

Call for Proposals 1: Local Authorities (from CSO-LA thematic programme)

1. Basic act and/or Financing source

Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 and in particular its Article 8.

Budget line: 21.020802.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities and expected results

The **general objective** of the programme is to enhance Local Authorities' contribution towards good governance and development processes in South Africa.

The **specific objective** of this Call for Proposals is to support initiatives that enhance participatory governance by creating an inclusive and open democratic space for municipal stakeholders and to enhance the capacity of local authorities to be more responsive in the delivery of services and promotion of inclusive growth.

Fields of intervention could include, but are not limited to: capacity building for efficiency and democratic governance; process design & testing to facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement for inclusive participation and planning; exchanges of best practice and enabling gender equality, public awareness of services delivered by LAs; establishment of partnerships for service delivery.

3. Eligibility conditions

As applicant: the eligibility of applicants is restricted to all types local authorities (LAs) and their associations originating (ALAs) from South Africa; from countries that are signatories to the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000, including South Africa; and from the EU Member States and contracting parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

As Co-applicant and affiliated entities: the eligibility of Co-applicant and affiliated entities is restricted to LAs and/or their associations and/or all types of CSOs and/or their associations originating from the countries described above under applicant.

Actions must take place in South Africa.

The details will be further specified in the Guidelines for Grant Applicants.

The potential applicant may not participate in calls for proposals or be awarded grants if it is in any of the situations listed in section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions available from the following internet address:

<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?chapterId=2.3.3.&id=221>

4. Selection and award criteria

The essential selection criteria are the financial and operational capacity of the applicant, as well as the expertise of the applicant in the field of the call.

The essential award criteria are relevance of the proposed action to the objectives of the call; design, effectiveness, feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.

5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

South African LA/ALA Applicant: 90% of the total eligible costs of the action;

European LAs/ALAs: maximum of 75% of the total eligible costs.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

First quarter 2016.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

Total amount available: EUR 2,400,000

Important notice: *The European Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds. Similarly, this amount could be increased should more funds become available.*

Call for Proposals 2: European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) Country Based Support Scheme (CBSS)

1. Basic Act and Financing Source

Regulation (EU) No 235/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2004 establishing a Financing Instrument for the Promotion of Democracy and Humans Rights worldwide (EIDHR).

Budget line: 21.040100.

2. Objectives of the programme, priorities and expected results

The **general objective** of the Call is the enhancement of democracy and human rights in South Africa.

The **specific objective** of the Call is to support the work of local civil society on political, civil, economic, social, and cultural rights in South Africa.

Fields of intervention could include, but are not limited to: freedom of expression and access to information; rights of persons belonging to minorities; rights of farm workers and farm dwellers, rights of persons with disabilities and any other vulnerable groups; support to the structure and operation of trade unions or worker's organisations aimed at fostering social dialogue between different actors, promoting mechanisms for exchange of opinions and the fulfilment of labour rights; advancement of business and human rights in the context of guides and principles at national and international level; promotion of gender equality and fight against sexual and gender based violence, and; support to accountability measures, fight against impunity and prevent torture and other forms of ill-treatment.

3. Eligibility conditions

The eligibility criteria for applicants are the one defined in the Article 11.2 of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 on common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action (CIR).

Actions must take place in South Africa.

4. Selection and award criteria

The essential selection criteria are the financial and operational capacity of the applicant, as well as the expertise of the applicant in the field of the call.

The essential award criteria are relevance of the proposed action to the objectives of the call; design, effectiveness, feasibility, sustainability and cost-effectiveness of the action.

Actions must take place in South Africa.

5. Maximum rate of European Union financing

The maximum possible rate of co-financing for grants under this call is 95%.

6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals

First quarter 2016.

7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

Total Amount available: EUR 1,170,000

Important notice: *The European Commission reserves the right not to award all available funds. Similarly, this amount could be increased should more funds become available.*

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