

Capacity Strengthening Grant Guidelines

Dear KKF partners,

We are happy to be able to continue offering all running partners Capacity Strengthening (CS) support this year. This commitment is central to our approach, as we believe that investing in your organization's wellbeing is key to long-term impact and sustainability.

The Foundation Board approved a CHF 11,000 capacity grant for all running partners organizations.

To make things easier for you, if you are renewing your application this summer, there is no need to submit a separate funding request for these CS funds.

Why are we doing this:

- We know from experience and your feedback that funding for capacity strengthening needs is limited, while investing in this type of work also increases the sustainability of an organisation and benefits the implementation of the project work.
- Our relationship is built on deep trust. We recognize your unique expertise and know that you are best positioned to identify the specific needs of your organization. This grant is designed to give you the time and space to address those priorities effectively.
- We want to develop a better understanding of the impact of this type of support on your organisations.

How to use the CS grant:

Below are examples of how you can use the CS grant;

- ❖ Fundraising / access to funders
- ❖ Strategic development (incl. year/multi-year planning, scaling, strategic partnerships)
- ❖ Organizational development (incl. human resources, communication, financial administrations,
- ❖ Working with beneficiaries (incl. cultural sensitivity, rights and well-being of minority groups)
- ❖ Advocacy (incl. consortiums, strategic partnerships and policy impact)
- ❖ Networking opportunities (memberships, events, site-visits)
- ❖ Organizational governance (incl. board development, safeguarding policies, financial governance)
- ❖ Wellbeing of team / organisation
- ❖ Legal support (incl. Jurisdiction, accountants)
- ❖ Thematic skills training with support of outside experts/consultants
- ❖ Digitalisation

How not to use the CS grant:

The grant cannot be used for project-related expenses (i.e. the budget lines submitted with a regular grant application). The CS grant is intended for additional activities that support your organization's sustainability and staff wellbeing.

Next steps:

We encourage you to take some time with your team to discuss how these funds can best serve your mission. These resources are intended to help you plan ahead.

Please keep in mind that funds should be allocated by June 2027, with all implementation completed by the end of 2027.

During your next check-in with Roos, we would love to hear about your plans and the goals. There is no need for a formal proposal or budget, just a simple conversation to share your ideas with us.

Reporting:

Your regular reporting will include questions about this CS grant. We are currently in the process of designing a new reporting format. The next reporting cycle is expected at the beginning of 2027.

Always write to us in case of any questions!