



Request for Proposals (RFP)

Small Grants Program

Target Province: Balkh

Introduction:

The Small Grants Program seeks to support community-driven initiatives that foster dispute resolution, community cohesion, and sustainable development. Our program emphasizes peacebuilding, social inclusion, and the empowerment of marginalized groups. Eligible organizations are encouraged to submit proposals that align with our core objectives.

Program Objectives:

1. **Conflict Resolution:** Promote peacebuilding and reconciliation within communities through effective conflict resolution, mediation.
2. **Community Cohesion:** Support cultural, educational, and recreational programs that enhance social cohesion, including community dialogues and forums addressing local issues.
3. **Support for Local Civil Society Organizations:** Strengthen the capacity of local civil society organizations by funding initiatives focused on advocacy, capacity building, and addressing local needs.
4. **Sustainable Development:** Fund projects that promote environmental sustainability, including sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and conservation efforts.
5. **Empowerment of Marginalized Groups:** Support projects that empower vulnerable populations by promoting access to justice, skills training, economic empowerment.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Applicant Profile:**
 - Registered Non-Profit Organizations, Community Groups, or Local Civil Society Organizations operating in the target provinces.
 - Demonstrated commitment to community betterment, conflict resolution, and social cohesion.
2. **Project Relevance:**
 - Alignment with program objectives of an access to justice project.
 - Clearly defined goals and measurable outcomes.
3. **Impact Potential:**

- Potential for significant positive impact on the community.
- Projects should include metrics for success and sustainability.
- 4. **Innovation and Creativity:**
 - Proposals should demonstrate innovative solutions to local challenges and have the potential for scalability or replication in other communities.
- 5. **Collaboration and Partnerships:**
 - Projects must engage local stakeholders and form partnerships that enhance project effectiveness and sustainability.

Application Process:

1. **Proposal Submission:**

Applicants must submit a complete application form, along with a detailed project proposal outlining the project's objectives, methodology, budget, and timeline. Proposals can be submitted in Dari, Pashtu, or English. Supporting documents, such as proof of organizational registration, should also be included.

2. **Capacity-Building Support:**

SDO will offer capacity-building support to selected organizations in project management, financial management, and monitoring and evaluation to ensure successful implementation.

3. **Review and Evaluation:**

- Proposals will undergo an initial screening for eligibility.
- A selection committee will conduct a detailed evaluation based on the criteria outlined above.

4. **Interviews and Site Visits:**

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed, and site visits may be conducted for projects with significant community involvement or logistical considerations.

Timeline:

- **Submission Deadline:** 20th Sept 2024

Grant Details:

- **Budget Allocation per Project:** Euro 1,000 to Euro 3,000.
- Funds will be disbursed according to the agreed schedule, following the signing of a grant agreement.

Contact Information:

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