

STANDARD 'CALL FOR PROPOSALS' (CFP)

Overriding Principle

SGP is calling for proposals based on a new grant making modality to be administered at the global level. This is in addition to similar 'Call for Proposals' (CFP) which are undertaken by national level SGP country programmes. The principles under which this CFP will work is based on the interest of fairness, transparency and integrity. This modality is recommended as the most appropriate solicitation method for announcing available grant support under the competitive selection method. The selection will be undertaken by a committee whose decisions will be final. The eligible entities who may wish to pursue further information related to their bids may follow the UNOPS advisory related to this call for proposals.

Background of GEF SGP

The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1992. SGP grant-making in over 125 countries promotes community-based innovation, capacity development, and empowerment through sustainable development projects of communities' local civil society organizations with special consideration for indigenous peoples, women, and youth. SGP projects support biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, prevention of land degradation, protection of international waters, and reduction of the impact of chemicals, within a sustainable development framework that promotes sustainable livelihoods and citizen empowerment.

Objective:

Using a strong global island network, the aim of this initiative is to recognize, scale up, and replicate good practices among local communities in SIDS. This possibly coming as a result of focusing on bright spots and connecting them to global policy processes so that they can best illustrate island needs, solutions and opportunities including the Convention on Biodiversity, SDGs and the UNFCCC. The project activities should demonstrate real, local and tangible progress on SDG implementation and the Samoa Pathway, as well as connecting local to global and at island level between political leadership and local implementers in a range of islands.

Grant funding available for the activity is up to a maximum of US\$ 150,000.

Primary project/program title:

Building on Islands Leadership in Achieving Biodiversity-related SDGs: Local to global coalitions through Identification of replicable good practices using the islands bright spots as a reference point of knowledge.

and/or UNOPS reference number (if applicable):

11960-001

1. General instructions for proposal submission

How to submit?

Fill out this simple CFP form.

Or, you can also use the Grant Application template ([attached to UNGM post](#)) to assist the submission of a more detailed application.

When to submit?

Deadline: 20/12/2020 1800hrs Eastern Standard Time (New York)

Where to submit?

Email: KristofferK@unops.org subject line: **CFP/GLISPA-SGP Partnership/001**

For questions and clarification: Please contact Mr. Doley Tshering at doley.tshering@undp.org for any technical questions and UNOPS Mr. Kristoffer Kappy at KristofferK@unops.org for the modality of submission. Requests for clarifications or questions submitted after the deadline of submission will not be considered.

2. Eligibility criteria as per project agreement

Eligibility Criteria:

- Trusted entity with high reputation and is working or will be ready to work in the substantive area of biodiversity conservation in the bright spots.
- Nonprofit entity with a commitment to empower local community and CSO stakeholders as well as ability to work closely with the government and support development agencies to participate, to make the overall effort truly globally driven with a focus in advocacy work.
- An experienced entity that can build partnerships with relevant organizations, projects or programs which have requisite experience and expertise at the global level on development of bright spots.
- Proven experience in Knowledge management is a key element of the strategic partnership initiatives to ensure that all the lessons learned from the implementation of the activities are captured, analyzed and shared with key stakeholders to promote learning within and across countries, and to help replicate and scale up its impact taking into consideration the specificities of each context, identification of issues and best solutions (among tested and proven knowledge products) that require policy actions and jointly advocate to influence the creation, implementation or enforcement of policies and in mobilization of support from all concerned actors from local to global level and effective and targeted communications of results.

Limitations:

Only CSOs/NGOs who have the ability or can demonstrate their potentials for working and or liaising with national entities in the eligibility section above.

Only entities with proven long-term mandate, experience, and interests in working with local civil society organizations and/or community-based organizations. The proponent is expected to have a regional infrastructure/network to be able to administer and coordinate the accumulation of information from national advocacy in the substantive area of activities.

Minimum requirements/qualifications:

- Expertise in advocacy and communications or biodiversity conservation in bright spots situations.
- Proven experience in organizing international communication campaigns and events to raise awareness on the conservations of bright spots.
- Administrative capacity of at least 5 staff

3. Description of scope of work

Overall sector/Area of work: Mainstreaming biodiversity.

Specific activities to be funded:

1. Using a strong global island network, the aim of this initiative is to recognize, scale up, and replicate good practices among local communities in SIDS. This may come as a result of focusing on bright spots. Therefore, the initiative may be used to identify areas and practices (things that are working) in islands that exhibit and are focused on sustainability, conservation and adaptation of initiatives. Therefore, these would specifically focus on island-led solutions and perspectives including island leadership, sustainability and resilience particularly in the context of biodiversity. Ultimately, these activities should demonstrate real, local and tangible progress on SDG implementation and the Samoa Pathway.
2. In the context of this partnership, it is expected that the good practices and or island bright spots are widely shared through bi-monthly convenings an annual event (held virtually).
3. Using a strong global island network, bright spots are identified (things that are working) in islands that best illustrate mainstreaming biodiversity. These would specifically focus on island-led solutions and perspectives including island leadership, sustainability and resilience solutions particularly in the context of biodiversity. These would demonstrate real, local and tangible progress on SDG implementation and the Samoa Pathway. At least 20 bright spots should be identified.
4. Island bright spots are widely shared including through bright spots page, through bi-monthly convenings and an annual virtual Island Bright Spot event. This would be 6 webinars focused on bright spots undertaken with a diverse and extensive global island audience, an updated bright spots page on GLISPA's website and connection to GLISPA's bright spot process, 6 island updates on bright spots shared. The annual Island Bright Spots event would use previous in person bright spot knowledge cafe sessions which have been held at global events to convene virtually in April 2021 and which would facilitate the sharing and identification of bright spots.
5. The partnership will jointly organize events to recognize islands' contribution to key conventions such as post 2020 global biodiversity framework, Paris Agreement etc.

4. Evaluation process

In line with UNOPS evaluation principles of fairness, transparency and integrity, an independent Grant Evaluation and Selection Committee will be responsible for the review of proposals and the Grantee selection. The review is based on the criteria outlined in the 'Call for Proposals' (CFP) and includes an assessment of the grant proposal's formal, technical and financial aspects. The review should usually include at least two (2) 'substantially compliant' proposals and result in the selection of the lowest priced, substantially compliant proposal. Any non-compliant proposal may automatically be eliminated from the evaluation process.

Organizations bidding for this will need:

1. Proven experience in identifying and sharing island bright spots
2. A strong global island network with the ability to mobilize that network to identify island bright spots
3. Proven experience in successful virtual activities including webinars and communications that can reach a diverse island audience
4. Evidence of a diverse island audience and partners that have been previously mobilized to take part in virtual activities.
5. The ability to connect these bright spots to global policy processes so that they can best illustrate island needs, solutions and opportunities including the Convention on Biodiversity, SDGs and the UNFCCC.
6. Ability to connect local to global and at island level between political leadership and local implementers in a range of islands.

5. UNOPS Grant Support Agreement

The UNOPS Standard Grant Support Agreement (GSA) containing UNOPS General Conditions for Grant Support Agreements (Annex D of the UNOPS Grant Support Agreement template). The GSA constitutes an integral part of this CFP as it is mandatory to accept this agreement with its conditions before submitting a proposal.

6. Interest / Grantee Application template

If your organization is interested in submitting a grant proposal in response to this CFP, please kindly prepare/submit a short 'Expression of Interest' statement (as below) prior to completing/submitting the Grantee Application template by the stated deadline (herewith attached to UNGM post).

My organization _____ is hereby formally interested in the advertised grant program/component and will submit a proposal within the established timeframe.

Authorized signature:**Title:****Date:**