

WATER FOR WOMEN FUND Request for Proposals

Applicant Briefing – 25 August 2017 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Victoria State Office Level 14, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne

WELCOME TO THE APPLICANT BRIEFING

Water for Women Fund

DFAT Victoria State Office

2.00 to 4.30 pm

Friday 25 August 2017



AGENDA

Time	Item	Presenter
2.00 – 2.15 pm	Opening and outline of meeting	Gerard Cheong WSH Section
2.15 – 3.00 pm	Background to Water for Women FundHow it worksProposals	Marcus Howard WSH Section
3.00 – 3.15 pm	Selection process:ProbityConformance check	Liz Jucha Contracting Services Branch
3.15 – 3.35 pm	Application process:SmartyGrants formFeedback and troubleshooting	Glenn Williams SmartyGrants Administrator
3.35 – 3.45 pm	Inception Phase:Purpose and timeframesGrant arrangements	Gerard Cheong
3.45 – 4.15 pm	Question time	Marcus Howard
4.15 – 4.30 pm	Wrap-up and close	Marcus Howard

APPLICANT BRIEFING ARRANGEMENTS

- Presentations and a summary of questions and answers provided during this briefing will be published next week.
- The link is on DFAT's Business Opportunities page: <u>http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/business-</u> <u>opportunities/tenders/Pages/water-for-women-fund-request-for-proposals.aspx</u>
- Further questions should be directed to WaterforWomen@dfat.gov.au

SETTING THE SCENE

- Announced by the Prime Minister at the High Level Panel for Water in September 2016
- Builds on the Civil Society WASH Fund

Minister Bishop

'Australia's Aid Policy ... establishes gender equality and women's empowerment as a priority for development, and sets an ambitious target requiring that eighty per cent of all Australia's aid, regardless of objectives, perform effectively in promoting gender equality.'

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy, 2016

SETTING THE SCENE – TIMELINES

Event			
Request for proposals			
Applicant briefing in Melbourne			
Deadline for applicant questions			
Deadline for DFAT response to questions			
Proposal submission deadline			
Assess proposals			
Sign inception Agreements			
Inception workshop in Canberra			
Sign implementation Agreements			

KEY FEATURES OF WATER FOR WOMEN

- 5 year program with 3 year option
- AUD 110.6 million includes AUD 10.6 million for research
- Research Component (to be announced later in 2017)
- Partnership between DFAT, Civil Society Organisations and Fund Coordinator
- Gender Equality and Social Inclusion is front and centre
- Strong Knowledge and Learning focus
- South Asia, South-East Asia and Pacific region 21 countries
- Fund Steering Group an important part of governance arrangements

FUND THEORY OF CHANGE

Goal

GOAL: Improved health, gender equality and well-being of Asian and Pacific communities through inclusive, sustainable WASH



End of program outcomes

Outcome 1: Strengthened national and subnational WASH sector systems with greater emphasis on gender, social inclusion, safely managed WASH and water security

Outcome 2: Increased equitable, universal access to and use of sustainable WASH services, particularly for marginalised communities and community members

Outcome 3:
Strengthened gender
equality and social
inclusion in
households,
communities and
institutions

Outcome 4: Strengthened use of new evidence, innovation and practice in sustainable gender and inclusive WASH by other CSOs, national and international WASH sector actors



Increased capacity and agency of governments, private sector, communitybased organisations and communities, in planning, investing and delivering sustainable, inclusive WASH services Greater integration of gender and socially inclusive approaches by governments, private sector, community-based organisations and communities

Documentation and sharing of gender and socially inclusive evidence and effective practices with other CSOs, national and international WASH sector actors



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Funded **collaboration between multiple CSOs** (and strategic partners) **implementing projects** on agreed gender and socially inclusive WASH priorities

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INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES AND STRATEGIES

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HOW IT WORKS: Organisation Eligibility

Australian civil society and not-for-profit organisations currently promoting access to water, sanitation and hygiene services in Asian and Pacific countries that are:

- Accredited by DFAT for the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP); and/or
- Signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Non-Australian civil society and not-for-profit organisations engaged in the sector (including international and partner country organisations). The following information may be requested:

- a copy of the organisation's constitution or articles of association;
- evidence that the organisation is signatory to an equivalent to the ACFID Code of Conduct;
- an audited annual financial statement;
- a copy of the organisation's annual report; and
- an outline of the organisation's work program.

HOW IT WORKS: Multiple Proposals & Consortia

Multiple Proposals

- CSOs are eligible to submit multiple proposals one for each project in a specific country. Each project may be implemented across a number of sites in the country.
- CSOs submitting multiple proposals are making commitments to each proposal irrespective of any decision on any other proposal.

Consortia

- DFAT also invites proposals involving consortia.
- Membership of consortia may include DFAT accredited CSOs, universities, private enterprise, regional organisations, intergovernmental organisations and other international organisations.
- Consortium proposals must be accompanied by a Consortium Agreement signed by each consortium partner.

HOW IT WORKS: Grant Funding

- Inception grants are up to AUD\$100,000 for each proposal.
- Grants for each proposal (inclusive of inception and implementation) are expected to range from AUD\$2.5 million to AUD\$10 million across five years.
- Proposals below or above this range will be considered in exceptional circumstances, explained clearly in the respective proposal.
- Up to 10% of the grant can be allocated to administrative costs (charges
 associated with the operations of a CSO see Section 10.1 of the ANCP Manual).
 Higher levels will be considered individually with possible justification including:
 expansion into a new geographic area or working in a less secure environment.
- The proportion of grant funding allocated to staffing costs, travel and M&E and other technical inputs should be proportional to the nature of the proposal.
- Detailed project budgets will be developed during inception.

PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES OF WATER FOR WOMEN

- Shared commitment between DFAT, Fund Coordinator, CSOs and research organisations to achieve Fund-Wide and project specific outcomes.
- Shared commitment to sharing benefits and risks.
- Collaborative approach to decision-making and working together.
- Mutual respect and trust with openness and transparency to achieve common goals including active sharing of knowledge and learning.
- Commitment to sustainability of benefits flowing from the Fund.
- Recognition that variety of approaches are needed to fit different contexts.
- Commitment to maintain alignment of all activities with Fund level Theory of Change.

PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

- DFAT, CSOs and Fund Coordinator will negotiate "ways of working" early on to establish the partnership approach.
- Alignment of project and Fund level theories of change is critical. CSOs need to ensure their projects contribute to Fund level outcomes.
- CSO theories of change must reflect detailed analysis of the project context and evidence based practice.
- CSOs are expected to take on greater responsibilities in monitoring and evaluation as well as communications / public diplomacy / transparency.
- Level of oversight is graduated and proportional to assessed risk of projects.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- Fund Steering Group provides strategic oversight with secretariat support from the Fund Coordinator.
- DFAT will play an active strategic role
 - greater engagement with Posts from inception to implementation
 - greater engagement with CSOs in particular by acting as Chair of the Fund Steering Group
 - chair the research Steering Group
 - manage the independent review team
- Fund Coordinator role is a balance between ensuring the program is functioning at the Fund-wide level and supporting CSOs in the development and implementation of their projects.

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Fund Coordinator:

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- holds grant agreements with CSOs and research organisations (both inception and implementation grants).
- is responsible for day to day management of the Fund as well as Fund-wide reporting based on project level reports.
- supports Fund-wide coordination and management through technical resources (including M&E, K&L, GESI, WASH).
- prepares Fund-wide performance framework to guide development of project level
 M&E plans.
- CSOs are responsible for project implementation and quality project level M&E.
- Knowledge and Learning processes will build on experience in CS WASH Fund but will have greater integration with M&E processes. Impact and Innovation grants will be continued.
- Independent Review Group will be contracted to review Fund-wide progress including Fund management arrangements and contributions to Fund-level outcomes.

WHAT IS DFAT LOOKING FOR IN PROPOSALS?

- Concise and clear language
- Sensitivity to context
- Well thought through project theory of change based on evidence and which demonstrates good alignment with Fund's theory of change
- Understanding of the partnership approach in the Fund
- Experience in working in diverse and changeable contexts while maintaining a focus on achieving outcomes
- Understanding of knowledge and learning culture embedded in program
- Strong in-country capacity including teams, networks and effective programming approaches

CSOs NEED TO DEMONSTRATE:

- Eligibility of the organisation for the Fund
- The ability to implement effective WASH programs, including an emphasis on gender and social inclusion
 - where relevant, outline the added value of consortium arrangement
- Expertise of the management team, in particular, the Lead Manager
- Quality analysis of the WASH context, needs and development priorities including gender and social inclusion
- Consistency of project's theory of change and strategies with Fund's outcomes and key principles
- In-country organisational capacity
 - up to two past experience forms to be submitted

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS Liz Jucha — Contracting Services Branch Water for Women Fund

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IMPORTANT DATES & ENQUIRIES

Event	Date / Time
Request for proposals	18 August
Deadline for questions	22 September (17:00 AEST)
Last addendum issued	29 September
Proposal submission deadline	6 October (17:00 AEDT)

Method of submission: SmartyGrants

Direct questions to: waterforwomen@dfat.gov.au

EVALUATION PROCESS

- Proposals checked for conformity
- Evaluation Committee assess proposals against selection criteria and Request for Proposal requirements
- Conduct referee checks and check performance information
- Interviews (if required)
- Overall Value for Money assessment
- EC make assessments and recommendations
- CSOs selected
- Inception Phase grant agreements signed

ASSESSMENT AGAINST SELECTION CRITERIA

 Mandatory requirements Organisation Eligibility, Proposal Eligibility, Format and Content Requirements Proposal closely aligns with the Fund Theory of Change Demonstrated capacity and extensive experience in implementing evidence-based, effective and sustainable WASH programming approaches including gender and socially inclusive approaches 			
Criterion 1: Demonstrated ability to implement effective WASH programs, including emphasis on gender and social inclusion			
Criterion 2: Demonstrated expertise of the management team			
Criterion 3: Quality analysis of the WASH context, needs and development priorities, including gender and social inclusion			
Criterion 4: Consistency of proposed project's theory of change and strategies with Fund's outcomes and key principles			
Criterion 5: Demonstrated in-country ability to implement effective WASH programs, including emphasis on gender equality and social inclusion			
Value of the overall CSO proposal to Water for Women Fund (if relevant)			

EVALUATION COMMITTEE

- The Fund Coordinator will convene and participate in the Evaluation Committee
- There will be equal representation from DFAT and the Fund Coordinator
- EC members remain confidential
- Applicants must not seek contact with any members of the Evaluation Committee in relation to the competitive grant process

PROBITY

- DFAT and the Fund Coordinator will manage the competitive grant process within DFAT's probity protocols – fair, equitable and transparent
- The Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines will be adhered to
- Conducted on a commercial in confidence basis
- DFAT has engaged an independent Probity Advisor to support this process

FEEDBACK ON PROPOSALS

 Debriefs will be provided by the Fund Coordinator on request in writing once Inception Phase grant agreements have been signed with successful applicants

SMARTYGRANTS ${\sf Glenn\ Williams-SmartyGrants\ Administrator}$

CONTENTS

- Logging into SmartyGrants
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WATER FOR WOMEN URL

https://waterforwomen.smartygrants.com.au/proposals

AFTER THE URL



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Current Rounds

Water for Women - Request for Proposals





Submissions are now being accepted. Submissions close at 5:00PM 6 October 2017 (AEDT).

IMPORTANT: Please read information below to assist you in completing your application online.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Welcome to the Water for Women online grant application service, powered by SmartyGrants.

You may begin anywhere in this application form. Please ensure you save as you go.

For queries about the guidelines, deadlines, or questions in the form, please contact us on email waterforwomen@dfat.gov.au and quote your application number.

Click here to view the guidelines.

If you need more help using this form, download the Help Guide for Applicants or check out Applicant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

NAVIGATING (MOVING THROUGH) THE APPLICATION FORM

On every screen (page of the form) you will find a Form Navigation contents box, this links directly to every page of the application. Click the link to jump directly to the page you want.

You can also click 'next page' or 'previous page' on the top or bottom of each page to move forward or backward through the application.

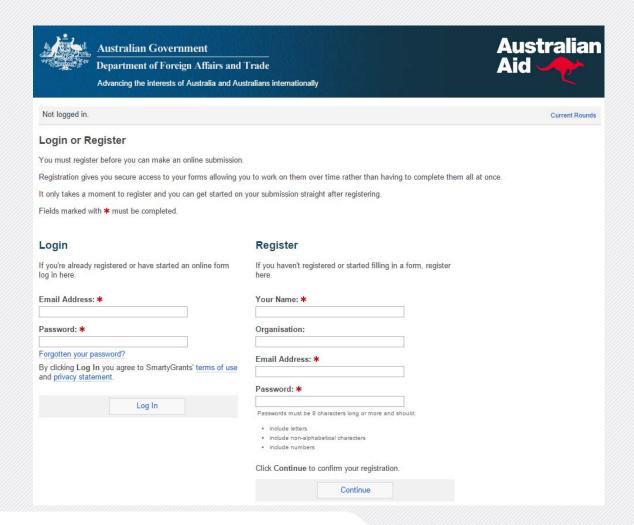
SAVING YOUR DRAFT APPLICATION

If you wish to leave a partially completed application, press 'save' and log out. When you log back in and click on the 'My Submissions' link at the top of the screen, you will find a list of any applications you have started or submitted. You can reopen your draft application and start where you left off.

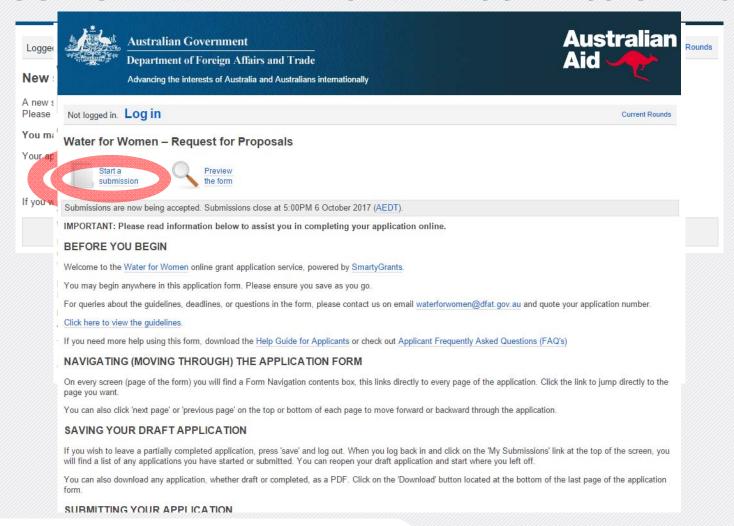
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SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

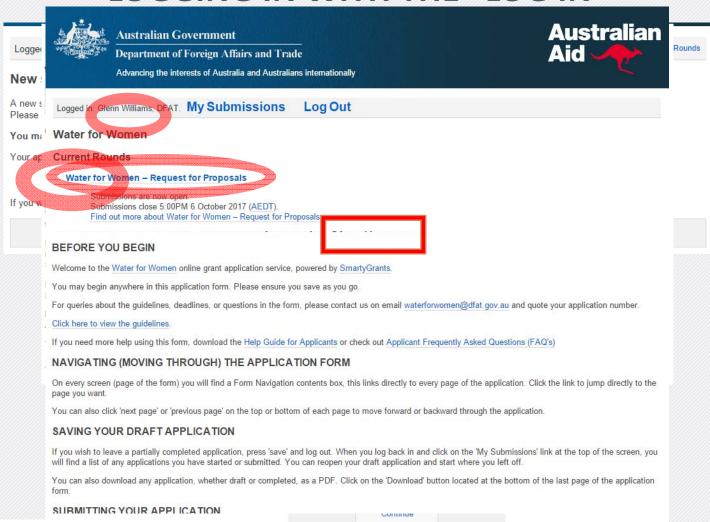
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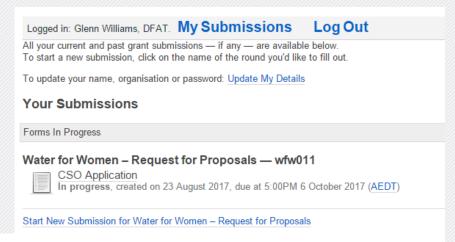


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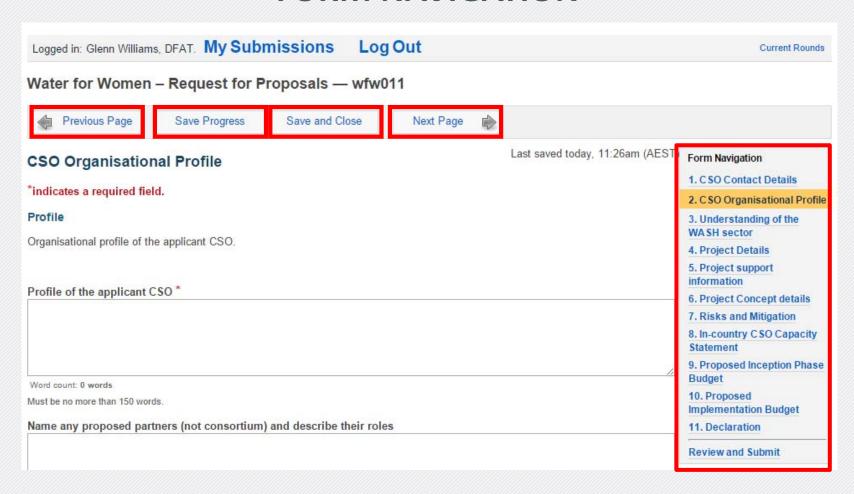
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3. From the My Submissions page you will see all "Forms in Progress" and a link to start new submissions



FORM NAVIGATION



CONDITIONAL FIELDS

Based on your answer to a choice question, will determine if you will be required to answer further questions.

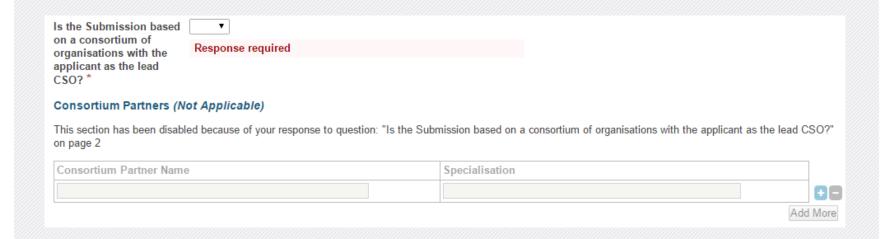


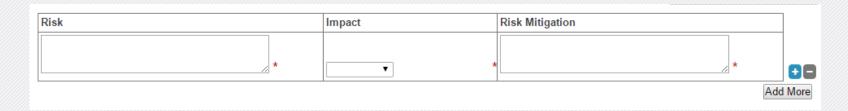
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To add more lines:

- click the "Add More" button (bottom right corner of table), or
- click the blue plus button next to the line

To remove unwanted rows in the table use the grey minus button



BUDGETS

- All line items added to budgets will auto-calculate into the column Total fields
- In both budgets, Inception and Implementation, some tables allow additional lines to be added (some are fixed)
- The Inception Phase budget has validation to prevent form submission if the budget recorded is over \$100,000

Sub-budget line item		DFAT Contribution	CSO Contribution	
Int	ternational staff	1000	200	
Lo	ocal staff	3240	532	

DFAT Contribution Total \$4,240.00

This number/amount is calculated.

CSO Contribution Total

\$732.00

This number/amount is calculated.

Total

\$4,972.00

REVIEW AND SUBMIT

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Review Form							
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Some changes to your application are required before you can submit it. Check the highlighted items and fix them before you submit your application.					Form Navigation 1. CSO Contact Details		
CSO Contact Details Introduction DFAT is seeking submissions from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) for the Water for Women Fund (the Fund). The Fund is a partnership between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and selected CSOs focused on gender and socially inclusive WASH outcomes in Asian and Pacific countries. The work of CSOs and DFAT will be supported by a Fund Coordinator, to be selected through a parallel tender process. For each project, CSOs will be expected to submit a separate proposal. Some information will be repeated for CSOs that submit multiple proposals, but this will enable each proposal to be assessed on its merits and compared with other proposals relating to the same country. Registered Organisation Name * Response required Go to page					7. Risks and Mitigation		
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QUESTIONS WELCOMED



