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Our Portfolio

EMpower has two categories of organisations in its grantmaking portfolio: Circle and Mid-Tier. The Circle Portfolio is made up of smaller organisations that are led by individuals with lived experience in the communities they serve. The Mid-Tier is made up of larger organisations.

Circle Portfolio

EMpower recognizes the intersectional nature of social exclusion, and how different elements of a person’s identity can influence power, advantage, and discrimination. With the Circle Portfolio, we aim to increase funding for local organisations with lived experience leadership.

An organisation with lived experience leadership is led by an individual who is of a racial, ethnic, religious, or tribal minority; indigenous; LGBTQI+; living with a disability; and/or a young person or girl.

We are building a new pipeline and ecosystem of local organisations who will be eligible for EMpower (or other philanthropic) funding.

Within this Portfolio, there are three phases that grantee partners can move through during their funding relationship with EMpower.

**PHASE I**

**FLEXIBLE PROGRAMME SUPPORT**

- **Eligible organisations**
  - EMpower will fund up to 50% flexible funding.
  - Organisations can receive a minimum of $35k to support specific programme needs.

- **Duration**
  - Up to 1–2 years

**PHASE II**

**FLEXIBLE CORE SUPPORT**

- **Eligible organisations**
  - EMpower will fund up to 75% flexible funding.
  - Organisations can receive a minimum of $10–$39k to provide essential core support.

- **Duration**
  - Up to 1–2 years

**PHASE III**

**SUNSET CORE SUPPORT**

- **Eligible organisations**
  - EMpower will fund up to 100% flexible funding.
  - Organisations can receive a minimum of $40–$100k to provide essential core support.

- **Duration**
  - Up to 1–2 years

**Duration of Grants and EMpower Support**

- **Phase I**
  - Grants can be up to 50% of the organisation’s budget.
  - Grants can range from $35k to $1,000,000.
  - Duration can be up to 2 years.

- **Phase II**
  - Grants can be up to 75% of the organisation’s budget.
  - Grants can range from $10–$39k.
  - Duration can be up to 1–2 years.

- **Phase III**
  - Grants can be up to 100% of the organisation’s budget.
  - Grants can range from $40–$100k.
  - Duration can be up to 1–2 years.

**What We Fund**

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**Who We Fund**

We partner with local organisations that promote the inclusion of young people as equal partners for change, especially girls and other young people furthest away from and excluded from power and decision-making. Our grantee partners are committed to gender equality and value and foster collaborative learning.

**Where We Fund**

We support approximately 100 organisations in 15 countries around the world.

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*This grantmaking includes institutional models that are supported and operated with grants from the EMpower Programme Office Endowment (which includes investment, founding, development, and ongoing management).*