



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
SMALL PROJECT AND SUPPORT FUND (SPSF) PROGRAM.
COMPONENT II: MAY 2023**

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) in South Africa through, for example, legal support and/or mobilisation. The activities will have the overall aim of empowering vulnerable communities through the process and will be focussed on one or more of the following:

The calls seeks to support **8 organisations under component II**, the maximum grant amount is 75.000 ZAR per funded activity under 2023/24 financial year. There are no geographical focus areas. The funded organisation will need to be able to demonstrate experience and capacity in working in the human rights space with a proven track record. **The maximum period for the implementation of the emergency activities is 6 weeks.**

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 but not limited to: 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.

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 legally registered non-governmental organizations, groups and collectives. exceptional circumstances to access legal, medical, psychological, social and are admissible.

CLOSING DATE FOR CALL

As the call is structured as a response to emergency situations, there is no closing date but the targeted number of organisations to be funded is 8. Once this number is reached the call will automatically close.

EXCLUSIONS

Any organisations that:

- Are currently being supported and funded by AIDS Foundation of South Africa (AFSA) during the 1 April 2023/31 March 2024 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 2023/31 March 2024 Financial Year.
- Are part of government structures or are in any way linked to government cannot be funded.
- Have an annual budget of more than R1.5m will only be eligible to apply if they submit a strong motivation as to why the organisation should be considered for this 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
- Th 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 be considered if it will assist to realise a certain goal/objective in line with the protection of Human Rights.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS:

- All sections of the application form provided in the link are completed in full.
- All required supporting documentation is submitted with the application form.
- The organisation applying is a non-profit entity located in South Africa.
- A proven track record in working in the protection of Human Rights and community development.

RESPONSE TO APPLICATIONS:

As this grant component is intended to enable an urgent response to human rights violations, applications will be acknowledged within 48 hours of them being received with the fully completed application form and supporting documentation being provided.

APPLICATION FORM:

Please follow this link in order to be directed to the online application form <https://ukusekela.org.za/services/> and focus on Component II.

ENQUIRIES

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