

DRF Grantmaking - What We Fund

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Grant Guidelines - Overview

The Disability Rights Fund (DRF) seeks to strengthen the participation of Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs) in the advancement of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) at country level in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, the Pacific Islands, and Eastern Europe.

The 2015 "Advancing Rights and Development – Beyond 2015" grant cycle consists of two grantmaking rounds:

1. Round One: The first grantmaking round consists of a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for DPOs in Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Malawi, and Myanmar. **Information about the RFP is described in more detail below. Deadline for applications is March 10, 2015.**

2. Round Two: The second grantmaking round consists of a Letter of Interest (LoI) process for Bangladesh and Uganda and a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for remaining Round 2 countries (Pacific Island Countries and Rwanda). The LoI and RFP will be announced later in 2015.

Explanation of the Request for Proposals process for Round One follows:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For applicants from Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Malawi, and Myanmar.

- a) Single organizations or partnerships for Small Grants OR
- b) Mid-Level (state, regional, provincial, district, or country- Pacific Island countries only) DPO-led coalitions for Mid-Level Coalition grants OR
- c) National DPO-led coalitions for National Coalition grants

Small Grants

The **Small Grants** funding stream helps organizations to build a broader movement to advance the CRPD at state and local levels. Organizations can use funds from DRF to broaden or diversify their membership, strengthen their capacity with respect to the CRPD, participate more actively in decision-making processes, or address specific articles of the CRPD. While DRF welcomes applications from any disabled persons' organizations (DPOs), we encourage grassroots, emergent and more marginalized groups to apply. Small Grants are one-year grants ranging between USD 5,000-20,000 which support activities under the following priority areas:

1. Increasing DPO Participation in Decision-Making Processes Regarding the CRPD at Local Levels
2. Addressing Implementation of CRPD Articles

[Download more details about the DRF Request for Proposals process and the Small Grants](#)

[Application Form here.](#) [1] (MS Word)

Mid-Level Coalition Grants

The **Mid-Level Coalition** funding stream supports civil society coalitions at sub-national levels, to ensure that national legislation and policy addressing the rights of persons with disabilities is implemented at more local levels. Mid-Level Coalition grants enable grantees to collaborate at state (in a federal system), provincial, regional, or district levels. Mid-Level Coalition grants are two-year grants ranging between USD 30,000 – 40,000 per year for two years (USD 60,000 – 80,000 over the course of two years) and must be conceived and led by a DPO. These grants support activities under the following priority areas:

Development of a State (or regional, provincial or district) platform to work on:

1. Passage of specific legislation or policy at the sub-national level to accord with the CRPD
2. Advocacy for governmental budgetary measures to implement the CRPD at sub-national level

[Download more details about the DRF Request for Proposals process and the Mid-Level Coalition Application Form here.](#) [2](MS Word)

National Coalition Grants

The **National Coalition** funding stream supports advancement of the CRPD at national levels through lobbying for legislative changes (including but not limited to CRPD ratification), monitoring and reporting on implementation of the CRPD or other international human rights mechanisms, following up on the recommendations made by UN human rights mechanisms to States in regard to implementation of the rights of PWDs, and advocating for inclusion in national development planning and in CRPD implementation and monitoring mechanisms. This stream is intended for organizations that are prominent in the disability movement at the country level. Because of the importance of joint advocacy at this level, only coalitions of three or more organizations will be funded. Applicant organizations should be disabled persons organizations (DPOs), while partner organizations can be either DPOs or other civil society organizations active in the promotion of human rights. National Coalition grants are two-year grants ranging between USD 30,000-\$50,000 per year for two years (USD 60,000 - 100,000 over the course of two years) which support activities under the following priority areas:

Development of a national platform to work on:

1. Ratification of the CRPD and/or the Optional Protocol (where not ratified)
2. Passage of specific legislation to accord with the CRPD
3. Production of and/or follow up to alternative reports to the CRPD Committee
4. Production of and/or follow up to reports submitted to other UN human rights monitoring mechanisms such as the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council or to other Committees of Experts from other human rights treaties
5. Advocacy to national or international agencies responsible for development planning to ensure that the CRPD is taken into consideration in strategy and goal development & assessment
6. Advocacy to ensure formal inclusion of DPO representatives in national governmental implementation and/or monitoring of the CRPD

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DRF supports projects that demonstrate a clear ability and commitment to contribute to the

advancement of the human rights of persons with disabilities. Small Grants provide one year, project specific support; Mid-Level Coalition and National Coalition grants provide project-specific support activities to be implemented over the course of two years; however, grants will be given one year at a time. A second grant will be awarded only with satisfactory completion of the first year. Cross-disability and other partnerships in-country are strongly encouraged, as are projects which address particularly marginalized sectors of the disability community.

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