

The 2026 Carol Bellamy Leadership Award: Call for Applications

What is the Carol Bellamy Leadership Award?

The Carol Bellamy Leadership Award was first launched by the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) in 2021, dedicated to women working at the intersection of women's empowerment and Prevention/Countering Violence Extremism (P/CVE). The CBLA provides funding to its awardees, and supports diverse projects at the intersection of women's empowerment and P/CVE. In particular, the CBLA supports localised solutions to complex needs as regards women's empowerment and P/CVE, and as identified by awardees themselves.

In its 2026 edition, one award of 2,000 USD each will be disbursed to women-led organisations or women working at the nexus of women's empowerment and P/CVE in each GCERF partner country.

Who is eligible to receive a 2026 CBLA?

A woman or women-led organisation working at the nexus of women's empowerment and P/CVE is eligible to apply. In the interests of fairness, however, GCERF partners or previous awardees are not eligible for this award.

One CBLA award will be available in each GCERF partner country.

Awardees will be pooled and selected from a short-list of applicants in Ghana by NORSAAC. NORSAAC is the 2026 CBLA Torchbearers for Ghana and has responsibility to identify award recipients, disburse the awards, monitor implementation, and mentor awardees in implementing their projects.

What does making an application to the CBLA award entail?

- Interested individuals or organisations should email a (maximum) 2-page plan to **recruitments@norsaac.org** detailing how they would plan to use the 2,000 USD as a CBLA awardee and/or submit a short video. If video, the cover page is still mandatory, and the video should cover the questions detailed on page 2 of the cover page.
- Email Subject should be: **NORSAAC CBLA AWARD_ your organizations' name**
- Applicants must specify what pillar(s) their projects will touch upon:
 1. PILLAR 1: Support the development of a small women-led local and grassroots organisation focused on the prevention of violent extremism on however the organisation deems it essential. i.e. By operations, training, office payments, technology purchases, et al.



2. PILLAR 2: Develop the leadership skills of and/or enable the promotion to leadership positions of women in the prevention of violent extremism.
3. PILLAR 3: Identify and support women from communities vulnerable to Violent Extremism to establish and/or run their existing initiatives.
4. The application should also answer the following questions (even if briefly):
 - What is your history or background, or that of your organisation?
 - If successful, how will you use the 2026 CBLA?
 - How will the CBLA allow you to contribute to women's empowerment and the prevention of violent extremism? What pillar does it touch on and how?
 - How will the CBLA allow you to prevent violent extremism?
 - Are you officially registered as a civil society organisation? If yes, you must also submit your official registration file to us if this is the case.

How are the 2026 CBLA awardees selected?

- Using a predetermined selection framework, the applications will be reviewed by NORSAAC.
- Only 1 application will be approved for 2026
- Approved application will run from May to September 2026

Additional Details

Please note that awardees will be asked to provide information on how they are implementing their award throughout 2026.

The CBLA awardees 2026 will be selected and will implement their activities in 2026.

Please note that only women-led organizations or women (as individuals) are eligible to apply. Previous awardees are not eligible.

Deadline for Applications

All applications must be sent to recruitments@norsaac.org by **May 4th 2026**

Individual applicants are **not eligible** under this call.



5. Funding and Duration

- **Grant Size:** GHS 21,200.00, an equivalent of USD 2,000
- **Project Duration:** 4–6 months
- **Implementation Period:** 1st May – 30th September 2026

Proposed Budget. The budget should be in an excel format, in the following;

Codes	Activities Description (including itemized cost)	Quantities	Frequencies	Unit Price (GHS)	Total (GHS)	Budget Justifications

- **Proof of Legal Registration** (certificate or registration documents)