



Response to Questions: Request for Applications- Yes We Can Funding Window

Questions	Answers
Whether the call is restricted for those towns mentioned or it is considering the counties under the same states?	The Request for Applications (RFA) targets the former States e.g. Yambio as in former Western Equatoria, Bor as former Jonglei State, Rumbek as former Lakes State, Wau as former Western Bahr Ghazal State and Torit as former Eastern Equatoria.
Is it possible to form consortium within our locations for joint application?	The YWC window targets capacity development of <u>individual organisations</u> . However, there is possibility of proposing joint or coordinated activities.
Can't a CSO apply if it hasn't operated for more than three years?	The RFA eligibility criterion requires evidence of existence and operation for the last three years. However, CSF has a funding window "Small Beginnings" for small and new CSOs; this will open in the near future.
Can't a CSO apply if not given recommendation letter by its current donor, assuming a CSO still has a new donor?	A recommendation letter, from at least one donor is required as a support document. Even, a current donor can provide a recommendation letter.
Which spaces can response to questions given in proposal template? Is it that small gap between questions we can response to?	Provide your responses under the questions. The questions are meant to guide you on the type of information you need to provide under each section. The number of pages required per section is indicated in the application template. Once you have responded to the section, please remember to delete the guiding questions.

<p>Our organization agreed to capacity gaps identified/mentioned in the call for proposal so can we just go ahead to write proposal based on those provided? Some are not relevant and we feel not to include in our proposal writing?</p>	<p>The list of capacity gaps listed in the RFA is not exhaustive but was more illustrative of the kind of capacity development activities that CSF will support. Each applicant is expected to analyse their own capacity gaps and propose how these will be addressed with CSF support.</p>
<p>How many staffs is the call for proposal targeting per organization? Is it open to anyone interested to be trained or limited to staffs in each Organization?</p>	<p>The staff to be trained will be determined by the results of the Organizational Capacity Assessment. Once an applicant has identified and prioritised areas for capacity development then the organization will determine the number of the staff it will want to train based on the resources available.</p>
<p>Can applicants use the title mentioned in Request-for-Applications-Yes-We-Can-Funding-Window-Application-Guidelines or we use different title?</p>	<p>Yes We Can Funding window is the name for CSF grant window; you can suggest your own project title under the project summary in the application form.</p>
<p>Does a CSO require a physical presence in one of those mentioned towns?</p>	<p>Yes, CSF requires CSOs have physical presence and are operational by implementing activities in those locations.</p>
<p>Is it possible to apply using a different application format rather than the one provided by CSF?</p>	<p>CSF has attached its approved proposal template for you to complete. Filling a separate template will render your application non-compliant and you will be disqualified on that basis alone.</p>
<p>Who are the target beneficiaries in terms of gender perspective?</p>	<p>For the capacity development activities, CSF does not prescribe the beneficiaries in terms of gender because the areas identified to be improved will be identified by the OCA results. But we do expect that both female and male staff benefit from capacity development activities as appropriate. With the advocacy activities we require beneficiaries to be disaggregated by gender and age</p>
<p>What is the proposed project start date? Should the organization propose their own project start date or there is recommendation/restriction?</p>	<p>We expect to award the grants in September 2019. Kindly propose the start dates in your application.</p>
<p>Is it allowed for organization to include community/local authorities/stakeholders in the engagement activities aimed at learning by doing?</p>	<p>The organisational capacity development component targets the staff of the CSOs only; however, applicants are highly encouraged to include the community and local authorities in the advocacy activities.</p>

<p>Can CSF give the grant to women led organization that is not able meet all the requirements set in applications template?</p>	<p>CSF highly encourages women led organisations to apply so long as they meet all the eligibility criteria indicated in the RFA. For those that do not meet the eligibility criteria CSF advises that you to wait for other windows that might be more suitable. Other windows will be advertised in due course.</p>
<p>Does CSF grant include the following as organizational capacity building:- a) Office rent b) Power installation c) Internet d) Computer and e) Printer</p>	<p>Yes, these are eligible costs but not the core of organisational capacity development. Kindly note that under the budgeting guidelines, the grant will allow for a maximum of 10% of the overall budget to be allocated to these costs.</p>
<p>We are operating in the three States of former ten of South Sudan. Are we going to Submit only one proposal for the three locations?</p>	<p>The RFA is majorly for the institutional capacity development of an organization. Therefore, submit <u>only one proposal</u> and for the advocacy activities you can choose one of your locations of operation. Also, please bear in mind the maximum budget of US\$50,000 per applicant.</p>
<p>I would like to ask whether CSF can support movie production in relation to the problems facing South Sudan, as our organization is trying to support the whole Nation through Live Movies and radio dramas on peace building, empowering women, Youths and many others.</p>	<p>The core of this RFA is for <u>organizational capacity development</u> and an application that does not reflect this will not be funded. However, up to 30% of the budget can be used for advocacy activities. If your organization feels its advocacy is best done using movies, then that is an allowable cost in this funding window.</p>
<p>The RFA indicates that, funding only staff salaries is ineligible cost; does it mean the funding does not cater for the staff salary during the funding period?</p>	<p>The core of the funding is capacity development. The project can therefore support the salaries of the core project staff as well as contribute a fair share for salaries of supporting staff. Please refer to the guidelines on the budget template.</p>
<p>The financial requirements highlight the need for audited accounts for the previous year and financial statements. What happens to organizations that have not been audited previously?</p>	<p>In the absence of audited statements, any other official document demonstrating the annual income of the previous year will be accepted. These can include: bank statements, signed contracts with the donors indicated the amount obligated.</p>