Grindr for Equality (G4E) is delighted to announce an open call for LGBTIQ+ advocacy grants in the Middle East-North Africa (Arabic speaking countries).

**CRITERIA**

- Organizations must be based in the Middle East-North Africa region (Arabic speaking countries).
- Organizations are eligible if their primary focus is advancing LGBTIQ+ issues.

Grants are available in the amounts of **US$5,000** and **US$10,000** to support LGBTIQ+ organizations that are advocating for health, safety, community empowerment in the Middle East-North Africa (Arabic speaking countries). To be considered for these grants, you should submit a proposal between **August 1st** and **October 31st, 2019**. Groups that apply during this period will receive a response by **December 1st, 2019**.

You can apply in either Arabic or English at the following. Before you submit your proposal, please read the criteria and thematic areas below.  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5597PT3
Organizations that are not primarily focused on advancing LGBTIQ+ issues are still eligible to apply to fund LGBTIQ+ projects if they are governed, directed, and led by LGBTIQ+ people (e.g. LGBTIQ+ people occupy all or most of leadership roles throughout the various decision-making levels of the group).

- We do not accept requests from individuals.
- We do not accept requests from corporations or organizations whose sole purpose is to generate revenue.
- We do not accept requests proposed for athletic sponsorship, academic research, or travel scholarships, unless it is a part of a project’s main activities.
- We do not accept requests from religious institutions, research institutions, universities, sports teams, arts organizations, government entities, political parties, or election campaigns.
- Organizations and groups do not need to be registered as non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to qualify for our grants. However, they need to be able to receive money via a bank account or have a fiscal sponsor who can.
- Organizations or groups can apply for the two different types of grants ($5,000 and $10,000) but it should be for different projects.
- If you choose to deny giving a public recognition to G4E in your project for security reasons that will not affect your opportunity to be selected for the grant.

THEMATIC AREAS

Applications must fall into one of the following three thematic areas. The project descriptions below each area are examples but applicants’ projects do not necessarily need to resemble any of these specifically.

- **Health**
  - **HIV Testing & Treatment Access**: HIV testing services, home test kit programs, medication delivery, service locators, etc.
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- **Mental Health Support**: Providing counseling and psychological services, peer or group support services, etc.

- **Trans Health**: Providing and improving access to gender-affirming medical care, providing support for hormone replacement therapy and sex reassignment surgeries.

- **Community Power and Affirmation**
  - **Advocacy and Decriminalization**: Campaigning, peer-support training, hotline and emergency services, advocacy for the abolition of laws that criminalize being LGBTQI+, pushing comprehensive anti-discrimination laws, etc.
  
  - **Trans Protections, Inclusion, and Empowerment**: Campaigning, leadership training and programs, amplifying trans voices, advocating for legal gender recognition, etc.

  - **Historical Documentation**: Collecting, mapping, and preserving queer narratives and oral histories of our movements to be used in advocacy.

- **Safety & Security**
  - **Safety and security**: Providing security and safety trainings and tools, educational materials, etc.

  - **Legal Aid**: Providing support and legal services, litigation, etc.

  - **Organizational Capacity Building**: Improving organizations’ capacities to perform security assessments and implement protection plans, etc.

G4E is continually looking for ways to be of service to the LGBTQ community. If you’d like to learn more about G4E or have questions please contact us at equality@grindr.com.