



NEELAN TIRUCHELVAM TRUST

CALL FOR PROPOSALS “EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AND BENEFIT FROM, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT” CALL NO: NTT/JUNE/2017/01

The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust is pleased to announce it is currently accepting project proposals to be supported under its June 2017 funding cycle **“Empowering Communities to Benefit from Participation in Sustainable Development” – Call No: NTT/JUNE/2017/01**

Background

The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust (NTT) is a Sri Lankan philanthropic organisation that supports social justice, peace and reconciliation initiatives. It was established in 2001 after the assassination of Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam - a Sri Lankan legislator, constitutional scholar, peacemaker and institution builder, who actively worked to build peace through non-violent means. Since its founding, the Trust has striven to extend and continue his legacy by contributing towards facilitating upholding human rights, transparency and accountability, and promoting pluralism, diversity and ethnic harmony. With this aim, NTT provides grants and strengthens the capacity of community based organisations (CBOs) islandwide. NTT also has a long standing reputation as a supporter of the arts and culture as a conduit for peace building.

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 Sri Lanka. It also aims to bring about structural change to enable marginalised communities and vulnerable groups, such as those affected by discrimination or violence (women, children and youth, migrant workers, plantation workers, and the differently-abled), to exercise their rights.

Types of Projects

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

Indicative types of projects/activities that may be supported include, but are not restricted to:

- a) Inclusive Economies - Expanding Economic Opportunities for Vulnerable Communities in Sri Lanka;
- b) Gender Justice - addressing structural and systemic factors that impede equal opportunities for women;
- c) Human Rights and Justice;

- d) Providing opportunities to women, children and youth to strengthen leadership and participation in community and public life;
- e) Freedom of expression and right to information;
- f) Right to education;
- g) Livelihoods training and assistance;
- h) Skills building opportunities;
- i) Peace building programmes, especially involving youth;
- j) Promotion of critical thinking and social activism through the arts;
- k) Securing disability rights - access to information and facilities, awareness of their rights, livelihoods training and assistance for persons with disabilities (PWD);
- l) Promotion and protection of rights of migrant workers;
- m) Promotion and protection of the rights of plantation workers and their families.

Eligibility Criteria

Potential applicants are invited to submit proposals that are in line with the above mentioned thematic programme areas. Projects may be implemented in any part 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 organisations (CBOs), local non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and local not-for-profit organisations.
- Grant applications from individuals will not be accepted.
- Organisations without a valid registration will not be considered. (Exceptionally, applications will be considered if the applicant applies in partnership with another facilitating organisation which has a valid registration.) The facilitating organisation must comply with all the eligibility criteria of this Call.
- 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 organisations 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 organisations which have political affiliations.

Grant Amount & Duration of Projects

The minimum amount that may be requested is LKR 500,000 and the maximum cannot exceed LKR 2,000,000. Amount given by NTT will not exceed 80% of the total grant application value. NTT reserves the right to consider requests above the maximum amount under exceptional circumstances.

The proposed project shall have a maximum duration of 18 months. Projects should ideally commence in October 2017 or after.

How to apply

- Application forms are available to download from: <http://neelan.org/download-forms/>
- If you are unable to download the forms, please submit an email request to grant.applications@neelan.org requesting application forms to be sent by email or post
- Any questions relating to this call for proposals should be made in writing via email to grant.applications@neelan.org no later than **15th July 2017**. Phone inquiries will not be entertained

- Applications should be forwarded:
 - ▶ By email: grant.applications@neelan.org (Please mention **NTT/JUNE/2017/01** *APPLICANTNAME* in the subject area)
 - ▶ By post:
NTT/JUNE/2017/01
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**, and should be typed. 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 July 2017**.

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

All applicants will be formally notified within **October 2017**. Please refrain from contacting NTT regarding submitted applications.

Decisions made by the NTT Programme Committee are final.