

FUNDER INFORMATION NOTE: 2019

FUNDER: OAK FOUNDATION

SECTOR	Private foundation
SUB-SECTORS	Human rights Social justice Democracy
FUNDER WEBSITE	http://oakfnd.org/
FUNDER STRATEGY	The Oak Foundation funds initiatives aimed at addressing issues of global, social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged.
FOCUS AREAS	The Oak Foundation has six main programmes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment. 2. Prevent child sexual abuse. 3. Housing and homelessness. 4. International human rights. 5. Issues affecting women. 6. Learning differences.
KEY PRIORITIES	Under the issues affecting women programme, Oak Foundation supports organisations that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacities, strengthen women’s leadership and ensure adequate financial resources; • Create and maintain safe spaces so that feminist agendas and perspectives are amplified and become more influential; • Support the creation and dissemination of knowledge to generate shared agendas and support evidence-based advocacy; • Strengthen connections, cooperation and collaboration within the women’s rights sector and with other movements; and • Support increased mobilisation to strengthen the base, build collective and generate support across other movements (e.g., environment, health, etc.).
NON-NEGOTIABLES	The Oak Foundation does not fund the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 50% of the cost of any project; • 20% of the organisational/programme budget;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual support; • Scholarships or tuition assistance for undergraduate or postgraduate studies; • Religious organisations (for religious purposes); • Election campaigns; and • Do not provide funding for programmes under \$25 000 (except under special circumstances or in Zimbabwe).
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>There are currently no calls for proposals listed on the website, but organisations are encouraged to submit calls for proposals.</p>
<p>METHOD OF APPLICATION</p>	<p>Online application. Non-profit organisations are invited to apply for funding, those who have not been invited are welcome to submit an unsolicited request for funding.</p>
<p>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oak Foundation accepts requests for funding and issues call for proposals on the website. • There is no set timeline for the application process, it can take between a month and a year once an organisation has been invited to apply for funding. • The Oak Foundation has a grant database that provides an extensive list of its current grants for each of its 6 focus areas.