

Seed, Grow and Sustain 3.0

Full Application Call 



NUMUN FUND

How to Apply

To apply for the SGS grant, please:

1. Complete a **Simple Eligibility Check** to verify that your group, organisation, or collective qualifies for this grant stream.
2. If you are eligible, you will be redirected to a **Full Application Form**, where we will ask about your activism, your work, and your vision for change.
3. The form can be downloaded in plaintext so that:
 - i. It can help support screen readers and those with limited connectivity
 - ii. You have time to draft offline with your community and constellations.
 - iii. You do not need to sign up to any platform to submit your application.
4. Once you have finished drafting, you can submit your responses by filling in the application form. You can find the link in the form you have downloaded and used for drafting.

[Check your eligibility & apply here](#)



**Please submit your application by Sunday, 6 September, 23:59 Anywhere on Earth. We encourage you to apply early to avoid last-minute stress and missing the deadline.*

Who is Numun Fund?

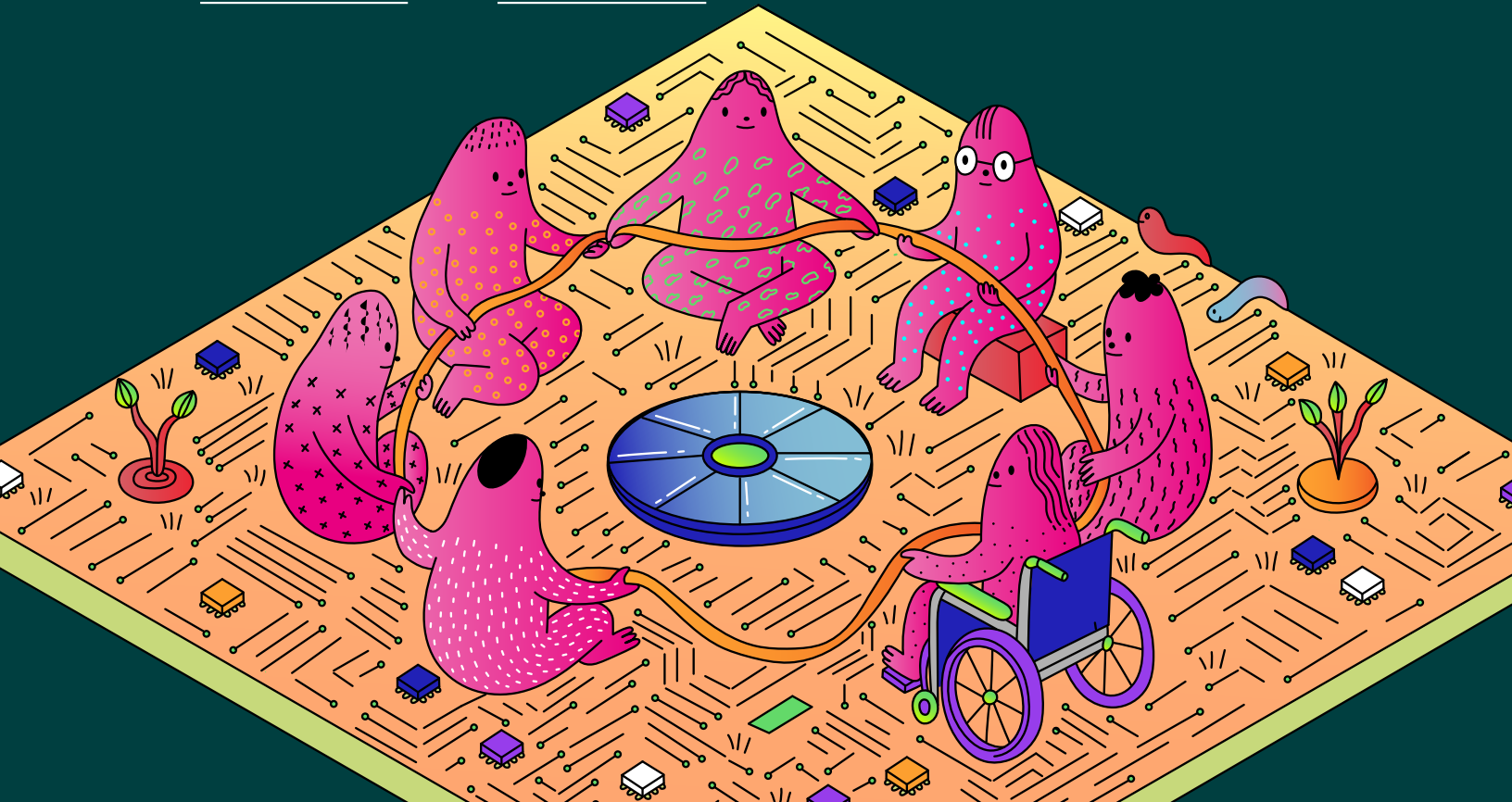


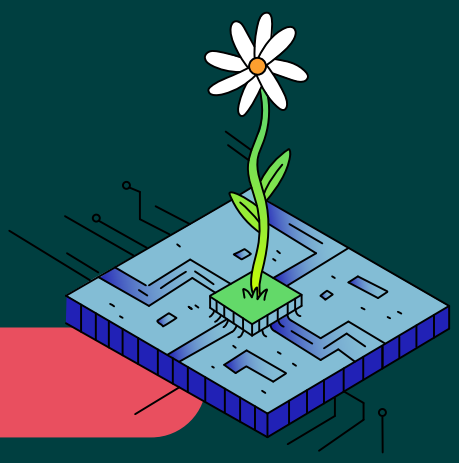
We are a feminist tech fund grounded in and led by the movements we aim to serve.

Our aim is to seed, resource and sustain a thriving ecosystem of feminist activists who define, imagine and shape technology for the world we need.

Numun means “seed” in Sumerian, and honours the fact that art, science, and technology have been led by communities in the Larger Majority World throughout history.

We are a feminist funding response to the critical role of tech in movement organising, and challenge the current status quo where resources and decision-making power around tech are often concentrated in the global north. Numun Fund is the first dedicated fund for feminist tech organising in the Larger Majority World. Read more about [who we are](#) and [what we do](#).





What is the Seed, Grow and Sustain Grant?

The "Seed, Grow & Sustain" grant is a multi-year, core, flexible grant open for initiatives, collectives, groups, and organisations advancing feminist tech activism in the **Larger Majority World**. Now in its third cycle following the first iteration launched in 2022, the programme builds on learnings collated through previous cycles. We will be allocating USD 1.75 million over the two-year duration of this grant cycle.

Recognising feminist tech organising as an emergent movement, the SGS 3.0 cycle offers grants ranging from **USD \$10,000 to \$100,000 over a two-year period**, depending on where the group is in the lifecycle of their organised activism.

Grant Categories:



Seed | USD 10,000 - 20,000

Seeds the work of emerging collectives or initiatives on feminist tech. The idea is to provide resources to support emergent feminist tech collectives or more established activist groups who want to explore a dimension of feminist tech with this grant.



Grow | USD 20,000 - 50,000

Supports the growth of groups or initiatives that have been working together for at least 2 years, in formal or informal ways that would like to deepen or expand their networks, communities, strategies, initiatives or activism.

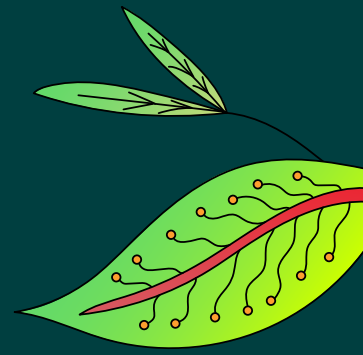


Sustain | USD 50,000 - 100,000

Contributes to the sustainability of the anchors of the feminist tech movement by providing funding that can be directed or adapted to internal organising needs or strategising towards emerging context shifts.

★ *Anchors: We use this term to refer to organisations within the feminist tech movement that lead and support local and/or regional processes alongside other organisations, groups, collectives, and activists.*

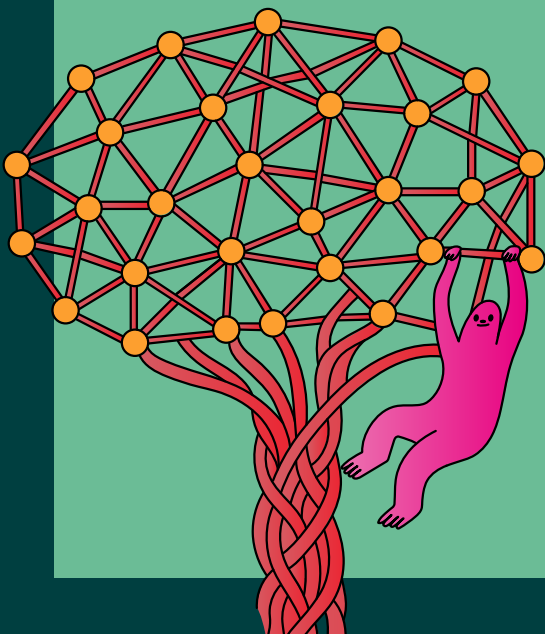
Who Can Apply?



This grant **prioritises organising and leadership located in the Larger Majority World**. This definition encompasses both geography and politics, addressing historic resource disparities, exploitation, and colonialism that leave groups outside the Global North (Western Europe, North America, Australia, and New Zealand) significantly under-resourced.

Eligible Regions and Communities include:

- **Africa:** West, Central, East, and Southern Africa
- **Asia:** Southeast, South, and East Asia
- **WANA:** West Asia and North Africa, and across Arabic-speaking countries
- **Latin America**
- **The Caribbean**
- **Pacific Islands**
- **Eastern Europe & Central Asia**
- Indigenous and migrant communities based anywhere in the world



PLEASE NOTE: Although we have tried to be specific in establishing these criteria to make things as clear as possible, if you believe (based on the politics identified here and our stated goals) that your initiative/collective/group/organisation should be eligible, but you do not feel included by these criteria, we invite you to apply anyway, and let us know in the “additional comments” section your reasons for thinking so.

Ways of Organising

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- **Focus:** Feminist tech must be central to your activism, advocacy, or approach to change.
 - **Legal Status:** We welcome legally registered, formally organised, unregistered groups, and online-only initiatives (e.g., web projects).
 - **Stage of Growth:** New, emerging, established, or experienced—whatever stage you are at in your organising lifecycle.
 - **Structure:** Feminist-focused or women-led programmes within larger human rights or digital rights organisations are eligible.
 - **Minimum Size:** At least two people—we believe organising is powered by connection and collaboration.
 - **Leadership:** Led by the communities whose realities and priorities you aim to meet or represent.
 - **Communities Served:** Your work must comprise or connect with communities historically subjected to discrimination, oppression, exploitation, or exclusion (e.g., Indigenous, women, Afro-descendant, migrant, refugee, LGBTQI+, young people, people with disabilities, rural women, sex workers). If your activism reaches historically marginalised communities in your context, we encourage you to apply.

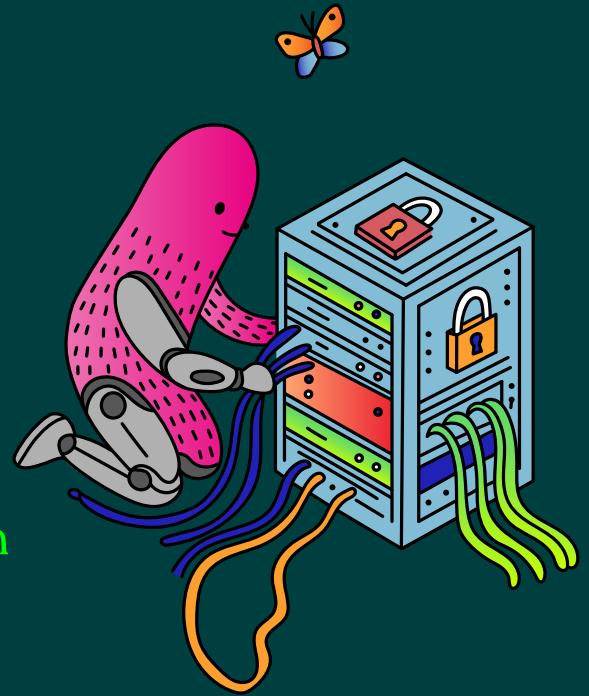
What This Grant Does Not Support

- **Commercial Tech Providers:** For-profit developers or app creators serving non-profits without a direct connection to movement organising. We prioritise social justice agendas over commercial service provision.
- **Global North-Based Groups:** Initiatives based in the Global North, unless led by Indigenous or migrant communities.
- **Disconnected Leadership:** Projects led by the Global North without direct peer partnership or shared leadership with migrant or indigenous communities. We aim to amplify leadership from the Larger Majority World.
- **Isolated Tech Initiatives:** Developers or service providers without direct collaboration with social justice, women's rights, or feminist movements. Our approach is rooted in movement organising.
- **Cis-Men Led Organising:** Feminist tech initiatives led by cis-gender, heterosexual men. Our mission is to strengthen the leadership of women understood in all of their diversity (trans, cis, non-binary, young, older, disabled, etc.) to address the disparity where women are most affected by technology yet least represented in shaping solutions.
- **Political or Religious Dependence:** Groups structurally dependent on political parties, government agencies, or religious institutions.
- **Individual Applications:** We fund collective organising and activism, which we understand to be powered by connection and collaboration.
- **Detached Academic Research:** Research not directly connected to movements or led by the communities it aims to serve.



What is Feminist Tech?

There is no single definition, every context and movement has their own understanding and experiences.



Shifting power is at the heart of it. A feminist engagement with tech sees the field as a site for activism - where power structures and systems are shaped, strengthened or transformed.

For Numun, we prioritise feminist analyses of power and the leadership of communities most affected by developments in science and tech to define, challenge, make and reimagine technologies and their role in our lives.

For these grants, feminist tech is understood from the perspectives of:

Analysis

Uses a feminist approach to unpack power, challenge prevailing power structures and systems of oppression in engagement with digital technologies (e.g. patriarchy, colonialism, racism, capitalism etc), and proposes solutions, alternatives and responses.

Communities

Centres historically excluded, oppressed or discriminated communities and groups of people who are also often most impacted by developments in science and technology in its activism and vision for change (e.g. indigenous, women, afro-descendant, migrant, refugee, LGBTQI, young people, women living in rural communities, people with disabilities, ethnic or religious groups facing marginalisation etc).

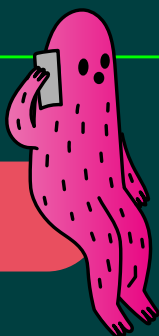
Issues

Forefronts feminist priorities on issues related to technology, rights and social justice. For example, feminist digital safety, bodily integrity and data privacy, tech-facilitated gender-based violence, autonomous tech infrastructures for movement organising, indigenous knowledge and the digital economy, access to sexuality related information and community, feminist engagement with environmental justice and tech, digital archives and memory projects, gender and labour in the tech economy, Majority World frameworks and imagination of tech, and more.

Strategies for Activism

This can be from any strategy: from research to campaigns, technology design and development, community building, capacity building, training, knowledge sharing, archiving, artistic practices, content creation, policy advocacy, convening, holding spaces and facilitation methodologies, piloting alternative social organising systems, providing technology support and services to feminist activists etc - whatever meets the realities and idea of change in your community.

What is the process?



This grant is shaped through input and participation from the Grantmaking Design Circle, an advisory group made up by activists and practitioners in feminist tech, human rights, women's funds and intersectional feminist and social justice movements, led by the Larger Majority World. And from learnings from the SGS 1.0 and SGS 2.0 cycles, including feedback from Numun Nodes and constellations.

**Nodes: like nodes on a plant that can grow leaves, branches or trees that populate ecosystems, "nodes of organisers" are the groups that Numun Fund supports across the Larger Majority World.*

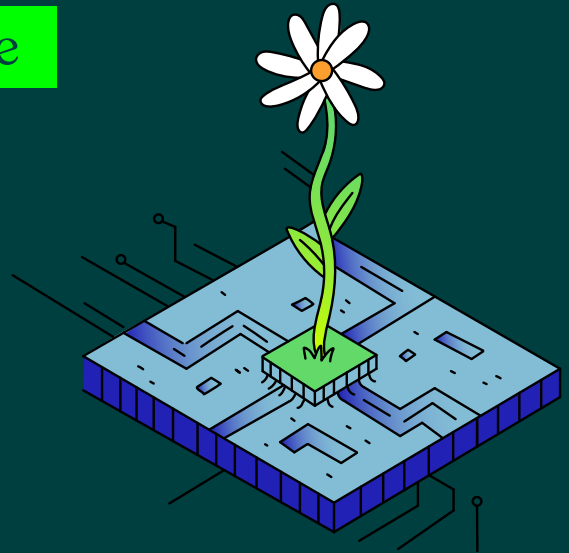
A community-led selection committee (CLSC) will participate in the peer review and final selection of the applications. The committee includes members from the Grantmaking Design Circle, Numun nodes, co dreamers and makers of Numun Fund, as well as activists from priority regions or movements.

Timeline

August

Call for application is open!
Receiving applications
through an online form.
Latest submission date:
6th September 2026.

We will be holding some
Q&A sessions in English,
Arabic and Spanish, register
[\[HERE\]](#) to participate.



September

Applications are screened
and longlisted by Numun
Fund team prioritising
activism that meets
the criteria in the
[Who Can Apply](#) section.

October - November

Longlisted applications are
reviewed and selected by a
community-led selection
committee guided by the
prioritisation criteria.



December

Recommendations are
requested from references
and due diligence is
conducted. We will be
reaching out to your
constellation and
communities to engage in
the due diligence process.

January 2027

All applicants are informed
of their application status.

Language Justice



Numun Fund is currently only able to launch this call and receive applications in English as the primary working language. We recognise that language is a real barrier to accessing funding for many activists and groups, and that there is real power disparity in terms of accessibility of languages online.

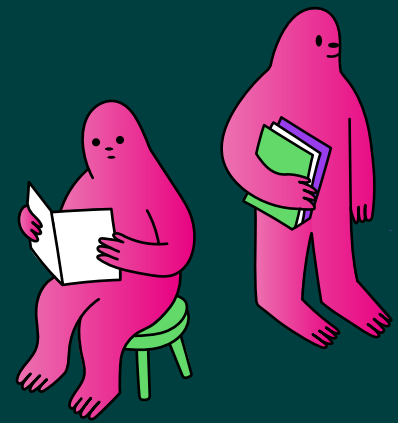
All applications will be read with a default understanding that English is not the first language of the applicant.

We do not have the capacity to provide full end-to-end language support and accompaniment for the entire application process - which includes responding to questions, communicating with applicants, facilitating communications between applications and our community-led selection committee, and fully understanding nuance and context of multiple different languages.

What we are able to support with are:

- Use [Deepl.com](https://www.deepl.com) as a translation tool - while it is limited, we appreciate being able to access tools to support our understanding and communication.
- Provide interpretation in a few Larger World languages such as Arabic, French, Hindi Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish and/or other requested languages provided we can find interpreters, during the FAQ webinars.

Our aim is to support where we can, communicate clearly, be transparent on what we cannot do, and not rely on “perfect solutions.” We continue to learn from the field on how to meaningfully integrate language justice in our grantmaking and work, and welcome any thoughts and advice on how we can better work towards this goal.



Additional Questions?

SGS 3.0 Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

Please refer to our regularly updated FAQs (frequently asked questions) section for questions you might have.

We will update them periodically.

Join Our Webinars

We are organising several online conversations in different languages to share more about this call throughout the month. Please sign up to the session(s) you're interested in using the links below.

- Wednesday, 19 August 2026, 9-10 UTC, in English, with Portuguese, Hindi, French, Mandarin interpretations.
- Thursday, 20 August 2026, 9-10 UTC, in Arabic, with English interpretation.
- Thursday, 20 August 2026, 14 - 15 UTC, in Spanish, with Portuguese, French, English interpretations.

Note that anyone can join any of the webinars through the links above, so please treat it like you would a public space. All participants will also be able to see your Zoom display name, and photo, if you have any. If you do not want to be identified, please edit your profile to set a display name and photo without identifying characteristics, or change them before joining the webinar.

Join Our SGS 3.0 Q&A Signal Group

You can join our Signal group to learn more and ask us questions. The group will be open to receive Q&A from **Monday 24 August 2026 to Wednesday 26 August 2026**.

Please join through this link

https://signal.group/#CjQKIH09tc7rSWQcOUG8_rInsHY0PaEFiG6Jcch8C-qz0S5REhAacfwQbnquNqgJQawHPt3M

You will be able to post your questions when the group opens. Please note that this session will be held in English only.



Note that anyone can join this Signal group through this public link, so please treat it like you would a public space. All participants will also be able to see your Signal display name and photo. If you do not want to be identified, edit your profile to set a display name and photo without identifying characteristics, or change them before joining the group. [You can read more safety tips in Signal group chat here.](#)

Email us

If none of those channels above answer your question, you can also email us at grants@numun.fund with your specific questions with subject header: **SGS 3.0: Question.**

Your questions will also be used to help us update the FAQ. Please note that since we're a small team, we may need some time to reply to your question.

