Ayni Fund Call 2023
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
1. If we are a new organization that has never received funding before, can we present an application?
   The Ayni Fund welcomes new initiatives of Indigenous Women’s and/or Indigenous Women led organizations to apply for small grants.

2. We are a partner organization of FIMI’s Ayni Fund. We have received Ayni Fund support in the past. Can we apply for this call again?
   Any Indigenous Women’s or Indigenous Women led organization that had a collaboration with FIMI’s Ayni Fund in the past and successfully completed the project, your organization is eligible to apply.

3. Our organization has an idea, but we are not able to develop a proposal, can we get support?
   Yes, you can always contact us for questions and assistance in formulating your proposal. Please ensure that you read the guide for this call and the FAQ, and if you still have queries please reach out to ayni2023@iwf.org.

4. Does the fiscal sponsor need to be an organization or network of Indigenous Women or Indigenous Peoples?
   The fiscal sponsor does not need to be an Indigenous Women’s or Indigenous Peoples organization or network. However, the organization or network must be respectful towards Indigenous values and principles, have a background and experience in working with indigenous organizations, a previous relation with the applicant organization, and must have the legal registration and an organizational bank account. The submission of all these documents will be requested if the applying organization is selected for the next step.

5. Can I select more than one working topic for the application?
   You can only select one working topic for the application. However you can add, other relevant subtopics of the other remaining topics as subtopics, that will be considered when developing your project activities.

6. Can I submit more than one proposal for this call?
   Eligible Indigenous Women’s or Indigenous Women led organizations may submit only one application for this call.

7. We are currently implementing funds from previous calls from the Seed project or the LFS Program from FIMI Ayni Fund. Can we re-apply for this call?
   If your organization has an active MOU and project implementation is ongoing with resources from the Ayni Fund, you cannot apply to this call. In the case that your project is in the closing or finalization process, please consult with the FIMI Ayni Fund lead in your region who monitors your project.
8. I applied for this call through my own organization. Can I be a member of a consortium for another application?

No, you may submit one single application either from your own organization or in a consortium with others.

9. Who can be a recognized Indigenous Women's or Indigenous Peoples organization that can provide a letter of reference?

Nationally/regionally recognized Indigenous Women's or Indigenous Peoples organizations and networks and/or Indigenous Women's organizations and networks that have had a successful partnership/alliance/collaboration with FIMI.

10. What should a reference letter include?

The reference letter must include:

a) Written testimony of being an organization or network of Indigenous Women's or led by Indigenous Women with a good track record of work.

b) Name, position and contact details (address, email, telephone number and other alternative means of communication - WhatsApp, Skype, etc.) of the organization and responsible person for the reference letter.

11. What type of costs can be included in the "estimated co-investment" item in the budget proposal?

The estimated total co-investment is everything that the community, the organization or group can contribute to the project implementation. We distinguish in the budget a) 'non-quantifiable contributions' such as (but not limited to) languages, spirituality, community resources (knowledge, time, space, etc.) to achieve a collective objective. b) 'quantifiable contributions' which are the monetary contributions for example, working time, technical resources, local materials, food services, lodging, food.

12. Is there someone who can support me in accessing the use of the platform?

If you have any problems, please contact us for this Call at: ayni2023@iiwf.org

13. Our organization is not an Indigenous Women's organization, but works for Indigenous Women? Can we apply?

Only organizations of Indigenous Women's and Indigenous Peoples are eligible for this call. In the case of a mixed organization, at least 50% of the board of directors and key decision-making positions must include Indigenous Women. If your organization is not among those mentioned, your organization is not eligible.

14. Is my country eligible for this grant cycle?

The Ayni Fund covers all regions. However, medium and large grants are only available in the Global South.
I have more questions related to this call that are not covered in the FAQ. Where can I ask my questions?

You can write to us: ayni2023@iwf.org until February 20, 2023 and/or participate in the informative sessions scheduled in the first week of February 2023. Visit FIMI’s website or social media for details of the information sessions, webinars and instructional materials on our website: https://fimi-iiwf.org/

Thank you

FIMI’s Ayni Fund Team