

## What We're Looking For:

The Community Stewardship Fund is designed to keep the GlobalWA community connected, learning, and collaborating beyond June 2026. We'll evaluate Expressions of Interest and then full proposals based on how well they align with the following principles:

### **Serve the community broadly.**

We're looking for efforts that benefit a wide cross-section of GlobalWA's membership across organization sizes, sectors, and issue areas. Proposals that serve only a narrow audience or a single organization are unlikely to be selected.

### **Reflect our values.**

Funded activities should embody GlobalWA's commitment to equity, cross-sector collaboration, and strengthening the global development ecosystem in Washington State. We want to see our values (listed below) in how the work is designed and delivered, not just stated:

**Innovation:** We harness Washington's spirit of local innovation to drive bold solutions and foster global collaboration

**Connection:** We strengthen international ties that fuel our local economy and protect our shared future

**Resilience:** We equip our sector to adapt, lead, and thrive in the face of global challenges

**Equity:** We elevate diverse voices, reduce barriers to participation, and work toward a development sector that reflects and responds to the communities it serves

Equity can show up in many ways depending on the scale and nature of the project. Examples include: offering sliding-scale or no-cost participation; providing hybrid or virtual options; choosing accessible meeting times across time zones and locations; conducting direct outreach efforts to underrepresented or historically excluded groups; sharing leadership of decision-making with community members; or designing activities that reduce barriers for organizations of different sizes, sectors, and resource levels. We welcome a wide range of approaches and encourage applicants to describe what equity looks like in the context of their idea, community, and capacity.

### **Build connection, not just content.**

The heart of GlobalWA has always been bringing people together. We're prioritizing efforts that create opportunities for community members to connect, network, exchange knowledge, and build relationships, not just consume information.

**Involve collaboration.** (*encouraged but not required*)

We welcome proposals that bring together multiple organizations or community members in the design and delivery of the work.

**Plan for what comes next.**

We want to invest in activities that can sustain themselves beyond this initial funding through volunteer leadership, institutional partnerships, modest fees, or other means. Show us a credible path forward, even if it's simple.

**Be realistic about what you can deliver.**

We're working on a compressed timeline. Proposals should reflect what you can genuinely accomplish, with the capacity and resources you actually have.

**What falls outside the scope of this fund:**

- Activities that primarily benefit a single organization rather than the broader community
- Projects unrelated to GlobalWA's mission of supporting the global development community in Washington State
- Requests for general operating support without a specific community-facing activity
- Activities that duplicate existing programming already well-served by other organizations