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## 1. Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme (AEDH)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The denunciation of serious blows to fundamental rights, the protection of victims of violence, the promotion of respect for human dignity can, in certain countries, lead to extremely violent reprisals. Part of the mission of Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme is to support its partners in the field and to ensure their protection. In order to accomplish this goal, almost ten years ago, Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme established an emergency fund for activists whose own human rights were at risk. This fund allows for a rapid and efficient response to requests for help from human rights defenders when they are threatened or persecuted.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Human rights defenders (members of NGOs, but also journalists, lawyers, union leaders, etc.)
<b>Types of Support</b>	The nature of the intervention varies depending on the local context, the degree of danger, and the requests made by the concerned party: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aid for an evacuation of activists who are threatened of arbitrary imprisonment, abduction, assassination, and who have no other possibility than to quickly escape their country or their region of origin</li><li>• Social and relocation assistance in another country or region for activists who have successfully escaped from an area of danger</li><li>• Legal assistance notably in the case of arbitrary arrest or abusive judicial pursuits</li><li>• Aid for medical care in cases of violence, poor treatment, or torture</li><li>• An intervention with the authorities in the region where the threats are taking place in order that defense and security of the activist be guaranteed</li></ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	Each case is subject to a preliminary inquiry, in collaboration with our partners in the field. The inquiry is as comprehensive as possible and allows for the validation of facts and permits an evaluation of what type of intervention is necessary.
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

## 2. American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	Inspired by Judaism's commitment to justice, American Jewish World Service (AJWS) works to realize human rights and end poverty in the developing world. As a human rights funder committed to advancing the rights of marginalized people, AJWS supports hundreds of human rights defenders in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. AJWS actively promotes the protection and security of these activists by providing grants to NGOs and grassroots community-based organizations with specific considerations for the risks inherent in their work.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	East Africa, Central Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, Southeast Asia, and South Asia.
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Both individuals and NGOs
<b>Types of Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security</li><li>• Medical</li><li>• Urgent Project</li><li>• Psychosocial support</li></ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	All requests should be discussed with program officers who can provide guidance on the types of support that are available, provide them an emergency grant proposal, or refer them to a colleague organization. Budget guidelines can be provided by their program officer.
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current AJWS grantees only</li><li>• Grantees should contact their regional program officers who will provide information about the emergency grant process and make referrals to colleague organizations specializing in protection and security</li></ul>

### 3. Amnesty International (AI)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	AI has a relief program that provides funds to individuals in emergency situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funds can cover a wide range of assistance, including legal aid, emergency flights, basic cost of living, food and shelter, trial observation or security equipment and other support to defenders</li><li>• Funds can also support non-emergency relief applications in the form of limited project and capacity building support to small human rights organizations</li></ul>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Amnesty relief program provides concrete support to individual rights-holders at risk including human rights defenders, victims of human rights violations and their relatives.
<b>Types of Support</b>	Support is related to AI's areas of work including: defenders, death penalty, armed conflict, business and human rights, children's rights, counterterrorism, discrimination, economic, social and cultural rights, freedom of expression, indigenous peoples, international justice, poverty, the rights of refugee, migrant and internally displaced people, sexual orientation and gender identity, and violence against women.
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	N/A
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

#### 4. Arab Human Rights Fund (AHRF)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The Fund encourages grant applications for projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a sound rationale</li><li>• Promote social change and defend the rights of marginalized communities</li><li>• Have the potential to be carried to work in other countries, for other constituencies, or on other human rights issues</li><li>• Have the capacity to be implemented in partnership with one or more organizations in the Arab region</li><li>• Have the potential to contribute to the strategic and effective strengthening and enjoyment of human rights in the region as a whole</li></ul>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Arab region
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	NGOS; networks and coalitions (registered and unregistered); educational institutions; individual projects; core funding; capacity building (for grant-seekers)
<b>Types of Support</b>	Projects and core funding
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	The Arab Human Rights Fund accepts letters of inquiry on a rolling basis throughout the year. The letters of inquiry are designed to enable staff to determine the applicant's and project's eligibility for AHRF funding. Applicants are promptly notified regarding the outcome of the review, and strong applicants are invited by the Fund to submit a full application. (See <a href="http://ahrfund.org/en/pages/grantseekers/how-apply">http://ahrfund.org/en/pages/grantseekers/how-apply</a> .) AHRF grants are awarded on two approval processes. In the regular approval process, grant decisions are made twice annually—in Spring and Fall—by the Board of Directors. Applicants are informed of the funding decision shortly thereafter. The expedited approval process allows grants to be dispersed between Board meetings, and decisions are made by the Board's Grantmaking Committee. This track is used to ensure timely responses to projects that take advantage of new openings or developments in the region.
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

## 5. Astraea Lesbian Foundation of Justice

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>We work for social, racial and economic justice in the U.S. and internationally by funding LGBTQI organizations and engaging in philanthropic advocacy. Astraea's work helps lesbians and allied communities challenge oppression and claim their human rights. In pursuing our mission, we raise and disburse funds to programs and initiatives that directly benefit or serve our diverse constituencies; expand the community of individuals and institutions that support lesbian and trans issues; promote community-building, capacity building, and movement-building; and educate individuals about money, philanthropic giving, and the role of grantmaking in achieving common goals. Our mission is based on an enduring commitment to feminism, progressive social change and an end to all forms of exploitation and discrimination. We support programs and policies that strive to eliminate oppression based on race, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic exploitation, physical and mental ability, anti-Semitism, and other such factors. Only through action will we build a world of peace and justice for lesbians, and for society as a whole.</p>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Africa, Asia & Pacific, Caribbean, Eastern Europe & CIS, Latin America, Middle East
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	LGBTQI organizations who are already engaged in social change work in their countries, who are responding to a new political opportunity or crisis.
<b>Types of Support</b>	Emergency project grants of up to \$5,000 USD for short-term, time-sensitive projects that are linked to longer-term organizational strategies for advancing LGBTQI human rights and feminist social change. Support is also available for safety/security of LGBTQI human rights defenders and building security capacity of LGBTQI organizations.
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	New applicants send cover sheet and one to two page request letter to Astraea. Grants may also be referred by partners who have a relationship with us. Response time is within one week, but may take longer if request is in a language other than English or Spanish. Once grant is approved, funds can usually be delivered within a week.
<b>Restrictions</b>	Emergency funds do not cover unanticipated budget shortfalls or deficit financing, natural disaster relief, humanitarian aid or social service projects. Organizations with no leadership of LGBTQI people, organizations based in the Global North, and groups with budgets of over \$500,000 USD are ineligible to apply.

## 6. Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>The Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF) was launched on December 9, 2004. The EMHRF is an independent non-profit regional foundation, registered in Denmark and operating both from Copenhagen and Tunis, adhering to universal human rights principles and convinced of the value of collaboration and support in order to strengthen the valuable work of human rights NGOs and defenders in the South-Mediterranean region. The EMHRF mainly aims at supporting human rights defenders at risk, acting in particularly repressive and volatile environments, as well as capacity building of innovative and sensitive projects carried out by human rights groups and/or NGOs that do not have the capacities to approach mainstream donors or fall outside mainstream donors' categories.</p>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	<p>North Africa, Middle East (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon)</p>
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	<p>NGOs and individuals</p>
<b>Types of Support</b>	<p>Security, medical, basic expenses, and urgent projects</p>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency grants are dealt with through a fast procedure</li> <li>• The applicant NGO or individual should send a short application in English, French or Arabic to: grants@euromedrights.net</li> <li>• The amount of funding requested may not exceed €5,000</li> <li>• A decision will be rendered within a maximum of 10 days after the receipt of the request</li> <li>• In exceptional cases – essentially situations involving threats against the health or safety of the applicant – the decision may be made within a shorter time period</li> <li>• Priority will be given to requests which cannot be supported on an emergency basis by another national, regional or international organization</li> <li>• All requests, including those which are denied, receive a written reply. Even when an application is denied, the EMHRF may follow up if it can be determined that another institution is in a position to support the applicant's request</li> </ul>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<p>N/A</p>



## 7. Front Line Defenders

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	Front Line (established in 2001) is an international NGO based in Ireland. The organization is committed to the provision of rapid and practical support of at-risk human rights defenders. Front Line Defenders' Security Grants program supports the security needs of at-risk human rights defenders. Security Grant support (to up €6000) is provided for security reinforcement, temporary relocation, accompaniment, communications, legal costs, medical expenses, and stress management. In emergency situations a grant can be extended within days. In 2011 Front Line issued €496,000 in security grant assistance to 189 human rights defenders in 58 countries – 52 of which were DAC-affiliated.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	East Africa, Central Africa, North Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, North America, Central Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Europe, Middle East, and Oceania
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	NGOs and individuals
<b>Types of Support</b>	Security, medical, urgent projects, legal and electronic security, personal and physical security, family support
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	Applications for Security Grant assistance for human rights defenders at risk are accepted in Arabic, Russian, English, French or Spanish. After submission, applicants are contacted by a member of the Front Line Defenders' staff who will clarify outstanding questions and if necessary, inquire further about the individual or organization's background. All applicants receive a written response from Front Line Defenders indicating the scope of support to be committed. Successful applications clearly articulate how the Security Grant will contribute to addressing immediate threats to the lives or well-being of one or more human rights defenders. If an application falls within Front Line Defenders' criteria for the provision of emergency funding, then Security Assistance can be approved in 48 hours at the discretion of the Director and the Board of Trustees.
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

## 8. Fund for Global Human Rights

<b>Contact Information</b>	<p><b>Applicants for emergency grants should contact the program officer who covers their region:</b></p> <p>Chloée Ponchelet, North Africa, cponchelet@globalhumanrights.org          Syma Mirza, South Asia, smirza@globalhumanrights.org          Hoa Duong Piyaka, Southeast Asia, hdpiyaka@globalhumanrights.org          Tony Tate, African Great Lakes, ttate@globalhumanrights.org          John Kabia, West Africa, jkabia@globalhumanrights.org          Ana Paula Hernández, Latin America, ahernandez@globalhumanrights.org</p> <p>If outside of these regions or unsure, contact David Mattingly, Director of Programs, at dmattingly@globalhumanrights.org</p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> + 1 202 347 7488  <b>Fax:</b> + 1 202 347 7487  <b>Web source:</b> <a href="http://www.globalhumanrights.org/">http://www.globalhumanrights.org/</a></p>
<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>The Fund for Global Human Rights is founded on the belief that securing basic freedoms worldwide requires effective, frontline organizations challenging abuse wherever it occurs. Thus the Fund for Global Human Rights works to ensure a strong, effective human rights community worldwide. Grants are awarded through a competitive and transparent grants process in areas strategically chosen to advance human rights conditions.</p>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	<p>The Fund will consider emergency grants requests from any country.</p>
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	<p>Human rights defenders</p>
<b>Types of Support</b>	<p>Security (both preventive measures and emergency response), urgent project, medical, psychosocial support, relocation, legal</p>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the appropriate program officer (see above) to discuss application procedures</li> <li>• Fund staff will consult with grantees, advisers and other donors to assess the request</li> </ul> <p>The Fund strives to respond to emergency grant requests within one week.</p>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency grants up to \$10,000</li> <li>• Only human rights defenders</li> <li>• No gender restrictions</li> <li>• Must identify a human rights organization to receive the funds</li> </ul>

## 9. International Media Support (IMS)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	International Media Support (IMS) is a non-profit organization working to support local media in countries affected by armed conflict, human insecurity and political transition. In more than 50 countries worldwide, IMS helps to strengthen professional journalism and ensure that media can operate in challenging circumstances.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Journalists, media workers, and local media organizations in the countries IMS works in.
<b>Types of Support</b>	IMS works to promote freedom of expression and helps media workers fulfill their tasks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing safety and protection for journalists</li><li>• Advocating media rights and monitoring violations</li><li>• Promoting fair media laws and media reforms</li><li>• Supporting community, exiled and alternative media</li><li>• Providing technical support and building skills</li><li>• Organizing specialized training for media workers</li><li>• Monitoring media content to promote fair and balanced media coverage</li><li>• Partnering likeminded media professionals within and across borders for knowledge exchange and cooperation</li></ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	N/A
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

## 10. KinderUSA

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	KinderUSA is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2002 by a group of American physicians and humanitarian relief workers. KinderUSA is an acronym for Kids in Need of Development, Education, and Relief that strives to develop creative solutions to long-standing problems believing that all children are entitled to their inherent rights of survival, health, shelter and education. KinderUSA puts into action programs to ensure these rights are not forgotten.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Occupied Palestinian Territories
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	NGOs, primarily women-with-children-centric
<b>Types of Support</b>	Medical and urgent projects
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	One week turnaround period
<b>Restrictions</b>	Cannot give direct cash

## 11. The Lifeline Embattled NGO Assistance Fund

<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>E-mail:</b> defending2012@gmail.com, enassistance@gmail.com <b>Web source:</b> <a href="http://www.freedomhouse.org/program/lifeline-embattled-ngo-assistance-fund">http://www.freedomhouse.org/program/lifeline-embattled-ngo-assistance-fund</a>
<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The Lifeline provides emergency financial assistance to at-risk civil society organizations, so that they may continue or resume their work, and supports targeted, time-bound advocacy campaigns to respond to threats or attacks on civil society.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Civil society organizations (CSO), defined as a group of two or more activists, are eligible for support if it has come under attack as a result of its activities. They do not need to be officially registered but must be able to document their history of activism. The Lifeline supports a variety of CSOs, many of whom conduct advocacy, promote and protect human rights, and/or act in a watchdog capacity.
<b>Types of Support</b>	The Lifeline will support CSOs with small, short-term emergency grants for medical expenses, legal representation, prison visits, trial monitoring, temporary relocation, security, equipment replacement, and other types of urgent expenses. By definition, emergency assistance is finite and given to address a time-sensitive threat. An emergency may constitute the need for more than one type of assistance, i.e. medical and legal, or prison visits and equipment replacement.
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	Applications may be submitted by a referrer on behalf of a CSO or by the CSO directly. Please provide as much detailed information as possible on why emergency aid is needed. The Lifeline receives applications via Martus, a secure database software, and via e-mail at enassistance@gmail.com. Lifeline strongly recommends the use of Martus or encrypted e-mail, such as PGP or Hushmail, and we can assist you in setting up secure methods for communication. Lifeline reviews all applications to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria and if the requested funds are justified. In this review, we need to verify independently the information provided by the applicant.
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

## 12. Mediterranean Women's Fund

<b>Contact Information</b>	<p><b>Executive Director:</b> Caroline Brac de la Perrière</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:cbdlp@medwomensfund.org">cbdlp@medwomensfund.org</a></p> <p><b>Web source:</b> <a href="http://www.medwomensfund.org/fr/index.html">http://www.medwomensfund.org/fr/index.html</a></p>
<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>The Mediterranean Women's Fund aims at supporting women's actions and projects originating from around the Mediterranean region. Priority issues for the Mediterranean Women's Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity-building of women's organizations</li> <li>• Regional women's networks</li> <li>• The struggle against gender-based violence</li> <li>• Leadership by young women</li> <li>• Advocacy and actions for women's rights</li> </ul>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Mediterranean region
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	<p>Groups or NGOs, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups of women working together</li> <li>• Organizations based in the Mediterranean region</li> <li>• Organizations that demonstrate a clear commitment to women's equality and women's human rights</li> <li>• Organizations that are governed and directed by women: women must fill all or most of the leadership roles</li> </ul>
<b>Types of Support</b>	Assistance to participate in meetings or urgent support
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	<p>We give priority to groups that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are in the first five years of activity</li> <li>• Do not have access to institutional funders</li> <li>• Are based in countries that receive limited financial support</li> <li>• Raise sensitive issues that are essential to further women's rights</li> </ul> <p>Fill in the form here: <a href="http://www.medwomensfund.org/en/Initiatives.html">http://www.medwomensfund.org/en/Initiatives.html</a> and return it via e-mail to <a href="mailto:info@medwomensfund.org">info@medwomensfund.org</a>. We will answer within 3 weeks, and in case of real urgency within a week.</p>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<p>The Mediterranean Women's Fund does not support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals and scholarships</li> <li>• Organizations that do not have women's human rights focus</li> <li>• Organizations whose sole activities are income-generation and/or charity</li> <li>• International organizations proposing partnerships locally</li> <li>• Organizations based or working primarily outside of the Mediterranean countries</li> <li>• Organizations headed or managed by men</li> <li>• Government entities, political parties and election campaigns</li> </ul>

### 13. National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, non-profit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world. Each year, with funding from the US Congress, NED supports more than 1,000 projects of non-governmental groups abroad who are working for democratic goals in more than 90 countries.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	East Africa, Central Africa, North Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, Central Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Europe, Middle East
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	NGOs
<b>Types of Support</b>	Democracy and rights-based issues
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	Funding decisions are made on a quarterly basis by the NED Board of Directors. In addition to evaluating how a program fits within the Endowment's overall priorities, the Board considers factors such as the urgency of a program, its relevance to specific needs and conditions in a particular country, and the democratic commitment and experience of the applicant.
<b>Restrictions</b>	All of the projects supported by the NED are designed to strengthen or otherwise support the democratic development in a given country. We do not give grants for humanitarian support, relief work, or general economic development.

#### 14. Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders (Joint Programme of the FIDH-OMCT)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>Created in 1997 by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders is the leading global programme dedicated to the protection of human rights defenders. It bases its action on the conviction that solidarity with and among human rights defenders and their organisations ensures that their voice is being heard and their isolation and marginalisation broken. It responds to threats and acts of reprisals suffered by human rights defenders through urgent interventions, vital emergency assistance for those in need, international missions and advocacy for their effective domestic or international protection.</p>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Human rights defenders, their families, and their organizations at imminent risk
<b>Types of Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security responses (both preventive and emergency, including relocation, physical or digital security scheme, etc.)</li> <li>• Medical fees</li> <li>• Psychosocial support</li> <li>• Relocation</li> <li>• Legal fees</li> <li>• Immediate basic needs</li> </ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	N/A
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A



## 15. Reporters Without Borders

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The two Reporters Without Borders assistance desks, based in Paris and Berlin, have the job of coordinating the administrative, material and financial help that Reporters Without Borders provides to journalists and media in distress. The two assistance desks allocated a total of 163 urgent assistance grants in 2011 with a combined value of more than €175,000. Their total annual budget for assistance funds is €500,000. The purpose of the grants was to help journalists, their families, or media in difficulty.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Journalists, netizens, citizen-journalists, or their families in difficulty
<b>Types of Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing – extraction</li> <li>• Immediate basic needs</li> <li>• Legal fees</li> <li>• Medical fees</li> <li>• Support for independent media &amp; organizations</li> <li>• Support for journalists' families</li> </ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	N/A
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

## 16. Rory Peck Trust

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>Through the Freelance Assistance Programme, the Rory Peck Trust provides financial and practical assistance to freelance newsgatherers in crisis worldwide, and to the families of those who have lost their lives, been seriously injured or are suffering persecution, exile or imprisonment as a result of their work.</p> <p>The Trust prioritises assistance that will enable the freelancer to overcome a crisis and to become self-sufficient, and it is one of the few organisations prepared to renew its grants should this be required.</p>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	<p>The Freelance Assistance Programme works worldwide. There is a dedicated programme officer or researcher for the following regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-Saharan Africa</li> <li>• Eurasia and Afghanistan</li> <li>• South Asia (Pakistan, India and Bangladesh)</li> <li>• The Americas and the Caribbean</li> <li>• Middle East and North Africa</li> <li>• Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific</li> </ul>
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	<p>Freelance news-gatherers including journalists (print/online), camera operators, videographers, photographers, translators, fixers, stringers and drivers. The Trust also supports their families and dependents.</p>
<b>Types of Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial, practical and moral support, advice and referrals</li> <li>• Training bursaries to enable freelancers, who otherwise could not afford it to undertake safety training courses</li> <li>• The Trust collaborates with local and international partners to run small-scale, region-specific projects that protect and educate freelancers</li> </ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	<p>Typically, the applicant has to complete and return an application form (available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian and Turkish) with a letter of reference from a media outlet, non-governmental organization or partner of the Trust confirming the status and situation of the freelancer. Other supporting documents may be required depending on each particular case. The average response time is on a case by case basis. The Trust has an emergency protocol in urgent cases of assistance and can provide expedited assistance.</p>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The newsgatherer must be freelance in need.</li> <li>• It must be safe for the beneficiary to be contacted and to receive funds</li> </ul>

## 17. Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The purpose of the Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) is to support established academics, researchers or public intellectuals who are threatened in their home country or region. SRF provides temporary fellowships that allow grantees to visit another institution where they may safely continue their teaching or research activities. Preference is given to senior scholars who have extensive teaching or research experience, publications or other advanced work, and are facing immediate threats to their lives and careers. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, SRF is not able to grant fellowships to students seeking to complete a degree program.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Established professors, researchers and public intellectuals from any field or discipline may qualify.
<b>Types of Support</b>	Awards are issued for up to US \$25,000, plus individual health insurance. The final fellowship award is dependent upon the location of the host institution, the cost of living, and the value of any additional contributions from the host institution or other source.
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	Fellowships are approved by the SRF Selection Committee which convenes at least three times per year. Applications are reviewed for academic qualifications, the quality/potential of the candidate's work, and the urgency of threats faced. Preference is given to scholars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• who are facing or recently fled from immediate, severe and targeted threats to their lives and/or careers in their home countries or countries of residence</li> <li>• with a Ph.D. or other highest degree in their field who have extensive teaching or research experience at a university, college or other institution of higher learning</li> <li>• who demonstrate superior academic accomplishment or promise; whose selection is likely to benefit the academic community in the home and/or host countries or region</li> </ul>
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

## 18. Scholars at Risk Network

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The Scholars at Risk Network (SAR) is an international network of higher education institutions responding to attacks against scholars because of their words, their ideas and their place in society. Those seeking power and control work to limit access to information and new ideas by targeting scholars, restricting academic freedom and repressing research, publication, teaching and learning. SAR promotes academic freedom and defends the human rights of scholars and their communities worldwide.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Global
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Professors, lecturers, researchers and other intellectuals
<b>Types of Support</b>	SAR partners with network members to create temporary academic positions, enabling scholars to escape dangerous conditions and to continue their important work. In return, scholars contribute to their host campuses through teaching, research, lectures and other activities. The details of positions vary, depending on the individual scholar's situation and host institution. In addition, SAR provides legal referrals, advice, speaking and networking opportunities, career resources and other assistance to scholars in need and undertakes public and private advocacy on behalf of scholars who are missing, detained or in prison.
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	Scholars seeking help can apply online at <a href="http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/At-Risk-Scholars/Apply-for-Assistance.php">http://scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/At-Risk-Scholars/Apply-for-Assistance.php</a> or can contact SAR directly at scholarsatrisk@nyu.edu. To be considered for assistance, applicants are required to provide information on their scholarship and the risks they are facing.
<b>Restrictions</b>	N/A

### 19. Unidad de Protección a Defensoras y Defensores de Derechos Humanos – Guatemala (UDEFEGUA)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	To accompany human rights defenders in order that they can be actors in their protection and security, through creating safe spaces and promoting public policy.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Guatemala
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	Human rights defenders and their families (in case of assassination) that don't have the means to access emergency funds granted outside the country.
<b>Types of Support</b>	Medical support (medicines, medical consults, exams), technical (cameras, phones), living support (three months support for food and essentials after the death of human rights defenders who were the sole support for the family), funeral expenses (moving of bodies or caskets), and relocation expenses
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	The request is forwarded from the verification area of UDEFEGUA for consideration of the Protection Officer. She interviews and files a request that then is known by the Emergency Fund Committee. If the request needs to be addressed in a less than 24 hours, the committee can give their approval by e-mail and formalize it in the next meeting. The support is then monitored by the Protection Officer that gives psycho-social support to the recipient to guarantee that help actually supports the security of the human rights defender or her/his family. A report is given back after three months of the emergency support to the Committee in order to establish good and bad practices.
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of violence by human rights defenders</li> <li>• The possibility to receive other emergencies grants (in those cases we suggest the path ways)</li> </ul>

## 20. Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>Urgent Action Fund, as part of women's rights movements worldwide, supports women's rights defenders striving to create cultures of justice, equality and peace. We provide rapid response grants that enable strategic interventions, and participate in collaborative advocacy and research. We are led by activists, inspired by feminism, and strengthened through solidarity. We receive requests 365 days a year in any language and by any means. We respond to every grant request within 72 hours. There are a number of options on our website for grantees to apply online and via SMS or phone.</p>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	<p>Northern America, Central Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Europe, Middle East, Oceania  *Latin America manages all the Rapid Response Grantmaking for countries in Latin America, and Urgent action Fund Africa on the African continent respectively.</p>
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	<p>NGOs  *Also provides security grants for individual activists facing threats, but there must be an organizational sponsor.</p>
<b>Types of Support</b>	<p>The Urgent Action Fund makes grants in three categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situations of armed conflict, escalating violence or politically volatile Environments</li> <li>• Potentially precedent-setting legal or legislative actions, or actions that aim to protect a precedent that has already been set</li> <li>• Protection and security of threatened women's human rights defenders</li> </ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	<p>Varies; as quick as one day, on average three - five days</p>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<p>Not able to provide funds for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development projects</li> <li>• Natural disaster relief</li> <li>• Humanitarian aid</li> <li>• Travel to conferences</li> <li>• General support</li> <li>• Individuals</li> <li>• Bridge funding (to fill a funding gap)</li> <li>• Previously planned or long-term projects (3 months or greater)</li> </ul>

## 21. Urgent Action Fund of Latin America and the Spanish Speaking Caribbean for Women's Human Rights (FAU-AL)

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	The FAU-AL is a feminist, civil society organization that promotes and defends the human rights of the diversity of women. Incorporated in Colombia, FAU-AL supports activists and their organizations throughout Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean.
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	Central America, South America, Spanish-speaking Caribbean countries
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	NGOs; networks/coalitions of women's organizations; indigenous, afro-descendent, peasant, displaced and urban women's organizations; LBT groups; and women's environmental organizations.
<b>Types of Support</b>	FAU-AL provides grants under the following four categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection and security of threatened women human rights defenders</li> <li>• Protection of women's rights to territory, the sustainable use of mother earth, and related public policy formulation</li> <li>• Situations of increasing fundamentalism, social and armed conflict, violence, and political instability</li> <li>• Potentially precedent-setting legal and/or legislative actions or those that protect rights already won</li> </ul>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	Varies; between 72 hours and two weeks
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides funding only for organizations working for women's rights</li> <li>• Does not provide grants directed to humanitarian efforts, running programs of the organization, long term projects, individual participation in conferences, as well as attention to natural disasters</li> </ul>

## 22. Urgent Action Fund-Africa for Women's Human Rights

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<b>Description of Urgent Funding Program</b>	<p>Urgent Action Fund-Africa, is a Pan-African women's human rights Fund established in 2001 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Fund is committed to enhancing African women's leadership to bring about social justice, equality, equity and peace. As the first Rapid Response Fund on the continent, UAF-Africa adds value to the work of women's rights activists and organisations through provision of strategic, timely and critical financial and technical resources.</p>
<b>Geographic Areas Covered</b>	<p>African continent</p>
<b>Types of Recipients</b>	<p>INGOs, NGOs, CBOs (UAF-Africa provides protection/ security grants for individual women's human rights activists at risk as a direct result of their activism, but there must be an organizational sponsor)</p>
<b>Types of Support</b>	<p>UAF-Africa supports women's groups within Africa responding to urgent and unanticipated situations and working towards the overall goal of promoting, advancing and protecting women's human rights. Grants to organisations with a broader human rights agenda may be issued at the discretion of UAF-Africa, where the initiative/activity proposed has a clear and focused benefit to women/the women's rights movement.</p>
<b>Fund Request Process and Response Time</b>	<p>The Fund provides financial support for strategic interventions in the following funding priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancement of women's human rights in situations of conflict (escalating violence, political volatility, civil unrest among other conflict situations)</li> <li>• Precedent-setting legal or legislative interventions (e.g. instituting court action or lobbying to challenge a new retrogressive proposed law/bill)</li> <li>• Protection of women's human rights defenders at risk as a direct result of their work</li> </ul>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<p>UAF-Africa does not fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humanitarian interventions (e.g. food, clothing, medical supplies)</li> <li>• Individual participation at conferences, workshops etc.</li> <li>• Funding for income generating activities</li> <li>• Capital expenditure (e.g. vehicles, computers, furniture or for ongoing</li> </ul>



	<p>office running costs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We do not have any party-political agendas as such we do not provide funding for political campaigns</li><li>• We do not make grants for the furthering of any religious agenda/group</li></ul>
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