

**DIRECTORY OF
EMERGENCY/RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS
2015¹**

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Working Group*

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1. Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme (AEDH)

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| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme ((AEDH) Working Together for Human Rights) Emergency Fund provides shelter and other support to HRDs in great danger.</p> <p>The Fund is, for example, used for emergency evacuation to/ shelter in Lyon and for temporary relocation of HRDs in their country/sub-region but can also be used for other responses such as providing HRDs with legal or medical assistance or other support in their country and/or region.</p> <p>Since its beginnings in 1999, 300 HRDs and their family members, totalling 700 people, have benefitted from this Fund.</p> <p>Furthermore, a new initiative has recently been created for an emergency temporary shelter program for Lyon and is aimed to commence in April 2012.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global (with a focus on Africa and Latin America) |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs (shelter is mostly for urgent protection needs) • Rest and Respite • Legal assistance • Medical assistance intervention with authorities in HRDs country or region origin |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>Identification of HRDs through local NGOs and international NGOs such as Amnesty International, Front Line, FIDH, Protection International, Human Rights Watch and Christian Aid.</p> <p>An application by email from the HRD or someone representing the HRD is required.</p> <p>A selection Board composed of AEDH members screens applications and assesses needs for shelter.</p> |
| Restrictions | N/A |

2. Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF)

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: 3100 Arapahoe Ave, Suite 201 Boulder, Colorado 80303, USA</p> <p>Phone: +1 415 523 0360</p> <p>Fax: +1 303 442 2370</p> <p>Web source: http://urgentactionfund.org/what-we-do/rapid-response-grantmaking/</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>Urgent Action Fund, as part of women's rights movements worldwide, supports women's rights defenders striving to create cultures of justice, equality and peace. We provide rapid response grants that enable strategic interventions, and participate in collaborative advocacy and research. We are led by activists, inspired by feminism, and strengthened through solidarity. We receive requests 365 days a year in any language and by any means. We respond to every grant request within 72 hours. There are a number of options on our website for grantees to apply online and via SMS or phone.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | <p>Global</p> <p>*UAF-Latin America manages all the Rapid Response Grantmaking for countries in Latin America, and UAF-Africa on the African continent respectively.</p> |
| Types of Recipients | <p>NGOs</p> <p>*Also provides security grants for individual activists facing threats, but there must be an organizational sponsor.</p> |
| Types of Support | <p>The Urgent Action Fund makes grants in three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situations of armed conflict, escalating violence or politically volatile Environments • Potentially precedent-setting legal or legislative actions, or actions that aim to protect a precedent that has already been set • Protection and security of threatened women's human rights defenders |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>Individual applications Accelerated procedure (72 hours) Each UAF branch has a selection board</p> |
| Restrictions | <p>Not able to provide funds for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development projects • Natural disaster relief • Humanitarian aid • Travel to conferences • General support • Individuals • Bridge funding (to fill a funding gap) • Previously planned or long-term projects (3 months or greater) |

3. Amnesty International (AI)

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: Amnesty International Secretariat 1 Easton Street London, United Kingdom WC1X 0DW Phone: +44 (0)20 7413 5500 Fax: +44 (0)20 7956 1157 General E-mail: amnestyis@amnesty.org Web source: www.amnesty.org</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>Through its 'Campaigns Program / Relief program' and Africa HRD Program at Amnesty International's (AI's) International Secretariat, AI provides shelter and financial assistance to a limited number of HRDs in Spain (main shelter program), The Netherlands (presently on an ad hoc basis and possibly in the future as partner in the Dutch shelter city program if funding is retained) and Benin (only a few places and mostly used for HRDs from francophone Africa)). AI first and foremost seeks to find solutions for HRDs in their country of origin or in the region.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | <p>Open to all categories (incl. WHRDs/LGBT) Beneficiaries also include: victims/survivors of human rights violations or abuses and their relatives</p> |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite (Benin) • Urgent appeals • Emergency support • Preventive security measures incl. security training • Legal assistance |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>AI HQ / International Secretariat Relief Coordinator and its Field Representations identify, screen and refer HRDs at risk to AI Spain which in turn provides shelter. Amnesty International, International Secretariat and its Relief Coordination team decides on the case.</p> |
| Restrictions | N/A |

4. Arab Human Rights Fund (AHRF)

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| Contact Information | <p>Program Officer: Samar Haidar E-mail: samar@ahrfund.org Phone: +961 1 342 900 Mobile: +961 76 060 900 E-mail: grantees@ahrfund.org Web source: http://ahrfund.org/en/pages/grantseekers/our-approach</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>The Fund encourages grant applications for projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a sound rationale • Promote social change and defend the rights of marginalized communities • Have the potential to be carried to work in other countries, for other constituencies, or on other human rights issues • Have the capacity to be implemented in partnership with one or more organizations in the Arab region • Have the potential to contribute to the strategic and effective strengthening and enjoyment of human rights in the region as a whole |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Arab region |
| Types of Recipients | NGOS; networks and coalitions (registered and unregistered); educational institutions; individual projects; core funding; capacity building (for grant-seekers) |
| Types of Support | Projects and core funding |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>AHRF grants are awarded on three approval processes. In the regular approval process, grant decisions are made twice annually—in Spring and Fall—by the Board of Directors. Applicants are informed of the funding decision shortly thereafter. The expedited approval process allows grants to be dispersed between Board meetings, and decisions are made by the Board’s Grantmaking Committee. This track is used to ensure timely responses to projects that take advantage of new openings or developments in the region. Decisions are made within one month by the Grantmaking Committee. The urgent approval process is to respond quickly to short-lived or emergency opportunities that require an immediate intervention. The Fund will only consider requests for \$5,000 or below. Decisions are made within one week by the Board Chair and the Executive Director."</p> |
| Restrictions | N/A |

5. Urgent Action Fund-Africa for Women's Human Rights

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| Contact Information | <p>Programme Officer, Grantmaking: Caroline Kiarie Assistant Programme Officer, Grantmaking: Shinaz Rehema Ali Mailing Address: P.O. Box 53841-00200 Nairobi, Kenya Phone: +254 20 2301740 Fax: +254 20 2301740 Office cell: +254 726577560 E-mail: info@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke and proposals@urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke Web source: http://www.urgentactionfund-africa.or.ke/?page_id=51</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | As the first Rapid Response Fund on the continent, UAF-Africa adds value to the work of women's rights activists and organizations through provision of strategic, timely and critical financial and technical resources. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | African continent |
| Types of Recipients | INGOs, NGOs, CBOs (UAF-Africa provides protection/ security grants for individual women's human rights activists at risk as a direct result of their activism, but there must be an organizational sponsor) |
| Types of Support | UAF-Africa supports women's groups within Africa responding to urgent and unanticipated situations and working towards the overall goal of promoting, advancing and protecting women's human rights. Grants to organizations with a broader human rights agenda may be issued at the discretion of UAF-Africa, where the initiative/activity proposed has a clear and focused benefit to women/the women's rights movement. |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>The Fund provides financial support for strategic interventions in the following funding priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancement of women's human rights in situations of conflict (escalating violence, political volatility, civil unrest among other conflict situations) • Precedent-setting legal or legislative interventions (e.g. instituting court action or lobbying to challenge a new retrogressive proposed law/bill) • Protection of women's human rights defenders at risk as a direct result of their work |
| Restrictions | <p>UAF-Africa does not fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian interventions (e.g. food, clothing, medical supplies) • Individual participation at conferences, workshops etc. • Funding for income generating activities • Capital expenditure (e.g. vehicles, computers, furniture or for ongoing office running costs) • We do not have any party-political agendas as such we do not provide funding for political campaigns. • We do not make grants for the furthering of any religious agenda/group. |

6. Astraea Lesbian Foundation of Justice

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| Contact Information | <p>Program Officer: Namita Chad (English Inquiries) E-mail: nchad@astraeafoundation.org phone: +1 212 529 5012</p> <p>Program Officer: Monica Enriquez (Spanish Inquiries) E-mail: menriquez@astraeafoundation.org Phone: +1 212 810 4167</p> <p>Mailing address: 116 East 16th Street, 7th Floor New York, New York 10003 USA</p> <p>Web source: http://www.astraeafoundation.org/what-we-do/intl-archive/international-emergency-fund</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>Astraea’s International Emergency Fund is a rapid-response grantmaking mechanism, providing timely support for organizations to address urgent and strategic emerging political opportunities and crises affecting LGBTI communities. Some grants have been omitted from this listing, reflecting safety concerns of grantees.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | <p>Africa, Asia & Pacific, Caribbean, Eastern Europe & CIS, Latin America, Middle East</p> |
| Types of Recipients | <p>LGBTQI organizations who are already engaged in social change work in their countries, who are responding to a new political opportunity or crisis.</p> |
| Types of Support | <p>Emergency project grants of up to \$5,000 USD for short-term, time-sensitive projects that are linked to longer-term organizational strategies for advancing LGBTQI human rights and feminist social change. Support is also available for safety/security of LGBTQI human rights defenders and building security capacity of LGBTQI organizations.</p> |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>New applicants send cover sheet and one to two page request letter to Astraea. Grants may also be referred by partners who have a relationship with us. Response time is within one week, but may take longer if request is in a language other than English or Spanish. Once grant is approved, funds can usually be delivered within a week.</p> |
| Restrictions | <p>Emergency funds do not cover unanticipated budget shortfalls or deficit financing, natural disaster relief, humanitarian aid or social service projects. Organizations with no leadership of LGBTQI people, organizations based in the Global North, and groups with budgets of over \$500,000 USD are ineligible to apply.</p> |

7. Centre for Applied Human Rights (CAHR), University of York

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| Contact Information | <p>Centre Coordinator: Sanna Eriksson Phone: +44 (0)1904 325830 E-mail: sanna.eriksson@york.ac.uk Mailing address: University of York Yorkshire House 6 Innovation Close, York Science Park Heslington, York, UK, YO10 5DD Phone: + 44 (0)1904 325830 Fax: + 44 (0)1904 325805 General E-mail: cahr@york.ac.uk Web source: http://www.york.ac.uk/cahr/defenders</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>The Centre for Applied Human Rights (CAHR) at the University of York hosts HRDs-at-risk who follow training and education programs and contribute to the activities of the centre. The program allows the HRDs to rest and seeks to build their capacity and give them tools they can use upon their return.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite <p>Other CAHR activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA in Applied Human Rights • LLM in International Human Rights Law and Practice • Research programs generate collaboration across disciplines and among academics and practitioners in the following fields: human rights defenders, human rights and development, transitional justice, health and human rights, refugee law. PhD applications are invited in these and other related fields. • The Journal of Human Rights Practice (Oxford University Press) is based at the Centre. • Follow up with the HRDs regarding their activities after their return |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>Internal referrals by approximately 30 nominating civil society organizations of which many are in the field. Selection criteria: the HRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently undertakes significant human rights activities; • Has a clear, realistic and useful plan for what to achieve during the fellowship; • Has a clear, realistic and useful plan for what to achieve upon return home; • Would benefit from the human rights education CAHR can offer; • Provides a strategic benefit to CAHR |
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8. Scholars at Risk Network

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: 194 Mercer Street, Room 410 New York, NY 10012 USA</p> <p>Phone: +1 212 998 2179 Fax: +1 212 995 4402 E-mail: scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu Web source: http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>The Scholars at Risk Network (SAR) is an international network of higher education institutions responding to attacks against scholars because of their words, their ideas and their place in society. Those seeking power and control work to limit access to information and new ideas by targeting scholars, restricting academic freedom and repressing research, publication, teaching and learning. SAR promotes academic freedom and defends the human rights of scholars and their communities worldwide.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Professors, lecturers, researchers and other intellectuals |
| Types of Support | <p>SAR partners with network members to create temporary academic positions, enabling scholars to escape dangerous conditions and to continue their important work. In return, scholars contribute to their host campuses through teaching, research, lectures and other activities. The details of positions vary, depending on the individual scholar's situation and host institution. In addition, SAR provides legal referrals, advice, speaking and networking opportunities, career resources and other assistance to scholars in need and undertakes public and private advocacy on behalf of scholars who are missing, detained or in prison.</p> |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>Scholars seeking help can apply online at http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/At-Risk-Scholars/Apply-for-Assistance.php or can contact SAR directly at scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu. To be considered for assistance, applicants are required to provide information on their scholarship and the risks they are facing.</p> |
| Restrictions | N/A |

9. Coalition for African Lesbians (CAL)

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| Contact Information | Mailing address: 22 Hoofd Street Old Historic Building Braampar Johannesburg, SA Phone: +27 11 4030 004 Fax +27 11 4030 175 E-mail: infa@cal.org.za Web source: www.cal.org.za |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | CAL operates safe houses for WHRDs at risk and victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV). |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Africa |
| Types of Recipients | WHRD & LGBT |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection needs• Rest and respite• Monitoring visits• Grant/relief program• Fellowship program |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | |
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10. Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF)

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: Scholar Rescue Fund Institute of International Education 809 United Nations Plaza New York, New York 10017-3580 USA Phone: +1 212 205 6486 Fax: +1 212 205 6425 E-mail: srf@iie.org Web source: http://scholarrescuefund.org/pages/intro.php</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>The purpose of the Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) is to support established academics, researchers or public intellectuals who are threatened in their home country or region. SRF provides temporary fellowships that allow grantees to visit another institution where they may safely continue their teaching or research activities. Preference is given to senior scholars who have extensive teaching or research experience, publications or other advanced work, and are facing immediate threats to their lives and careers. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, SRF is not able to grant fellowships to students seeking to complete a degree program.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Established professors, researchers and public intellectuals from any field or discipline may qualify. |
| Types of Support | Awards are issued for up to US \$25,000, plus individual health insurance. The final fellowship award is dependent upon the location of the host institution, the cost of living, and the value of any additional contributions from the host institution or other source. |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>Fellowships are approved by the SRF Selection Committee which convenes at least three times per year. Applications are reviewed for academic qualifications, the quality/potential of the candidate's work, and the urgency of threats faced. Preference is given to scholars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who are facing or recently fled from immediate, severe and targeted threats to their lives and/or careers in their home countries or countries of residence • with a Ph.D. or other highest degree in their field who have extensive teaching or research experience at a university, college or other institution of higher learning • who demonstrate superior academic accomplishment or promise; whose selection is likely to benefit the academic community in the home and/or host countries or region |
| Restrictions | N/A |

11. Digital Defenders

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| Contact Information | Mailing address: Hivos Attn. Digital Defenders Partnership P.O. Box 85565 2508 CG Den Haag The Netherlands General e-mail: ddp@hivos.org Web source: http://digitaldefenders.org |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | Digital Defenders Partnership supports projects which address digital emergency situations, regarding both network-related emergencies (internet and mobile) and user-related emergencies (bloggers, journalists, and human rights defenders), in internet repressive and transitional environments. Projects of individuals and organizations are eligible for support if they plan to work on directly mitigating digital emergencies or improving their digital security apparatus. Support may be direct support to replace equipment, secure hosting, VPN connections, providing personal legal protection, temporary support which is needed to mitigate a specific digital emergency situation, kick start the digital security or testing and research on a specific threat of internet critical users. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Journalists, human rights defenders, NGOs, activists and bloggers who come under attack because of their online activities and who are in need of immediate financial emergency assistance. |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital security audits for organizations • Equipment replacement • Secure hosting • Finding legal representation • Payment of legal fees • Other types of urgently needed expenses |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | The grantmaking process for emergency grants consists of the following steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential grantees can submit their proposal by completing the grant application form for emergency grants. • An initial assessment is made on the DDPs eligibility criteria. • The DDP secretariat will review and approve or reject the proposal. The DDP secretariat will inform the potential grantee of the outcome. Process time of full proposal max. of 2 weeks. |
| Restrictions | Projects are only eligible if there is a digital emergency situation. This type of grant will not support projects addressing digital security issues that are more structural in nature. |

12. Rory Peck Trust

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| Contact Information | Mailing address: Linton House 24 Wells St London W1T 3PH United Kingdom Phone: +44 (0) 20 3219 7860 Fax: +44 020 637 4585 E-mail: assistance@rorypecktrust.org Web source: http://www.rorypecktrust.org |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | Through the Freelance Assistance Programme, the Rory Peck Trust provides financial and practical assistance to freelance newsgatherers in crisis worldwide, and to the families of those who have lost their lives, been seriously injured or are suffering persecution, exile or imprisonment as a result of their work. The Trust prioritises assistance that will enable the freelancer to overcome a crisis and to become self-sufficient, and it is one of the few organisations prepared to renew its grants should this be required. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | The Freelance Assistance Programme works worldwide. There is a dedicated programme officer or researcher for the following regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Saharan Africa • Eurasia and Afghanistan • South Asia (Pakistan, India and Bangladesh) • The Americas and the Caribbean • Middle East and North Africa • Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific |
| Types of Recipients | Freelance news-gatherers including journalists (print/online), camera operators, videographers, photographers, translators, fixers, stringers and drivers. The Trust also supports their families and dependents. |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial, practical and moral support, advice and referrals • Training bursaries to enable freelancers, who otherwise could not afford it to undertake safety training courses • The Trust collaborates with local and international partners to run small-scale, region-specific projects that protect and educate freelancers |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | Typically, the applicant has to complete and return an application form (available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and Turkish) with a letter of reference from a media outlet, non-governmental organization or partner of the Trust confirming the status and situation of the freelancer. Other supporting documents may be required depending on each particular case. The average response time is on a case by case basis. The Trust has an emergency protocol in urgent cases of assistance and can provide expedited assistance. |
| Restrictions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The newsgatherer must be freelance in need. • It must be safe for the beneficiary to be contacted and to receive funds. |

13. Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF)

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| Contact Information | <p>Programme Director: Anne-Sophie Schaeffer Phone: +33 0 82 27 66 86 / +45 32 64 17 12 E-mail: asc@euromedrights.net / grants@euromedrights.net Mailing address: c/o EMHRN Vestergade 16, 2nd Floor DK-1456 Copenhagen K Denmark Web source: http://www.emhrf.org/en/guidelinesemergency.php</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders can give emergency financial assistance of up to 5,000 EUR to a HRD at risk or their family which could include assistance for temporary relocation. Grants typically range from EUR 1.000 to EUR 30.000 (the ceiling is EUR 40.000).</p> <p>The Foundation aims at providing financial support to regional, national and local human rights NGOs and institutes as well as individuals who promote, support, protect and monitor the observance of human rights in the South-Mediterranean region.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | MENA Region |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite • Advocacy and media outreach • Networking support and coordination • Legal assistance |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency grants are dealt with through a fast procedure • The applicant NGO or individual should send a short application in English, French or Arabic to: grants@euromedrights.net • The amount of funding requested may not exceed €5,000 • A decision will be rendered within a maximum of 10 days after the receipt of the request • In exceptional cases – essentially situations involving threats against the health or safety of the applicant – the decision may be made within a shorter time period • Priority will be given to requests which cannot be supported on an emergency basis by another national, regional or international organization • All requests, including those which are denied, receive a written reply. Even when an application is denied, the EMHRF may follow up if it can be determined that another institution is in a position to support the applicant's request |
| Restrictions | N/A |

14. Freedom House (FH)

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: 1301 Connecticut Ave. NW, Floor 6 Washington D.C. 20036, USA Phone: + 1 (202) 296 5101 Fax: + 1 (202) 293 2840 E-mail: info@freedomhouse.org / program@freedomhouse.org Web source: http://www.freedomhouse.org/program/emergency-assistance-programs#.U9aCIPIdXOo</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>Freedom House (FH) does not have a shelter program per se. It does, however, have an emergency funding mechanism. FH has provided close to 700 HRDs in 66 countries throughout the world with support such as medical care, legal support, prison visits, equipment replacement, support for HRDs' dependents, and, in the most extreme circumstances, temporary relocation in the country of origin or region of origin.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Medical assistance • Psychosocial counselling • Legal assistance • Monitoring visits • Prison visits • Material support |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>FH verifies that the applicant (an individual or organization) has been engaged in human rights defence and that their current emergency (and subsequent need for support) is linked to/has evolved as a result of their human rights work. FH consults a network of references in every region of the world to independently verify information received from applicants.</p> |
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15. Front Line Defenders (Front Line)

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| Contact Information | <p>Contact: Louise O'Connor E-mail: grants@frontlinedefenders.org Mailing address: Head Office, Grattan House, 2nd Floor Temple Rd. Blackrock, Co. Dublin Ireland Phone: +353 1 212 3750 Emergency Hotline: +353 (0) 1 21 00 489 Web source: http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/security-grants-programme</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>Front Line Defenders Security Grants can pay for organizational and personal provisions to improve the security and protection of HRDs and their organizations. Grants can pay to improve physical security of an organization, digital security, communication security, legal fees for HRDs who are being judicially harassed as well as for temporary relocation. They can pay for medical fees for HRDs who have been attacked or who have suffered a medical condition as a result of their peaceful human rights activities. Grants can also provide family assistance for imprisoned HRDs. Grants are for amounts up to a maximum of €7,500. Front Line Defenders fund emergency and general security grants. Front Line Defenders also runs a rest and respite programme for human rights defenders which supported 41 HRDs in 2014.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories (NGOs and individuals) |
| Types of Support | <p>HRDs may propose any type of measures which can help with their security and protection. However, Front Line does not provide funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrospective funding • International organizations • Organizations that have applied or are already receiving funding for the same purpose elsewhere • Projects which focus on broader human rights issues rather than the specific situation of HRDs • Costs for HRDs who are already in exile • Ongoing office running costs, such as salaries and rent • Armed security guards • Purchase of vehicles |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>Applications may be made in Arabic, Russian, English, French, or Spanish. They can be sent by email to grants@frontlinedefenders.org or via encrypted web form at https://frontlinedefenders.org/secure/grant.php. After submitting an application, an organization is likely to be contacted by a member of Front Line staff with questions to clarify the application. Security grant applications are reviewed quarterly, but in emergency situations grants can be approved within 48 hours.</p> |
| Restrictions | N/A |

16. Fund for Global Human Rights

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| <p>Contact Information</p> | <p>Mailing Address: 1666 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 410 Washington, D.C. 20009, USA</p> <p>Applicants for emergency grants should contact the program officer who covers their region: Chloée Ponchelet, North Africa, cponchelet@globalhumanrights.org Poonam Joshi, South Asia, pjoshi@globalhumanrights.org Hoa Duong Piyaka, Southeast Asia, hdpiyaka@globalhumanrights.org Tony Tate, Sub-Saharan Africa, ttate@globalhumanrights.org John Kabia, West Africa, jkabia@globalhumanrights.org Ana Paula Hernández, Latin America, ahernandez@globalhumanrights.org</p> <p>If outside of these regions or unsure, contact David Mattingly, Director of Programs, at dmattingly@globalhumanrights.org</p> <p>Phone: + 1 202 347 7488 Fax: + 1 202 347 7487</p> <p>General E-mail: info@globalhumanrights.org Web source: http://globalhumanrights.org/en/about-fghr/about-the-grants-program</p> |
| <p>Description of Urgent Funding Program</p> | <p>The Fund for Global Human Rights is founded on the belief that securing basic freedoms worldwide requires effective, frontline organizations challenging abuse wherever it occurs. Thus the Fund for Global Human Rights works to ensure a strong, effective human rights community worldwide. Grants are awarded through a competitive and transparent grants process in areas strategically chosen to advance human rights conditions.</p> |
| <p>Geographic Areas Covered</p> | <p>The Fund will consider emergency grants requests from any country.</p> |
| <p>Types of Recipients</p> | <p>Human rights defenders</p> |
| <p>Types of Support</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security (both preventive measures and emergency response) • Urgent project • Medical • Psychosocial support • Relocation • Legal |
| <p>Fund Request Process and Response Time</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the appropriate program officer (see above) to discuss application procedures • Fund staff will consult with grantees, advisers and other donors to assess the request <p>The Fund strives to respond to emergency grant requests within one week.</p> |
| <p>Restrictions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency grants up to \$10,000 • Only human rights defenders • No gender restrictions • Must identify a human rights organization to receive the funds |

17. Reporters Without Borders

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| Contact Information | <p>Secretary General: Christophe Deloire E-mail: cdeloire@rsf.org Mailing address: 47 rue Vivienne 75002 Paris France Phone: +33 1 44 83 84 84 E-mail: assistance@rsf.org Web source: http://en.rsf.org/supporting-an-protecting-12-09-2012,43368.html</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>The two Reporters Without Borders assistance desks, based in Paris and Berlin, have the job of coordinating the administrative, material and financial help that Reporters Without Borders provides to journalists and media in distress. The two assistance desks allocated a total of 163 urgent assistance grants in 2011 with a combined value of more than €175,000. Their total annual budget for assistance funds is €500,000. The purpose of the grants was to help journalists, their families, or media in difficulty.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Journalists, netizens, citizen-journalists, or their families in difficulty |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing – extraction • Immediate basic needs • Legal fees • Medical fees • Support for independent media & organizations • Support for journalists' families |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | N/A |
| Restrictions | N/A |

18. Human Rights First

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| Contact Information | Mailing address: 333 Seventh Ave, 13 th Floor New York, NY 10001-5210 Phone: (212) 845 5200 Fax: (212) 854 5299 General E-mail: defenders@humanrightsfirst.org Web source: www.humanrightsfirst.org/topics/human-rights-defenders |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | Offers support to HRDs and human rights organizations at risk |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Focus HRD countries: Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran, and Thailand. |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories |
| Types of Support | Support to individual cases or human rights organizations at risk by seeking their release from detention, the dropping of charges, the abatement of threats and harassment, or accountability for violence against defenders. |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | |
| Restrictions | |

19. International Cities of Refuge Network

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| Contact Information | Contact: Helge Lunde, Executive Director E-mail: helge@icorn.org Mailing address: ICORN (International cities of refuge network) Sølvberggt. 2, 4006 Stavanger Norway Phone: +47 51507465 Fax: +47 51507025 General E-mail: icorn@icorn.org Web source: http://www.icorn.org |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | The International Cities of Refuge Network is an association of cities around the world dedicated to the value of Freedom of Expression. ICORN provides writers with a safe place to stay and economic security for a standard term of two years. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Writers |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urgent protection needs• Rest and respite |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | Individual applications. Selection by ICORN and Pen. |
| Restrictions | |

20. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: FIDH International Secretariat 17, passage de la main d'or 75011 Paris France Phone: + 33 1 43 55 25 18 Fax: + 33 1 43 55 18 80 General E-mail: apomeon@fidh.org Web source: http://www.fidh.org/en/human-rights-defenders/</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>FIDH does not have a shelter program per se. However, through the Observatory for the Protection of HRDs, a joint program set up in 1997 in partnership with the World Organization Against Torture (OMCE), it supports HRDs in exile through a case-by-case and needs-based approach. FIDH has hundreds of local human rights member NGOs. It seeks first and foremost to find solutions for HRDs in their country of origin or in the region.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent Appeals • Mobilization of HRD “protection agents” such as media and the international community • Monitoring missions • Material assistance • Legal assistance • Medical assistance |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | Through the Observatory for the Protection of HRDs and its national, regional, and international protection mechanisms. |
| Restrictions | |

21. International Media Support (IMS)

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: Nørregade 18, 2nd floor 1165 Copenhagen K Denmark Phone: +45 88 32 7000 Fax: +45 33 12 00 99 E-mail: ims@i-m-s.dk Web source: http://www.i-m-s.kdk/about/grants/safety-fund/ Twitter: http://twitter.com/forfreemedia Facebook: http://facebook.com/InternationalMediaSupport</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>IMS's Safety and Protection Mechanism combines specialist training with practical safety measures and advocacy, and is implemented together with local journalists, professional associations and NGOs, as well as other international media development organizations. The Rapid Response Mechanism is IMS's approach to providing quick and flexible support to media during violent conflict or humanitarian crises. The Safety Fund managed by IMS for the Danish Union of Journalists provides support for journalists victimized as a direct result of their journalistic work. The support is made possible through donations made by members of the Danish Union of Journalists in solidarity with their international colleagues under threat.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | Journalists, media workers, and local media organizations in the countries IMS works in. |
| Types of Support | <p>IMS works to promote freedom of expression and helps media workers fulfill their tasks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing safety and protection for journalists • Advocating media rights and monitoring violations • Promoting fair media laws and media reforms • Supporting community, exiled and alternative media • Providing technical support and building skills • Organizing specialized training for media workers • Monitoring media content to promote fair and balanced media coverage • Partnering likeminded media professionals within and across borders for knowledge exchange and cooperation |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | N/A |
| Restrictions | N/A |

22. KinderUSA

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| Contact Information | <p>Executive Director: Dalell D. Mohmed Phone: +1 972 664 1991 Ext. 4 E-mail: dalell@kinderusa.org Mailing address: P.O. Box 224846 Dallas, Texas 75248 USA Phone: +1 888 451 8908 General E-mail: kinder@kinderusa.org Web source: http://kinderusa.org/</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>KinderUSA is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2002 by a group of American physicians and humanitarian relief workers. KinderUSA is an acronym for Kids in Need of Development, Education, and Relief that strives to develop creative solutions to long-standing problems believing that all children are entitled to their inherent rights of survival, health, shelter and education. KinderUSA puts into action programs to ensure these rights are not forgotten.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Occupied Palestinian Territories |
| Types of Recipients | NGOs, primarily women-with-children-centric |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical • Urgent projects |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | One week turnaround period |
| Restrictions | Cannot give direct cash |

23. Protection International (PI)

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: 11 Rue de la Linière 1060 Brussels Belgium Phone: +32 2 609 44 05 Fax: +32 2 609 44 06 General E-mail: pi@protectioninternational.org Web source: www.protectioninternational.org</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | PI can offer assistance to HRDs seeking solutions first and foremost in their country of origin or in the region. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Asia, Africa, Latin America |
| Types of Recipients | Open to all categories |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Advocacy • Protective accompaniment • Expert advice on best practices and lessons learned on protecting HRDs • Security training for HRDs and organizations supporting HRDs • Capacity-building of HRDs at risk (for example, in making security plans) |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | Through partner organizations in the field |
| Restrictions | |

24. The Lifeline Embattled NGO Assistance Fund

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| Contact Information | <p>E-mail: defending2012@gmail.com, enassistance@gmail.com</p> <p>Web source: http://www.freedomhouse.org/program/lifeline#.U9aR5_IdXOp</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>The Lifeline provides emergency financial assistance to at-risk civil society organizations, so that they may continue or resume their work, and supports targeted, time-bound advocacy campaigns to respond to threats or attacks on civil society.</p> |
| Geographic Areas Covered | <p>Global</p> |
| Types of Recipients | <p>Civil society organizations (CSO), defined as a group of two or more activists, are eligible for support if it has come under attack as a result of its activities. They do not need to be officially registered but must be able to document their history of activism. The Lifeline supports a variety of CSOs, many of whom conduct advocacy, promote and protect human rights, and/or act in a watchdog capacity.</p> |
| Types of Support | <p>The Lifeline will support CSOs with small, short-term emergency grants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical expenses • Legal representation • Prison visits • Trial monitoring • Temporary relocation / Rest and Respite • Security Equipment replacement • Other urgent expenses <p>By definition, emergency assistance is finite and given to address a time-sensitive threat. An emergency may constitute the need for more than one type of assistance, i.e. medical and legal, or prison visits and equipment replacement.</p> |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>Applications may be submitted by a referrer on behalf of a CSO or by the CSO directly. Please provide as much detailed information as possible on why emergency aid is needed. The Lifeline receives applications via Martus, a secure database software, and via e-mail at enassistance@gmail.com. Lifeline strongly recommends the use of Martus or encrypted e-mail, such as PGP or Hushmail, and we can assist you in setting up secure methods for communication. Lifeline reviews all applications to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria and if the requested funds are justified. In this review, we need to verify independently the information provided by the applicant.</p> |
| Restrictions | <p>N/A</p> |

25. MADRE

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| Contact Information | <p>Mailing address: 121 West 27th Street, #301 New York, NY 10001</p> <p>Phone: +1 (212) 627 0444</p> <p>General E-mail: madre@madre.org</p> <p>Web source: http://www.madre.org/index/meet-madre-1/how-we-work-4/emergency--disaster-relief-fund-67.html</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | Madre provides shelter to women and WHRDs at risk in their country or region of origin. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Focus countries: Afghanistan, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Palestine, Panama, Peru and Sudan |
| Types of Recipients | Women HRDs |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Urgent Appeals • Monitoring missions • Emergency material assistance • Family financial assistance • Legal assistance • Medical assistance • Psychosocial counseling • Grants / Relief program |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | Identification through their field presence |
| Restrictions | |

26. Mediterranean Women's Fund

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| Contact Information | <p>Executive Director: Caroline Brac de la Perrière E-mail: cbdip@medwomensfund.org Mailing Address: Apt 74, 47 place du Millénaire 34000 Montpellier France Phone: +33 4 67 67 08 73 General E-mail: info@medwomensfund.org Web source: http://www.medwomensfund.org/en/Initaitatives.html</p> |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | <p>The Mediterranean Women's Fund aims at supporting women's actions and projects originating from around the Mediterranean region. Priority issues for the Mediterranean Women's Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building of women's organizations • Regional women's networks • The struggle against gender-based violence • Leadership by young women • Advocacy and actions for women's rights |
| Geographic Areas Covered | <p>Mediterranean region</p> |
| Types of Recipients | <p>Groups or NGOs, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups of women working together • Organizations based in the Mediterranean region • Organizations that demonstrate a clear commitment to women's equality and women's human rights • Organizations that are governed and directed by women: women must fill all or most of the leadership roles |
| Types of Support | <p>Assistance to participate in meetings or urgent support</p> |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | <p>We give priority to groups that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are in the first five years of activity • Do not have access to institutional funders • Are based in countries that receive limited financial support • Raise sensitive issues that are essential to further women's rights <p>Fill in the form here: http://www.medwomensfund.org/en/Initiatives.html and return it via e-mail to info@medwomensfund.org. We will answer within 3 weeks, and in case of real urgency within a week.</p> |
| Restrictions | <p>The Mediterranean Women's Fund does not support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals and scholarships • Organizations that do not have women's human rights focus • Organizations whose sole activities are income-generation and/or charity • International organizations proposing partnerships locally • Organizations based or working primarily outside of the Mediterranean countries • Organizations headed or managed by men • Government entities, political parties and election campaigns |

27. National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

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| Contact Information | Mailing address: Fellowship Programs International Forum for Democratic Studies National Endowment for Democracy 1025 F Street NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20004 Phone: +1 202 378 9700 General E-mail: info@ned.org Proposal Inquiries: proposals@ned.org Web source: http://www.ned.org/grantseekers/ and http://www.ned.org/fellowships/reagan-fascell-democracy-fellows-program |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, a federally funded fellowship program, offers up to 18 five-month residential fellowships per year. The Fellows conduct research and writing on a topic related to democracy in their country of origin, exchange ideas and experiences with counterparts, and receive special support as human rights defenders at risk in their countries of origin. Space and budget permitting, the program also accepts emergency applications from at-risk HRDs on a rolling basis throughout the year. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global |
| Types of Recipients | “Democrats at risk” In principle the fellowship is open to all categories of HRDs such as activists, journalists, lawyers and scholars who find themselves at risk of political persecution in their country of origin. |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent protection needs • Rest and respite • Transport to and from the program • Housing • Subsistence allowances • Health care • Research support |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | Individual HRDs cannot apply on their own. Referrals may come from staff of the NED or from partner organizations, including the NED’s core institutes plus other organizations assisting HRDs, such as Scholars at Risk Network, Scholar Rescue Fund, and Freedom House. |
| Restrictions | All of the projects supported by the NED are designed to strengthen or otherwise support the democratic development in a given country. We do not give grants for humanitarian support, relief work, or general economic development. |

28. Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML)

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| Contact Information | Mailing address: WLUML International Coordination Office PO Box 28445 London N19 5NZ United Kingdom General E-mail: wluml@wluml.org Web source: www.wluml.org |
| Description of Urgent Funding Program | WLUML is an international solidarity network that promotes women's rights in Muslim and non-Muslim contexts. WLUML can provide WHRDs at risk and victims of gender-based violence with material assistance and/or a safe house. |
| Geographic Areas Covered | Global (members in more than 70 countries around the world) |
| Types of Recipients | WHRDs/victims of gender-based violence/ women living under Muslim laws. |
| Types of Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trial observation• Legal assistance |
| Fund Request Process and Response Time | |
| Restrictions | |