

RCF ISC Communiqué - December 2021

To mark World Aids Day 2021, the Robert Carr Fund for civil society networks (RCF) announces USD \$32,090,000 in funding allocations for 2022-2024.

The Robert Carr Fund's Request for Proposals (RfP) 2021 invited global and regional civil society networks and consortia of networks led by, and/or devoted to serving inadequately served populations (ISPs)¹ to apply for a grant to support core funding and activity needs for a three-year period.

A total of 65 eligible proposals went through the RCF's rigorous review process led by the RCF Program Advisory Panel (PAP) that advises the International Steering Committee (ISC) on funding. These investments during the 2022-2024 funding cycle embody a focus on the aims and objectives of the fund's Strategic Plan 2020-2024 while adapting to the ongoing COVID-19 challenges that civil society face.

The RCF's new portfolio for 2022-2024 grants represents:

- Crucial investments in the core needs of civil society and ISP networks and their consortia;
- Balance in addressing the needs of the HIV response in the changing landscape whilst addressing the strategic priorities of the RCF;
- Continued emphasis on high burden regions and balanced geographical support;
- Emphasis on leadership by and engagement with ISPs;
- A clear investment toward the outcomes and impact of the RCF.
- Continuity and growth in the number of networks supported by the RCF - from 68 in 2019-2021 to 82 for 2022-2024;

The ISC funding decision is a continuation in grant-making by the RCF, made possible by the generous commitments from the governments of the USA, the UK, the Netherlands, and Norway, and from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Please find below the full list of 2022-2024 grantees and investments approved for funding by the ISC.

Bridge Funding 2022

To mitigate the potential disruption to 2019-2021 RCF grantees whose proposal were not recommended for renewal, the ISC offers limited "bridge" funding to cover essential core network costs throughout 2022 subject to terms and conditions. The bridge funding recommended by the PAP and approved by the ISC totalled USD \$400,000. Recipients are encouraged to use the year of bridge funding to increase resource mobilization and strategic communications to support their organizational fundraising.

¹ The Robert Carr Fund (RCF) defines the term "inadequately served populations" (ISP) as populations facing a high HIV risk, mortality and/or morbidity compared to the general population, and, at the same time, facing systematic human rights violations and barriers to information and services. As people with direct experience of key health-related needs and barriers to health services, ISPs are central to efforts to improve human rights environments, improve HIV service accessibility, and improve efficiency and effectiveness of national and international funding for health and human rights. ISPs include people living with HIV; gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men; people who use drugs; people in prisons or other closed settings; sex workers, and transgender persons. Depending on the dynamic of the HIV epidemic and the legal status of these populations, ISPs may also include women and girls, youth, migrants and people living in rural areas.

Members of the International Steering Committee are: Sujatha Rao (Chair), Gottfried Hirnschall (Vice-Chair), Sally Chakawhata , Jolijn van Haaren, Monica Djupvik, Siobhan Malone, Sandy Thurman, Neil McCulloch, Johnny Tohme, Helena Nangombe, Jean Paul Enama, Tian Johnson (civil society observer), Laurel Sprague (observer), Kate Thomson (observer).

Members of the Program Advisory Panel are: Wassim Beaineh (co-chair), McLean Kabwe (co-chair), Meg Davis, Tendayi Mharadze, Anna Shapoval, Wisdom Kanyamula, Vincent Leclercq, Mildred Mushunje, Denis Nzioka. Reserve members are Oswaldo Rada, Nadine Ferris France.

Representatives of the Fund Management Agent and RCF secretariat are: Mirjam Krijnen, Koos Boering, Maria Phelan, Nathaniel Miller, Anja Dietrich, Olga Rychkova, Gabriel Sevilla, Anna Sevink, Annemarie van Mossel, Lenny de Jong, Saskia Terzi van de Bruggen.

List of Funded Proposals	Network type	Lead organization	Funding allocation (USD)
Harm Reduction Consortium	Consortium of networks	International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)	\$2.700.000
Sex Worker Networks Consortium	Consortium of networks	Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP)	\$2.600.000
Consortium of People who use Drugs for Rights, Freedom and Autonomy	Consortium of networks	International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)	\$2.400.000
SHAG: Sustainable Health Advocacy for Gay Men	Consortium of networks	The Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF) dba MPact	\$2.400.000
HIV Justice Global Consortium	Consortium of networks	HIV Justice Network	\$2.200.000
Eurasian Regional Consortium	Consortium of networks	Eurasian Harm Reduction Association	\$2.200.000
Consortium of International Community of Women Living with HIV	Consortium of networks	International Community of Women Living with HIV – Eastern Africa (ICWEA)	\$1.700.000
Youth Consortium	Consortium of networks	Youth LEAD	\$1.500.000
Positive Universe Consortium	Consortium of networks	The Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)	\$1.200.000
Prison Health and Rights Consortium	Consortium of networks	European Prison Litigation Network	\$1.200.000
Coalition Internationale Sida, PLUS (COALITION PLUS)	Global single network	Coalition Internationale Sida, (COALITION PLUS)	\$1.200.000
International Treatment Preparedness Coalition	Global single network	International Treatment Preparedness Coalition Global	\$1.200.000
Youth Prison Population Alliance (Youth PoPs)	Consortium of networks	Southern Africa Network of Prisons (SANOP)	\$1.100.000
Trans Asia Pacific and Africa Solidarity Consortium (TAPAS)	Consortium of networks	Asia Pacific Transgender Network Foundation (APTN)	\$1.000.000
Caribbean Regional ISP Leadership and Engagement Consortium (CRSIPLE)	Consortium of networks	Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC)	\$1.000.000
Trans* Health and Rights HIV Advocacy Network (THRIVE)	Consortium of networks	Global Action for Trans* Equality (GATE)	\$950.000
Vibrant and Young Voices Consortium	Consortium of networks	Global Network of Young People living with HIV (Y+ Global)	\$950.000
AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)	Regional single network	AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)	\$870.000
Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility in Asia (CARAM)	Regional single network	Coordination of Action Research on AIDS and Mobility in Asia (CARAM)	\$850.000
Red de Trabajadoras Sexuales de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (RedTraSex)	Regional single network	Red de Trabajadoras Sexuales de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (RedTraSex)	\$700.000
Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+)	Regional single network	Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+)	\$650.000
J+ LAC e ICW Latina “Genomas del Sur”	Consortium of networks	Red Regional de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Positivos - J+LAC	\$650.000
MENA Rosa	Regional single network	MENA Rosa	\$500.000
Eurasian Movement for the Right to Health in Prisons	Regional single network	Eurasian Movement for the Right to Health in Prisons	\$370.000
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