

Request For Proposals

Title: ACCELERATE Action Grants under the Human Rights Defenders Initiative at The Carter Center and DT Institute

Award amount: Up to \$5,000

Number of awards: 10 - 15

Issue date: October 8, 2024

Please note, funding is very limited in the pilot phase of the ACCELERATE Action Grants. The Center will not be able to provide awards for all favorably evaluated applications.

4. Individuals should be associated with an organization according to the same considerations listed above.

Successful applicants must undergo a pre-award due diligence process from The Carter Center and DT Institute.

Thematic areas:

ACCELERATE Action Grants will provide immediate, one-time funding to enable a human rights defender or an organization to receive immediate assistance. Successful proposals will demonstrate how the financial support directly impacts the recipient's work, either by relieving effects from attempts to restrict promotion of human rights or by enabling a discrete aspect of the work of human rights defenders. The thematic areas on which The Carter Center and DT Institute focus are: conflict resolution, peacebuilding, rule of law, stabilization, and transition.

Illustrative activities:

- Support for strategic planning sessions, including scenario planning and risk assessment, to help human rights defenders (HRDs) and their organizations develop action plans for emergencies.
- Development of advocacy strategies tailored to specific contexts, enabling HRDs to effectively navigate the political, social, and legal challenges of emergencies.
- Support urgent advocacy efforts in response to newly emerging human rights violations and develop and execute digital advocacy campaigns to raise awareness or mobilize support for human rights issues.
- Support for resource mobilization efforts, such as fundraising or building partnerships with other organizations.
- Rapid response funding for HRDs facing unexpected crises such as sudden legal threats, violent attacks, or government crackdowns.

This mechanism will NOT support:

- Expenses incurred prior to the start of the ACCELERATE Action Grant

- Email address
- Point of contact
- Total amount of request

- B. A one (1) two (2) page narrative proposal, including but not limited to:
- o Background of working as/with human rights defenders;
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A prospective applicant requiring clarification of the required RFP documents may contact The Carter Center in writing at HRDIGrants@cartercenter.org. The Carter Center will publish responses to any requests for clarification of the RFP as they are received on our website.

5. Language of proposal

The proposal and all related correspondence must be in English.

6. Clarification of proposals

To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of proposals, The Carter Center and DT Institute may request further written clarification from an applicant after the proposal submission deadline. To ensure timely review, the applicant must answer any requests for further clarification or information within three business days.

7. Proposal currencies

All prices quoted in the financial proposal must only be in United States Dollars. Any agreements resulting from this RFP will be issued in United States Dollars.

8. Security and Confidentiality

The Carter Center and DT Institute will take measures to ensure all sensitive information is received, stored, and, if necessary, transmitted with appropriate safeguards and confidentiality is maintained. The Carter Center and DT Institute shall operate with need-to-know standards of confidentiality.

9. Evaluation of technical and financial proposal

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Proposals must include the following sections:

- < Background of working as/with human rights defenders;
- < Need that the ACCELERATE Action Grant will address;
- < A description of how the funds will be used to address that need;
- < Explanation of how the applicant is a current partner of The Carter Center or DT Institute.

The following supporting materials are not required but may be submitted:

- CVs or descriptions of key project team members (no more than two pages)
- Brief summary of previous awards within the past five years (no more than two pages).

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The financial proposal must directly address the need described in the technical proposal. The amount of funding per successful applicant depends on the number of awards.

9. Award

The award will be made to the most qualified applicant(s) who can successfully demonstrate their