Call for Applications: Community Based Organisations (CBOs)

Request for Proposals (RFP2) for Community Based Organisations (CBOs)

The GBVF Response Fund is a part of a national response to gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) in South Africa. The Fund has been set up to galvanize action around the GBVF National Strategic Plan (NSP). Led by an independent Board of Directors, the Fund is a private sector-led initiative that aims to consolidate, ensure a consistent and coordinated approach in response to GBVF in society and the world of work.

The Brief

The GBVF Response Fund announced a request for proposals (RFP) for Community Based Organisations (CBOs) in 2023 which received an overwhelming response from CBOs. The selection process for the 2023 RFP is in the final stages and the results will be announced in the coming weeks. The current call for applications is meant to ensure sufficient coverage by GBV hotspot, province and specific thematic areas and/or target groups as well as provide resources for capacity development purposes.

It is upon this basis that the GBVF Response Fund is extending an invitation to eligible community based organizations (CBOs) actively involved in the implementation of initiatives that are aligned to the GBVF NSP. The current Request for Proposals (RFP2) encourages a broad spectrum of CBOs to engage in the ongoing efforts to combat GBVF in alignment with the NSP.

Eligibility Criteria:
Alignment to NSP Pillars as follows:
1. Accountability, coordination and leadership
2. Prevention and rebuilding social cohesion
3. Justice, safety and protection
4. Response, care, support and healing
5. Economic power

The Fund will continue prioritization of CBOs with an expanded programming focus:
1. Organisations working in rural, peri-urban, informal settlements, under-resourced and marginalised areas;
2. GBV hotposts
3. Scale up with the aim of intensifying GBVF prevention efforts particularly through evidence-informed and evidence-based interventions.
4. Intersectionality to address multiple forms of violence. For example, addressing the intersections between GBV Against Women and GBV Against Children (VAW/VAC), GBV and disability; GBV and HIV, etc.
5. Intergenerational approaches to break the intergenerational cycle of GBV, intervene early among children and elevate the voices of children, youth, etc.
6. Organizations working with vulnerable and underserved groups such as Persons Living with Disabilities, sex workers, LGBTQI+, etc.
7. RFP1 performance against set targets and outcomes.
8. Capacity development including institutional strengthening for CBOs.

Compliance Requirements:
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1. Must be a legally registered in South African as a Non-profit company (NPC) or Trust with CIPC. No International organisations will be considered.
2. Have been registered not less than three (3) years before the date of the application.
3. Submission of Company registration documents
5. Last three (3) years Audited annual financial statements with auditor's letter (Signed).
6. Bank Account Confirmation letter (Not older than 3 months)
7. Board/Governing members' as well as senior management identity documents and proof of addresses (with consent).
8. Past performance capacity statements.
9. Submission of organizational capacity statement or profile together with organogram outlining the qualifications for key personnel which will be involved in the implementation of grant, including financial and programme management and implementation of community-based GBV programmes.
10. Attestation from applicant confirming that the aforementioned documents were prepared, and where necessary, were received from the various applicable legislative authorities and are in accordance with the applicable standards and incorporate full and responsible disclosure
11. The Applicant must confirm that consent was given by the authorised person whose personal documents were submitted to the GBVF Response Fund 1 – (Resolution from the board)

Grant Amounts to be Awarded:
Successful applicants will be awarded grants for a maximum of R800 000 over two years. Where CBOs were previously funded, the Fund will determine eligibility for proposals submitted based on RFP1 performance. Similarly, funding for subsequent year(s) will be conditional based on satisfactory performance of the CBOs during the first year of implementation. The metrics to assess performance will be agreed upon by the Fund, Grant Management Partners and CBOs before disbursement of the grant can be made.

Proposal Submission Deadline: The RFP will be open from 12th February 2024 and proposals are due on the 9th March 2024 close of business (00:00 midnight). Please submit your proposal electronically via this LINK (https://applications.gbvfresponsefund1.org/#/ApplicationForm). For any enquiries, send an email to grantpartners@gbvfresponsefund1.org.

Application Form: The application link can be found on and must be submitted on this LINK. Only application templates that are completed fully will be considered for the screening process. However, INCOMPLETE applications will be disqualified.

Protection of Personal Information
The GBVF Response Fund will only collect, process, transfer and disclose your personal information for the purpose of rendering its services (either to you or in relation to you), complying with your instructions or the instructions of your mandated/authorised official or representative, verifying your identity, detecting fraud and preventing money laundering, compliance with laws and public duties, monitoring the services provided in order to accurately carry out your instruction or those of your mandated official, to assist in improving The GBVF Response Fund and in the interests of security and crime prevention and analysis in order to assess and improve The GBVF Response Fund’s business or the business of The GBVF Response Fund associated entities and the services offered as well as for operational, audit, legal, and record keeping purposes. In addition, The GBVF Response Fund may collect necessary information from you directly, from your appointed mandated/authorised official or representative, any Regulator, or other third parties that may hold such information.