

# Informational Session

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# Agenda

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- CAMY Fund
- Eligibility Criteria
- Presenting a Letter of Inquiry
- Questions and Answers
- Tips and Additional Resources

# CAMY Fund

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Initiative of the Seattle International Foundation in partnership with The Summit Foundation

Supports projects led by young people (under 35) in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Funding up to USD \$35,000 for one-year projects. Offers technical assistance in addition to financial support.

Currently focused on issues related to girls equality and adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights.

We have 8 grantee partners in the región.



[www.camyfund.org](http://www.camyfund.org)

# Organizational Criteria

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- Based in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Quintana Roo, México
- Legal registration and bank account
- Mission and programming already aligned with addressing girls' equality and/or adolescent/youth sexual and reproductive health and rights

# Leadership Criteria

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- ❑ Proposed projects must be led by a young leader who is 18 to 35 years old during the entire project period (October 2015 – October 2016).

# Project Criteria

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- ❑ Proposed projects must have a clear set of SMART (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elevant, **T**ime-bound) short-term outcome objectives that can demonstrate progress during the 12-month project period towards one or more of the following medium- to long-term indicators:
  - Percent of schools in a given community, municipality, department, district, state, etc. providing comprehensive sexuality education;
  - Availability and use of adolescent/youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services;
  - Adolescent fertility rates;
  - Secondary school retention among girls;
  - Age of marriage/early unions for girls;
  - Gender attitudes toward girls/young women, and associated behaviors of girls/young women or boys/young men related to the social, economic and civic spheres;
  - Existence, implementation, and funding of laws, policies, and regulations related to girls' secondary school retention and/or early unions.
  
- ❑ Priority will be given to projects that prioritize reaching low-income, underserved young people

# Presenting a Letter of Inquiry

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- ❑ Online format: [www.seaif.org/apply](http://www.seaif.org/apply)
- ❑ LOIs in English or Spanish
- ❑ Deadline for submission is July 24, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

# Questions

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*1. What type of previous relationship is CAMY Fund looking for between the appointed young leader and the organization?*

The kind of relationships that the current CAMY Fund leaders have with their organizations ranges from a staff person to a Board Member, however we are open to other types of relationships. The important thing here is that the leader is legitimately leading the project and that mechanisms exist to communicate effectively with the organization. The leader should not simply be put forth in order for the organization to receive funding.

*2. What type of training is provided to the young leader and what is there overall time commitment?*

The trainings that are currently being offered include project development, project management and M&E webinars as well as some very specific support for leaders. We apply a pre-survey once projects are approved to evaluate the needs and existing strengths of the leaders in order to determine the technical assistance that we will offer them. In terms of time commitment I would say that once every two months we offer a one-two hour training on line and we try to also offer in-person trainings when applicable.



# Questions and Answers

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*3. Does the main work of the fiscal agent have to primarily focus on issues of adolescent reproductive health?*

No, but it would be good for it to have some relationship to the field so that it makes sense that they are the fiscal agent for this project.

*4. Reporting Formats?*

We require a mid-term and final report. The report is uploaded in the same way that the letter of interest and proposal is, through the on-line system. The report requests information on the activities carried out, the results achieved to date, the beneficiaries reached, challenges and lessons learned and media coverage obtained. It also requests a financial report on the funds expended.

*5. Could we submit an application on behalf of our partners in Guatemala or would it be best if they submitted the application directly?*

It would be best if they submitted the application directly. The CAMY Fund is unlikely to grant to another Fund.

# Questions and Answers

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*6. Can part of grant funds be used to support student scholarships?*

Yes, part of grant funds can be used to support scholarships. However, it should also be complemented with other activities.

*7. Can videos, newsletters and other supplementary materials be uploaded along with the preliminary LOI?*

Not at the LOI stage. There is a space for that at the full proposal stage.

*8. What specific kinds of projects & activities does CAMY strategically support? What do you see as a successful project proposal?*

See webpage for current grantees. Need to fit within indicators. Looking for new and innovative ways of working, comprehensive in nature. Strong project leader.

# Questions and Answers

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*9. Does our organization have to have proof of success with the relevant reproductive health issues to be competitive for this grant?*

No, however it might make the project stronger to be able to show that you have had success with a certain strategy.

*10. Does CAMY view a multi-disciplinary approach to medicine favorably, or do you prefer dedicated clinics to your areas of interest?*

We don't have a particular preference but it is important that the services provided can be measured accurately, whatever the format.

# Tips

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- Size of funding request relative to organizational budget
- Measure ambition
- Presentation, presentation, presentation (grammar, spelling)
- Follow the instructions
- Don't force

# Funds in the Region

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Central America and Mexico Youth Fund (CAMY Fund): [www.camyfund.org](http://www.camyfund.org)

FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund: <http://youngfeministfund.org>

Fondo Centroamericano de Mujeres (FCAM): <https://fcmujeres.org/>

Sociedad Mexicana Pro Derechos de la Mujer (Semillas - México): [www.semillas.org.mx](http://www.semillas.org.mx)

Calala: Fondo de Mujeres: <http://www.calala.org>

Mama Cash: <http://www.mamacash.org/es/>

Global Fund for Women: <https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/>

Global Fund for Children: <http://www.globalfundforchildren.org/>

Global Fund for Human Rights: <http://globalhumanrights.org/es/>