Alongside its grants, Mama Cash accompanies groups as they develop and learn according to their own vision.

We refreshed our accompaniment strategy this year to ensure that it is transparent, structural, partner-led, and sustainable. The new strategy is responsive to the groups and movements we support. They tell us that in addition to direct funding of their work, they need support to set up and strengthen the structures and mechanisms that make their work possible and sustainable in the long-term.

Our accompaniment - which focuses on Resilience Fund grantee-partners - takes different forms throughout their ten-year (on average) relationship with Mama Cash. In addition to non-financial accompaniment support, grantee-partners can also receive financial support, such as an end-of-trajectory grant that can be used to make sure that they are in a strong place to continue their work once they graduate from our grantmaking support.

This year, several grantee-partners used an end-of-trajectory grant to make an important large purchase, such as a building, office space, and a vehicle. For communities that are historically disenfranchised and often deliberately excluded from owning property, this provision is not only financially beneficial, but also politically important.

Accompaniment can be used to address the specific needs of organisational leaders or staff, such as skills training or support for holistic security. One grantee-partner received an accompaniment grant to support the mental and spiritual health of staff who have been under severe strain due to security threats. Another made use of accompaniment funding to hold its first staff retreat, and finally meet in person after working remotely for several years.

Several grantee-partners received non-financial accompaniment in the form of storytelling training. The training was linked to their participation in developing Mama Cash’s baseline, a key component of our feminist approach to learning, monitoring, and evaluation (see page 38).

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**Red Umbrella Fund**

Red Umbrella Fund is a global participatory fund by and for sex workers. Launched in 2012, the fund is hosted by Mama Cash.

Red Umbrella Fund (RUF) works to strengthen and ensure the sustainability of the global sex workers’ rights movement. RUF supports community-led groups and networks that work to ensure that the rights of sex workers are respected, and that all sex workers can live lives free from criminalisation, stigma, and violence.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of Red Umbrella Fund. For the first time ever, the grantmaking budget exceeded one million euros, an increase of €365,000 euros from the previous year. RUF received 226 applications and continued to distribute over 70% of its annual budget in core flexible grants to sex worker-led organisations around the world.

RUF launched a new website - www.redumbrellafund.org - in English, French, Russian, and Spanish. The website provides information on the fund’s processes and showcases the learning from a decade of resourcing and accompanying sex worker-led organisations worldwide. The website also includes information on the organisations supported, as well as an extensive catalogue of resources for funders and sex workers.

In 2022, RUF welcomed four International Steering Committee members, five Programme Advisory Committee members, and a Secretariat staff member. We continued to learn, experiment, and grow stronger, while also reflecting on those who made the past ten years possible: the sex workers’ rights movement, and the supportive donors and allies who have championed the values of shifting power. One of the fierce individuals behind RUF was Carol Leigh, who passed away in 2022. Among many other achievements that we will remember her for, Carol was also credited with having coined the term ‘sex work’. Rest in peace and power, Carol.

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**Red Umbrella Fund’s Institutional Funders:**

- American Jewish World Service
- Comic Relief
- Dreilinden
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) - Count Me In! 2.0
- Nationale Postcode Loterij (Dutch Postcode Lottery)
- Equality Fund
- Foundation for a Just Society
- Humanity United
- Oak Foundation
- Open Society Foundations
- Wellspring Philanthropic Fund

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**TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED**

€905,500

**AVERAGE AMOUNT PER GRANT**

€20,580

**NUMBER OF GRANTS**

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