

ICAN Funds for universalization activities 2021

SUPPORTING CAPACITY BUILDING AND ADVOCACY TOWARDS UNIVERSALIZATION OF THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (TPNW)

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. ABOUT THE ICAN FUNDS FOR UNIVERSALIZATION ACTIVITIES

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force on 22 January 2021. 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 2021 aimed at encouraging and enabling national and regional progress towards universalizing the TPNW, ahead of the first meeting of states parties to be held in January 2022.

Eligible activities should focus primarily on campaigning activities that

- are thought to have a direct impact in persuading and assisting governments to sign and/or ratify 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 include:

- Meeting with government officials (MFA, Defence, Justice), parliamentarians, representatives of regional institutions, and/or other stake-holders
- Seminars and workshops (capacity building for decision-makers, etc);
- Press conferences and media briefings;
- Parliamentary submissions

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 filled for each proposed activity.

One organization can apply more than once throughout the year for different activities.

There is no limit on the number of activities that may be applied for.

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

All applications must be made using the ICAN Fund 2021 Application Form, and should be typed and submitted electronically to 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 ORGANISATION]_Date.pdf.

The Application Form can be found at https://www.icanw.org/ican_funds_for_universalization_activities_2021

Budget

The amount awarded to any activity will depend on the type of activity and expected outcome and is at ICAN's discretion. Awarded amounts may not exceed US\$2,500 per application.

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 2021.
- The applicant should be an ICAN partner organisation.
- Additional criteria:
 - Clarity and coherence of the planned activity and expected outcome;
 - Organisational capacity to carry out the project;
 - Quality and feasibility of budget;
 - 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 International Steering Group (ISG). Decisions will be based upon recommendations from a small review team consisting of members of the ICAN ISG and from ICAN staff. Decisions will be taken according to the criteria laid out above. 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 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.

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