



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL PROJECT AND SUPPORT FUND (SPSF) PROGRAM. COMPONENT 2: JULY 2024

Activities protecting Human Rights

BACKGROUND

The **SMALL PROJECT AND SUPPORT FUND (SPSF)** aims to empower communities to act and participate in their own development through actions that are designed, implemented and owned by the communities themselves. This is a call for applications for funding for activities that provide an immediate response to Human Rights violations (**Component 2**) rapid response in South Africa through, for example, legal support and/or mobilisation. The activities will have the overall aim of empowering vulnerable communities. The applicant will need to demonstrate what the situation was before the violation happened and how this rapid response intervention will restore human rights.

OBJECTIVES

- The grant aims to provide support in responding to emergency situations and will be mainly focused on protection measures for vulnerable, marginalised and indigent individuals and communities.
- The response to emergency demands will be through direct community support, which may include, among other actions, logistical support, advocacy work, humanitarian assistance, access to Sexual Reproductive Health Rights, physical and psychological health care, assistance with engagement of legal advice/services and strengthening of safety networks.
- The calls seeks to support **projects under component 2**, the maximum grant amount is 75.000 ZAR during the current financial year 2024/25 financial year. There are no geographical focus areas. **The maximum period for the implementation of the emergency activities is 6 weeks.**

Please take time to review our funding criteria below to determine if you are eligible for funding.

WHO CAN APPLY

Applications may be made by individuals or legally registered non-governmental organizations who are based in South Africa.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE CALL

As the call is structured as a response to emergency situations, there is no closing date but the targeted number of projects to be funded under this financial year is **eight (8)**. Once this number is reached the call will automatically close.

EXCLUSIONS

Any projects/entities that:

- Are currently being supported and funded by AIDS Foundation of South Africa (AFSA) during the 1 April 2024/31 March 2025 Financial Year will not be eligible to apply for funds from the Ukusekela-SPSF.
- Are already being funded by Bread for the World (BfdW) cannot be supported through the Ukusekela-SPSF or are funded in the 1 April 2024/31 March 2025 Financial Year.
- Are part of government structures or are in any way linked to government cannot be funded.
- Entities that have an annual budget of more than R1.5m will not be considered for funding.
- The grant cannot be used to support any **HIV/AIDS** related work.
- The grant will not provide support for stipends/Human Resource related costs
- The grant will not provide support for the purchase of equipment that is not directly linked to the intended rapid response.
- The grant will not provide support for the organisations cash flow problems.
- The grant will not provide support for planned projects/activities/service delivery programs- these must be rapid and emerging in nature.
- **Top up** funding request will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Completion and submission of **'Intention to apply form'**
2. If shortlisted, the applicant will be invited to submit a **full application** where supporting documentation will be required; within 24 hours.
3. The full application will then be submitted for review by the Approvals committee who are mandated to review the application; within 36 hours.
4. A response will be provided to the applicant on the outcome of their application and the project team will then engage with the applicant and thorough due diligence will be conducted.

ENQUIRIES

Please submit any queries regarding this call to: snegugu@aidsonline.org.za; 031 277 2700
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