

**ICAN Funds for universalisation activities 2023**

# **SUPPORTING CAPACITY-BUILDING AND ADVOCACY TOWARDS universalisation OF THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (TPNW)**

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

### **1. ABOUT THE ICAN FUNDS FOR UNIVERSALISATION ACTIVITIES**

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force on 22 January 2021 and at the first meeting of States Parties in Vienna in June 2022, universalisation was made a priority. Now, efforts must be made to grow the membership. Each additional state party will strengthen the norm against nuclear weapons and increase the future success of the treaty.

The objective of this fund is to support **specific and time-bound activities** in 2023 aimed at encouraging and enabling national and regional progress towards universalizing the TPNW, including ahead of the second meeting of states parties to be held in November 2023.

Eligible activities should focus primarily on campaigning activities that:

- are thought to have a direct impact in persuading and assisting governments to sign, ratify and/or accede to the TPNW at the earliest;
- strengthen capacity (of government representatives, parliamentarians, etc.) to promote the TPNW and advance ratification of the treaty.

Possible activities that could be funded by this funding scheme could include:

- Meeting with government officials (e.g., Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice), parliamentarians, representatives of regional institutions, and/or other stakeholders;
- Seminars and workshops (capacity building for decision-makers, etc);
- Press conferences and media briefings that promote the TPNW and its universalisation; and
- Parliamentary submissions that advance ratification or accession.

These are only examples; if there are other innovative and creative ideas that you want to translate into action please include them in your application.

### **2. APPLICATION**

**The application process for funding is ongoing throughout the year.**

- One application form must be completed for each proposed activity.
- One organization can apply more than once throughout the year for different activities.

**Applications must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the planned activity.**

All applications must be made using the ICAN Fund 2023 Application Form, and should be typed and submitted electronically to [eif-funds@icanw.org](mailto:eif-funds@icanw.org). We ask that you save your grant application as a PDF file with the following file name: ICANEIFap\_[INSERT NAME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION]\_Date.pdf.

The Application Form can be found at [https://www.icanw.org/ican\\_funds\\_for\\_universalisation\\_activities\\_2023](https://www.icanw.org/ican_funds_for_universalisation_activities_2023)

### **Budget**

The amount awarded to any activity will depend on the type of activity and expected outcome, and is made at ICAN's discretion. Awarded amounts may not exceed **US\$3,500** per application. Larger amounts may be considered in some circumstances.

### **Criteria for awarding grants**

- The activities must be specific, timebound and intended to have a direct impact in strengthening capacity and promoting signature and ratification of the TPNW.
- Priority will be given to activities focused on countries believed to be able to join the TPNW in 2023.
- The applicant should be an ICAN partner organization.
- Additional criteria:
  - o Clarity and coherence of the planned activity and expected outcome;
  - o Organizational capacity to carry out the project;
  - o Quality and feasibility of budget;
  - o Ability to receive transferred funds.

### **Decision-making**

The final review and approval process will be managed by the ICAN International Staff Team (IST) and the ICAN International Steering Group (ISG). Decisions will be based upon recommendations from a small review team consisting of members of the ISG and IST. Decisions will be taken according to the criteria laid out above, as well as with considerations regarding regional and sub-regional balance, organization and country diversity, and fairness amongst partner organizations. Funds may be approved for a lesser amount than originally requested. Submission of an application does not mean that funding will be approved.

## **3. REPORTING**

A short narrative report of about 300 words describing the activity, its impact, contact details of key stakeholders in government/parliament/etc, and what the funds received were spent on should be sent to [eif-funds@icanw.org](mailto:eif-funds@icanw.org) no later than 30 days after the activity has taken place. We encourage all awardees to share a short report with [photos and other media](#) generated during the activity on the campaigners list, on social media and with the ICAN staff team.

**Reporting is mandatory, and will be due no later than 30 days after the activity has taken place.**

The organization, and all relevant participants, agree to comply with all applicable national and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations in carrying out all activities related to the grant, and all activities using the "ICAN Partner" name and logo.

For questions or guidance, contact ICAN Operations Coordinator Celine Nahory ([celine@icanw.org](mailto:celine@icanw.org)) and ICAN Treaty Coordinator Tim Wright ([tim@icanw.org](mailto:tim@icanw.org)). ICAN staff support in preparing the application does not guarantee funding.