

# WEBS OF SAFETY & CARE GRANTS

UAF A&P's Webs of Safety and Care (WSC) Grants resource women and non-binary organisations and their networks to create community-based structures, and offer support to collectively build and strengthen responses to risks and threats they face.

THE GRANTS RECOGNISE THAT WOMEN AND NON-BINARY ACTIVISTS AND DEFENDERS STRADDLE MULTIPLE ROLES AND IDENTITIES, AND ANY APPROACH TO SAFETY AND CARE NEEDS TO FACTOR THIS IN.



## WHAT DO WSC GRANTS SUPPORT?

**ASSESS**  
Grantees can conduct an overall assessment of risk and threats they face as an individual or collectively as part of movement/s. They can also assess existing structures that have the potential to support them in times of crisis. Where needed, UAF A&P can also provide adaptable tools and technical accompaniment to analyse needs and design required structures.



A grantee in Nepal used the grant to conduct a two-day assessment of risks and threats faced by women human rights defenders working on land rights. They identified lack of health and well-being support for activists, lack of social-cultural support including from families, and risks to their livelihood as major risks faced by defenders. Following this assessment, they prioritised developing sustainable livelihood structures for activists and defenders as a path to mitigate risks they face, and have begun work towards realising that goal.

Using the grant, a network of women human rights defenders in Southeast Asia trained women and non-binary defenders in their networks to be skilled as psychosocial counsellors. They are working to create a network of skilled counsellors among peer defenders who can identify and support psychosocial needs of their peers.



**BUILD**  
Expand or deepen existing efforts put in place by activists or networks towards ensuring well-being and safety of defenders and communities. This can include enhancing skills of defenders, and/or creating new networks of defenders with skills needed to address risks and threats they regularly face. For instance, forming a network of primary digital security trainers, skilled peer psycho-social counsellors or network of pro-bono lawyers.

**CREATE**  
New structures that help defenders/communities in resilience building or prioritising rest and rejuvenation; providing holistic well-being and care for defenders' and communities. For instance, creating sustainable safe spaces for women and non-binary defenders to access when they face threats, or need respite from their daily activism.



A grantee from Indonesia received UAF A&P Resourcing Resilience Grant to start a beauty salon operated by transgender activists. The salon is now a safe space for the transgender community, and is sustained through the income earned from running the beauty salon. Similar initiatives can be supported under WSC grant, provided it is based on holistic assessment of safety and care.

A Grantee in Sri Lanka used WSC grant to create a learning and sharing space of individual and collective care practices, fear and hopes for their movements, and used the space to map out overall safety and care issues faced by the network and their movement.



**CONNECT**  
Grantees can share experiences, ideas and learnings within their own or across movements on promoting resilience, well-being and collective care. These could be workshops or convenings with defenders on diverse topics.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR A WSC GRANT?

YOU CAN APPLY FOR A WSC GRANT ONCE YOU HAVE CONDUCTED A COMPLETE ASSESSMENT (AS MENTIONED IN ASSESS) OF SAFETY AND CARE NEEDS.

up to **USD 10,000** per grant

is provided to those applications that include a comprehensive safety and care analysis. The proposed plan to address the risks and threats should be based on this analysis.

YOU CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT TO CONDUCT A HOLISTIC SAFETY AND CARE ASSESSMENT.

up to **USD 5,000** per grant

is provided to organisations and networks that are keen to conduct a complete safety and care assessment of their organisation/network or communities.




## WHO CAN APPLY?



Use this checklist to make sure you or your organisation are eligible!

- Women and non-binary activists and defenders, their network and communities can propose initiatives that:
- Include a complete assessment of safety and care or are based on such assessment that have previously been conducted. The documentation of the holistic safety and care assessment is essential.
  - Have a clear link between the safety and care needs identified and how the proposed initiative addresses them.
  - Have a clear strategy of how the initiative will be implemented and what is expected as outcomes
  - Must be led/conducted by organisations, collectives and networks led by women and non-binary human rights defenders.
  - Must be supported by networks of human rights, women's rights and other related networks at local or national levels. This may include UAF A&P's network of advisors and other partners.

## WHAT IS THE GRANT TIMELINE?

-  4 weeks Applications receiving period
- ~~~~~ Application deadline! ~~~~~
-  4 weeks Processing of applications
-  2 weeks Decision by UAF A&P Working Group

APPLY BETWEEN 15 JUNE - 15 JULY 2022 AT <https://www.uafanp.org/webs-safety-and-care-grants>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL [wscgrants@uafanp.org](mailto:wscgrants@uafanp.org).

