

## CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

### **Corruption Prevention in Sri Lanka Program**

The East-West Management Institute (EWMI), a New York based not-for-profit organization that promotes the rule of law and supports the work of civil societies around the world, invites Sri Lankan Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to submit proposals for grants that will promote anti-bribery and corruption prevention messaging in Sri Lanka, in particular in the northern and eastern parts of the country. The primary aim of these grants will be to educate the public concerning the fight against corruption, including the role of CIABOC in preventing corruption and in prosecuting corruption cases. This activity is funded by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) of the United States Department of State.

#### **ACTIVITIES TO BE SUPPORTED**

EWMI envisions supporting advocacy and outreach campaigns that will improve public awareness concerning the role of citizens, government, and CSOs in combatting bribery and corruption. Proposed activities must include a component that will improve public knowledge concerning the work of CIABOC. Applicants must also:

- Include youth education and outreach in their activities;
- Focus primarily on communities in the northern and eastern regions of Sri Lanka;
- Address specific corrupt practices and/or populations who are the victims of specific corrupt practices; and
- Address how all ethnic and religious groups, as well as women and girls, will be included in the proposed project.

Preference will be given to projects that lead to sustainable and tangible results, such as training or education initiatives or IT innovations that are reproducible or self-sustaining; and, to those that focus on issues of particular concern to and/or ensure substantial engagement of youth, women, girls, ethnic or religious minorities, internally displaced persons, or other marginalized groups.

Proposals should identify a specific problem relating to awareness and prevention of bribery and corruption and explain why this problem is of high priority; propose a concrete, practical, innovative, and well-organized action plan to address the targeted problem; and include mechanisms for increased cooperation among CSOs, government, media, business, and citizens to better achieve the project goal. Project activities must last no longer than **nine months**.

EWMI will not fund activities that provide support for or lobby on behalf of a particular political party, any religious activities, any theoretical or academic research, litigation or any construction activities.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Only CSOs, i.e. legally registered institutions (not individuals) registered in Sri Lanka may apply. In addition, applicants must:

- Have at least one year of operational experience.
- Have a functioning governance structure such as a Board of Directors, a Chairperson, and an Executive Director.
- Have a transparent system of bookkeeping that complies with the Sri Lankan legislation and International Accounting Standards (IAS).
- Must not be a debtor and must have cancelled any debt to the state or arranged for debt collection prior to receiving the first disbursement of the project grant funds.
- Must operate as an independent non-politically affiliated organization.
- Must disclose any family or business relationship that it may have with EWMI, CIABOC, or any officers, employees, or board members of either organization.
- The institution, its officers, board members and employees must not be debarred, suspended, excluded or otherwise ineligible to receive US Federal funding.

Civil servants, political appointees, members of the current parliament, staff of public broadcasting companies, and/or leaders of political parties cannot participate in a grant project as a director or as grant-remunerated participant.

### **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING**

The minimum request should be for \$5,000 and the maximum for \$20,000. EWMI reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. EWMI will not reimburse any costs for proposal preparation: applicants must bear their own costs in preparing and submitting their applications.

### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURES**

Applications must be **in English** and in accordance with the format attached. Applications must be the original and sole work of the applicant organization. Plagiarism will result in disqualification from the grant competition. EWMI will retain all materials and documents submitted by applicants. It will not use this information for purposes other than proposal review and will not share it with other persons or institutions, except when required by Sri Lankan law or as requested by DRL. Please note that in line with our donor coordination efforts, EWMI may share the names of the applicants and a short description of their respective proposals with other Sri Lankan and international programs that support CSOs in Sri Lanka.

The proposed budget must follow the format attached to this announcement, and include summary budget notes that describe the basis for the expenditures proposed,

### **Selection Criteria**

EWMI's criteria for deciding whether to fund a proposal will be a) degree of responsiveness to this call (30%); b) whether the activities proposed are achievable and realistic (25%); c) whether the budget is realistic in relation to the activities proposed (20%); d) whether the activities proposed are replicable and sustainable (15%); and e) the applicant's capacity to implement the project based on prior experience and/or the proposed team (10%). EWMI will convene a grant review committee to determine which, if any, proposals meet these criteria.

### **Grant Agreements**

Successful applicants will be required to undergo a brief risk assessment analysis by EWMI, and will enter into a detailed grant agreement with EWMI, which will address financial and technical reporting. Technical reports will be expected at mid-term and at the conclusion of the project. Any funds awarded will be wired from EWMI headquarters in the United States, and successful organizations must maintain bank accounts in Sri Lanka to receive such funds. Grantees will be responsible for complying with all aspects of Sri Lankan law relating to the receipt and management of such funds, as well as paying fees or taxes that may be payable under Sri Lankan law as a result of receiving such funds. Grant funds may be used only for activities directly relating to the implementation of the project award.

### **DEADLINE AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

- **Clarifications:** Applicants should submit clarification requests by 16:30 on October 8, 2018 via email to [SLgrants@ewmi.org](mailto:SLgrants@ewmi.org), EWMI will post the clarifications on its website: [www.ewmi.org](http://www.ewmi.org).
- **Proposals:** Applicants should submit their proposals by 16:30 on October 26, 2018 via e-mail to [SLgrants@ewmi.org](mailto:SLgrants@ewmi.org). Alternatively, applications may be submitted in a sealed envelope to: Indika Perera, 17A, Campbell Terrace, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka, with the envelope clearly marked "Grant Application".
- E-mails must have "**Anti-Corruption: [Name of submitting Organization]**" in the subject line.
- EWMI expects to make awards by on or about November 16, 2018, with programming to commence shortly thereafter. Program activities must be concluded by August 30, 2019.

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