



NEELAN TIRUCHELVAM TRUST

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: “EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES IN THE PLANTATION SECTOR”

The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust invites proposals for projects that empower the communities in the plantation sector. Proposed projects, activities and solutions/impact may range from the micro to the meso and macro levels and address pressing, relevant human rights issues or/and socio-economic issues.

Objectives of the Call for Proposals

This Call for Proposals specifically seeks to strengthen the ability of people to work for and contribute towards long-term social change in the estate sector of Sri Lanka.

Eligibility Criteria

NTT supports organisations whose work aligns with the Trust’s objectives, furthers its vision and mission, meets the organisation’s funding guidelines, and work on one or more of the strategic programme areas.

1. Promotion of democracy, good governance and institution building;
2. Promoting and achieving social justice;
3. Promoting and protecting the rights of women;
4. Engaging youth in social transformation.

Potential applicants are invited to submit proposals that are in line with the above-mentioned thematic programme areas. Projects may be implemented in any plantation community sector of Sri Lanka, without geographical constraints. Sub-granting is not allowed; applicants must clearly demonstrate that the proposed activities will be implemented by them and not subcontracted or sub-granted to a third party.

Only one application per organisation will be entertained (applying alone or in partnership with one/more other organisations).

- Eligible recipients include duly registered community-based organizations (CBOs), local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and local not-for-profit organizations working within the plantations, or on the sector.
- Grant applications from individuals will not be accepted. (Exceptionally, applications will be considered if the applicant applies in partnership with a facilitating organization) The facilitating organisation must comply with all the eligibility criteria of this Call and will be the implementing agency, with all the legal, fiscal and financial and other responsibilities and obligations.
- Organisations without a valid registration will not be considered. (Exceptionally, applications will be considered if the applicant applies in partnership with another facilitating organization which has a valid registration.) The facilitating organisation must comply with all the eligibility criteria of this Call and will be the implementing agency, with all the legal, fiscal and financial and other responsibilities and obligations.

- Partners who have an existing grant with NTT are not eligible to apply for a new grant until the conclusion of the existing grant.
- NTT will not fund organizations that have not shown good performance implementing previous projects funded by NTT or by any other donors.
- NTT will not consider applications received from government institutions or departments. NTT will not fund organizations which have political affiliations.
- Proposals that do not address the main serving group - communities of plantation sector- will not be considered under this Call for Proposals.

Indicative types of projects/activities that may be supported in the estate sector could include, but are not restricted to:

- a. Promotion and protection of the rights of plantation workers
- b. Inclusive Economies - Expanding Economic Opportunities for Vulnerable Communities in the plantation sector, Livelihoods, training and assistance; Increase access to resources/infrastructure development.
- c. Gender Justice – addressing structural and systemic factors that impede equal opportunities for women in the plantation sector.
- d. Facilitate opportunities for women workers in the plantation sector that will enable them to secure better services, claim their rights, and improve their livelihoods.
- e. Promotion and protection of rights of migrant workers and their families in the plantation sector
- f. Peace building programmes, especially involving youth;
- g. Promotion of critical thinking and social activism through the arts;
- h. Social empowerment initiatives where the CSOs formulate holistic and sustainable models to reduce alcoholism and other types of addictions, to reduce unnecessary borrowings, to enhance savings and nutritional levels, to support Family Development Planning (FDP), and to improve the health and sanitation levels at household level.

Grant Amount & Duration of Projects

The amount requested from NTT should be maximum 80% of the proposed budget amount. The proposed project shall have a minimum duration of 12 months and a maximum of 24 months. Projects should envisage beginning work in the first quarter of 2017.

How to apply

Application forms are available to download from the following link

http://www.neelan.org/download_forms.html (should you encounter any problems downloading the forms, please submit an email request to programme.officer@neelan.org requesting the applications forms to be sent by email or post.)

Applications should be forwarded to the following address:

By email: programme.manager@neelan.org

(Please mention **NTT/Nov/2016/001 APPLICANT NAME'** in the subject area)

By post: **NTT/Nov/2016/001**

The Programme Manager

Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust (NTT),

16/6A, Ward Place (Mohideen Terrace),

Colombo 7.

Application Guidelines & Deadline for Submission

Applications may be submitted in **Sinhala, Tamil or English**. However, applications in English are encouraged where possible in order to expedite the review process.

Applications must be duly completed and include all supporting documents specified in the Application Form. Incomplete applications (without necessary supporting documentation) will not be considered. All grant applications must be sent to NTT on or before **31st January 2017**.

Any applications received after this date will be considered during the next project cycle.

All applicants will be formally notified via email or post. Please refrain from contacting NTT regarding submitted applications until the review process has been duly completed.

Decisions made by the NTT Programme Committee are final.

Inquiries about this Call for Proposals

Any questions relating to this Call should be made in writing via email to programme.manager@neelan.org no later than 20th January 2017. Phone inquiries will not be entertained.