

## **FY 2025 International Development**

### **1. What is the aim of the Peter Gilgan Foundation's International Development Portfolio?**

The Peter Gilgan Foundation is a private family foundation that aims to support charitable initiatives that build a healthier, prosperous, and sustainable future.

### **2. What are the Foundation's funding priorities?**

The Foundation has four main funding priority areas: Children, Youth and Families, Indigenous Youth, Climate Change, and International Development.

### **3. Who is eligible to apply for an International Development grant program?**

Organizations that meet the following criteria can apply for grant funding from the Foundation. To apply, you must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be a registered Canadian charity.
- Employ at least one paid staff member.
- Have completed a tax return or financial audit for the previous fiscal year
- Have not submitted an unsuccessful Expression of Interest or Full Application to the Peter Gilgan Foundation in the past 12 months

For more information on our eligibility criteria, please visit [Eligibility Guidelines- International Development Grant Program](#).

### **4. What was the outcome of the FY 2024 International Development Grant program?**

In FY 2024, the Foundation approved 19 grants with an average grant size of \$80,000, ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000.

### **5. What types of projects does the foundation fund?**

The International Development Portfolio is the only funding area within the Foundation that targets intervention participants outside Canada and targets women and children who reside in low- and middle-income countries.

The International Development Portfolio has two funding priorities, and they include:

- Maternal and Child Health- The Foundation is committed to reducing infant, child, and maternal death. This year, we are interested in interventions focused on the

relationship between improving quality and access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure and better health outcomes for women and children.

- Education and Empowerment of Girls and Women- The Foundation recognizes that facilitating gender equity yields a sustainable and flourishing world. This year, we are interested in projects that improve the capacity of smallholder women farmers and encourage the growth and strengthening of microenterprises in the informal sector.

For more information on the types of organizations and projects that have received funding from the Foundation in the past, please visit [International Development Grant Recipients](#).

## **6. What does the Foundation look out for in applicants and project interventions?**

The Foundation is excited to receive and review applications from organizations committed to improving the lives of girls and women globally. As a guide, we wanted to share some factors the Foundation considers when reviewing grant applications. First, the Foundation looks for organizations with the structure to effectively and efficiently deploy the grant provided to minimize operational risk and maximize value for money. Second, we look for projects with robust interventions that show a deep understanding of the socio-economic problem and highlight how project activities will improve outcomes and livelihoods. Also, when possible, we look for interventions that provide co-benefits to our other funding priorities, especially climate change. Third, the Foundation looks for projects that promote localization to build long-term sustainability and local capacity. Finally, the Foundation values projects that can catalyze long-term economic growth for participants and their communities.

## **7. What are the application timelines?**

The Expression of Interest application opens on September 16th, 2024, and applicants selected to apply for the next round will be notified in November.

## **8. Who do I contact at the Foundation if my organization has further questions?**

Kindly direct all questions regarding the International Development grant program to [info@petergilganfoundation.org](mailto:info@petergilganfoundation.org)