



United States Mission to South Africa

President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) HIV and AIDS Community Grants Program



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) HIV and AIDS Community Grants Program is funded to support community-based organizations in the highest burden districts in South Africa.

The Community Grants Program funds organizations that offer evidence based activities in HIV prevention, care and support; capacity building; reduction of stigma and discrimination; and democracy, governance and human rights as related to the national HIV response. Organizations providing any combination of these interventions to key and/or priority populations (populations defined below), people living with HIV (PLHIV), orphans, vulnerable children and youth (OVCY) and/or adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) will be considered for funding. The Community Grants Program funds organizations providing direct HIV prevention, care and/or support services, as well as organizations which support the promotion, protection, and respect for human rights and the reduction of stigma and discrimination related to HIV. Effective implementation of any of these activities also requires building the capacity of civil society organizations in areas such as monitoring and evaluation and case management, as such, capacity building directly related to HIV activities is also considered for funding. The Community Grants Program will fund the programmatic costs associated with these activities, which may include supplies/materials, personnel, transport, equipment, furniture, training and/or administration in the context of the above activities.

Community Grants supports community-based organizations in the areas with the highest HIV/AIDS burden in South Africa. To qualify for funding, an organization must be able to justify how it contributes to the reduction of new HIV infections and/or provides services to PLHIV, AGYW and/or OVCY.

Organizations are selected for funding through a competitive process and are required to have a direct impact in their local community and have community support in the form of funding, labor and/or other services. Short-listed organizations must be able to establish clear performance goals, indicators and timely project deliverables that can be externally verified. Funded organizations are required to monitor, measure and report results achieved in accordance with PEPFAR's reporting requirements. Once the grant is over, the organization must be able to continue on its own or with other funding from the community and/or other donors.

Grant implementation can be for one or two years with a maximum budget request of R600,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Organizations must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to apply for funding:

- Be a registered NPO, NPC or Trust in South Africa
- Serve HIV-affected, infected and/or high-risk populations
- Be implementing within one or more of the 27 PEPFAR priority districts (listed below)
- Been in operation for at least two years
- Not be receiving any other direct funding from the U.S. Government and/or indirect funding

- as a sub-recipient of a PEPFAR partner (this includes funding from CDC and USAID)
- Not have received Community Grants funding in the last grant cycle

Proposals from organizations operating in the following districts are eligible to apply:

- *Eastern Cape:* Alfred Nzo, Buffalo City, Chris Hani, O R Tambo, Amatole
- *Free State:* Lejweleputswa, Thabo Mofutsanyane
- *Gauteng:* City of Johannesburg, City of Tshwane, Ekurhuleni, Sedibeng
- *KwaZulu-Natal:* eThekweni, Ugu, uMgungundlovu, uThukela, uThungulu/King Cetshwayo, Zululand, Harry Gwala
- *Limpopo:* Capricorn, Mopani
- *Mpumalanga:* Ehlanzeni, Gert Sibande, Nkangala
- *North West:* Bojanala Platinum, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, Ngaka Modiri Molema
- *Western Cape:* City of Cape Town (focusing on townships, informal settlements)

SELECTION PROCESS

All complete applications received by the deadline of April 13, 2018 midnight will be evaluated. Applications will be evaluated based on the below assessment criteria. If an applicant meets the minimum requirements and scores above the threshold, a Community Grants Coordinator will schedule a phone interview. Successful interviews will result in a site visit to evaluate the proposed project and to conduct an organization risk assessment. Applicants who complete a successful site visit will then be recommended for final selection. Program funding will be divided among the 27 PEPFAR priority districts according to national disease burden. Awards are expected to begin on October 1, 2018. All organizations should be notified of the outcome no later than August 31, 2018.

The criteria for assessment of complete grant applications includes:

- Financial stability
- Quality management systems, policies and structures
- Organizational governance
- History of performance (the applicant's record in managing other donor funding)
- Quality service delivery
- Linkages and relationships with the community and stakeholders
- The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements as stated by law, donors and governing bodies.

HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply to the Community Grants Program, an organization **must** register on the Community Grants Program portal and then successfully complete the online application process by the April 13, 2018 deadline. To register, please visit www.CommunityGrantsSA.com Please note, no email or hard copy applications will be accepted; the only way to apply is through the Community Grants Program site.

The Community Grants Program site offers more information and instructions, but if you have any questions, please contact CommunityGrantsSA@state.gov or 010-141-2521.

Application deadline is midnight on April 13, 2018