



Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Q:** Our organisation is new and we have not yet registered as a non-profit organisation. We do not have a bank account yet. Can we apply?
A: Yes, but only if you apply through a fiscal sponsor. Fiscal sponsorship generally entails a nonprofit organization (the "fiscal sponsor") agreeing to provide administrative services and oversight to, and assume the legal and financial responsibility for, the activities of groups that might not yet be legally registered. Simply stated, fiscal sponsors place responsibility for implementing programs in the hands of project leaders, while ensuring appropriate financial and administrative oversight.
2. **Q:** Can the fiscal sponsor request a fee for the services mentioned above?
A: Yes, but this fee must not exceed 10% of the total grant requested. You will be expected to enter into a formal agreement with your fiscal sponsor that clearly outlines roles and responsibilities.
3. **Q:** Our organisation does human rights work, but not specifically with LGBTI groups – can we apply?
A: No – the criteria specifies that applicants must have a strong track record with working with LGBTI communities.
4. **Q:** Can we apply for less than \$10 000?
A: No, the minimum you can apply for is \$10 000.
5. **Q:** Our organisation works in a few (but not all) of the target countries – can we apply for a regional program?
A: Yes. To be considered 'regional', you must work in at least 3 of the target countries. The maximum amount remains \$50 000 that a regional program can access.
6. **Q:** Can we form a consortium with other projects / organisations?
A: Yes – but one organisation must take the lead, and must be accountable for the legal and financial aspects of the project.
7. **Q:** Will we be expected to undergo an audit?
A: You should always prepare yourself to be ready for an audit, and you (or your fiscal sponsor) must follow internationally accepted accounting practices.
8. **Q:** My organisation is an international NGO working on a variety of programs, including LGBTI rights. Can we apply?
A: No. This funding is specifically aimed at *grass-roots* NGO's with foundations in the countries where the funding is targeted.
9. **Q:** When will the funding commence and when will it come to an end?
A: It is anticipated that the successful applicants will be announced in November / December 2013. The funding will start as soon as this happens (once contracts have been signed between IGLHRC and grantees). Your project must finish by December 2014.
10. **Q:** When will the second phase of the application commence (full application phase)?
A: If you are successful with your concept note, you will be contacted within two weeks with a request to submit a full proposal. If you do not hear from IGLHRC within two weeks, it means that you have not been successful in going through to the next round of the application process.