

**WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS**  
**of the European Union in Vietnam for the**  
**EU Justice and Legal Empowerment Programme in Vietnam (EU JULE)**

**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.

**2. Objectives of the programme, priorities and expected results**

The EU JULE Programme aims to strengthen the rule of law in Vietnam through a more reliable, trusted and better accessed justice system. This objective will be achieved by increasing access to justice for vulnerable groups, and in particular for women, children, ethnic minorities and poor people. The strategic approach is to make people aware of their legal rights, help them invoke those rights in practice, and to improve the availability of pragmatic legal advice, assistance and, when needed, representation.

Two main mechanisms will be established under the Programme: (i) the Justice Initiative Facilitation Fund (JIFF) to support civil society through a single grant, with sub-granting as a main purpose; (ii) an Indirect Management Delegation Agreement with the UNDP to provide targeted capacity building to institutions and evidence-based research.

This work programme concerns the first mechanism. The call for proposals will award a unique grant for the management of the "Justice Initiatives Facilitation Fund" (JIFF) to a "Fund Manager". Sub-granting is the main purpose of this unique grant as the JIFF will support civil society initiatives through small grants towards the achievement of all four Programme results. This single grant contract would entail: (i) the administration of the sub-grants for civil society, research by universities and research institutes and the media; (ii) secretarial functions for the grants selection; and (iii) provision of technical assistance to and capacity development of grantees.

**3. Eligibility conditions**

Potential applicants are likely to be organisations with an international profile and having an understanding of the Vietnamese context, of the justice sector and of civil society capacity development. The indicative key eligibility criteria will be: (i) be a legal entity, registered in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Fund Manager is based; (ii) be non-profit making; (iii) be a non-governmental organisation, a public sector operator or an international (inter-governmental) organisation as defined by Article 43 of the Rules of application of the EU Financial Regulation; (iv) be registered in a country meeting the eligibility

criteria set out in Article 9 of the EU regulations laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

#### **4. Selection and award criteria**

The essential selection criteria are financial and operational capacity of the applicant.

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**

The maximum possible rate of co-financing for the unique grant to be awarded under this call is 100%. Full funding is essential for the action to be carried out as it is in the interest of the Union to be the sole donor to the action. As the main purpose of this grant is to support civil society via sub-granting, the grantee (Fund Manager) should only act as an external/neutral secretariat of the Grant Selection Committee to be established for the decision-making regarding grant awards.

The maximum possible rate of c-financing may be up to 100% in accordance with Article 192 Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 if full funding is essential for the action to be carried out. The essentiality of full funding will be justified by the responsible authorising officer in the award decision in respect of the principle of equal treatment and sound financial management.

#### **6. Indicative time-schedule of calls for proposals**

First quarter of 2015.

#### **7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals**

EUR 8,600,000.-

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