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**Call for Applications**

The Collective Impact Partners (CIP), invite applications from interested NGOs and Civil Society leaders residing in the state of Maharashtra to participate in an intensive advocacy leadership accelerator program. The program will enable participants to strengthen their leadership styles, acquire new skills, and develop strategies to improve the lives of girls and women in their communities. For more information about the Collective Impact Partners visit <http://www.riseuptogether.org>

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be women or trans\* leaders at least 18 years of age.
2. Be Local residents of the state of Maharashtra.
3. Have personal interest and currently committed to promoting women’s equality and human rights and in particular economic empowerment.
4. Have 3-5 years of demonstrated experience, or the equivalent, in at least one of the following thematic areas:
* Economic justice and empowerment
* Youth Development
* Gender
* Human rights
* Media
* Community mobilization and community development
* Micro-enterprise, credit or savings
* Public policy or advocacy
* Technology
1. Be part of a women- led organization, network or community group that is:
	* Based in Maharashtra, India
	* Focused on advancing women’s equality and human rights, with these goals clearly reflected in its activities.
	* Governed, directed, and led by women, girls, or trans people, that is they must fill all or most of the leadership roles throughout the various decision-making levels of the group (including but not limited to the most senior decision-making levels).
	* Please note that groups not need to be registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
2. Must have access and ability to use the internet.
3. Must have the support of the leadership of your organization, institution, or group to participate in a training in summer of 2018 and coaching and networking through 2020.

Please note: (1) *To be eligible to receive a future grant, your organization/ network – or fiscal sponsor – must be approved under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 2010 (FCRA) and be tax exempt. (2) You must be available to attend two trainings in 2018: 17-21 July, and 29 August – 4 September; and one training in 2019.*

Interested qualified applicants should either download the application form from our website or complete the form below and mail on or before May 1, 2018 to Laila Mehta, Rise Up’s CIP Program Manager at lmehta@riseuptogether.org with cc to info@riseuptogether.org.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please complete the application below and attach your Curriculum Vitae or resume.

**SECTION I: INDIVIDUAL PROFILE**

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| Candidate’s Name: |
| Full address: |
| Telephone number (with area code): | Cell phone number: |
| Email (work): | Email (personal): |
| Your position: | Dates of employment: from / to |
| Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_Age: | Birthplace (City, State): |
| Gender:[ ]  Man [ ]  Woman [ ]  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| Name of your supervisor: | Email and phone number of your supervisor: |
| Language of preference: (please mark all that apply) |
| **English**Understand: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Speak:Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Read: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Write: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ]   | **Marathi**Understand: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Speak: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Read: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Write: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ]  | **Hindi**Understand: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Speak: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Read: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ] Write: Poor [ ]  Fair [ ]  Good [ ]  |

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| **Leadership**  |
| 1. Briefly describe your current job responsibilities.
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| **Work with women and girls**  |
| 1. Are you currently working on a project focused on adolescent girls and / or women?

If so, please describe this project, how are you involved, and the challenges and achievements to date. If you do not work with girls or women, how will you apply what you learn from the Leadership Accelerator in your current job? |

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| 1. What personal benefits, skills or knowledge, do you hope to gain from your participation in this training program in the field of education, economic empowerment, equity and social justice for adolescent girls and / or women?
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| 1. A key component of your participation in this Leadership Accelerator is the opportunity to compete for seed funds to develop an advocacy project in economic empowerment, equity, and social justice for adolescent girls and / or women. If you were selected, what would be an advocacy project that you would like to develop?
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| 1. Do you have experience forming or leading advocacy or change work using digital media/ social media?
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 **SECTION II: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE**

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| Name of your organization/network/community group: |
| Office address (if applicable): | Street address: (if applicable): | Telephone number of the organization: |
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| Date on which it was established:  |  Legal /Registration status: | Annual operating budget (in US dollars): |
| Number of employees (if applicable): | Number of volunteers (if applicable):  |
| Geographic service area (national, regional, state, local government, community, other):  |
| Language staff/ colleagues speak: English [ ]  Marathi [ ]  Hindi [ ]  Other:\_\_\_\_\_Language staff/ colleagues understand : English [ ]  Marathi [ ]  Hindi [ ]  Other:\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Focus / Thematic areas: |
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| 1. In 100 words or less, tell us briefly how your organization/network/community group was founded, as well as its current mission and vision.

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| 1. Briefly describe your organization/network/community group's programs in, economic empowerment, equity and social justice. Be sure to highlight programs and activities your organization/network/community group currently implements or wants to implement in Maharashtra.
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| 1. Why does your organization/network/community group want you to participate in this program? How do you hope your organization would benefit?
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| 1. In 150 words or less, briefly describe how your organization/network/community group contributes to strengthened women’s rights and other social movements in your country or region.
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| 1. Please indicate the number of your staff and board as well as their self-identified gender (if applicable).

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|  | Staff (paid and unpaid) | Board |
| Total number of women |  |  |
| Total number of men |  |  |
| Number of individuals who identify as trans or a gender identity not listed |  |  |
| TOTAL |  |  |

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**SECTION III: LOGISTICS**

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| **Availability**  |
| Are there any professional or personal reasons that may make it difficult for you to participate in 2 trainings in Mumbai scheduled for July (5 days) and August (one week) in 2018?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

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| **Who would have to approve your participation in our training?** |
| Name: |
| Organization and Title: |
| Phone number: | Email: |
| **Please enter information of a professional reference:** |
| First name: |
| Organization and Title: |
| Phone number: Email: |
| Professional relationship with this person:  |

 *Thanks for your interest!*

***The deadline to apply is May 1, 2017***

Send your completed application by email to Laila Mehta, Rise Up’s CIP Program Manager at lmehta@riseuptogether.org with cc to info@riseuptogether.org.