.
* Demonstrated understanding of existing evidence and tools for civil society engagement;
* Technical capacity to engage in Skype calls with PAI staff; and
* Adherence to the requirements and guidelines of the RFA;

Applications must be written in English or French, and all budget figures should be in the local currency and USD. Be sure to specify the exchange rate and date of exchange rate being used (we recommend Oanda, https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/).

# Application Checklist:

* Completed narrative application form;
* Project budget;
* The organization’s certificate of registration or incorporation; and
* A copy of your country’s tax exemption law/rule/act and any documentation you have showing exempt status.

SUBMIT COMPLETED applications TO GFFHUB@PAI.ORG