



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING. COLOMBO PLAN SMALL GRANTS AWARD PROGRAMME GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

Background

Globally, the prevalence of drug use, misuse and abuse continues to escalate. According to the UNODC 2023 World Drug Report, the number of people using drugs increased from 240 million in 2011 to 296 million in 2021. This works out to 1 in every 17 people aged between 15-64 years or 5.8 per cent of the global population in that age category. Further, the scale and complexity of the illicit drug trade is transforming radically, and in many regions, an expanding number of powerful synthetic psychoactive substances are becoming increasingly dominant with lethal results.

Notably, a synthetic drug is a chemical drug synthesized in a lab and aim to mimic the effects of existing illicit drugs such as opiates, cannabis, cocaine etc. In contrast to plant-based drugs, synthetic drugs are not restricted to geographically fixed climatic conditions but are, instead, made using a wide array of precursors so that supply can be relocated closer to consumer markets, and seized products can be quickly replaced, defeating drug law enforcement efforts. Consequently, the number of people who suffer from substance use disorders (SUD) has skyrocketed to 39.5 million, a 45 percent increase over the last 10 years. Sadly, despite these rises, only one in five people suffering from a drug-related disorder was receiving treatment in 2021.

The Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme (CPDAP), with funding provided by the US Government through the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), has over the years assisted countries to respond to growing drug-related issues and concerns. To date, CPDAP has supported implementation of drug demand reduction initiatives in over eighty (80) countries around the world, in partnerships with governments and other international and non-governmental organizations.

Context

Complementing the above initiatives, DAP has proposed a Small Grants Award Programme to support interventions for local gaps in drug demand reduction initiatives. The priority area of funding is increasing awareness and capacity building of the drug demand reduction (DDR) workforce, particularly on synthetic drugs interventions. The programme is funded by the US Government through the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).

Objective:

The Small Grants Programme aims to provide financial and technical support to DDR partners to identify priority needs, develop and implement innovative interventions in the local context.

Theme:

Strengthening Synthetic Drug Demand Reduction Interventions.

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria for the Small Grants Award Programme are the following:

- Funding is open to registered non-profit or non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, faith-based organisations, local community-based organisations and government institutions or entities working in the field of drug demand reduction.
- Has a governance structure with clear procedures, roles, responsibilities, and accountability for the successful implementation of the project and utilization of the grant.
- Demonstrated experience and a proven track record implementing drug demand reduction programmes.
- Has human resource capacity to effectively implement the proposed project.
- Commitment to provide a project implementation report and expenditure report with supporting documents.
- The budget costs must be directly verifiable and traceable to the activities being proposed.

Grant Amount & Duration of Projects

The grant award is divided into two categories: (i) Twelve (12) grants of up to US\$ 5,000; and (ii) Nine (9) grants of up to US\$ 3,000.

The grants project implementation duration is six (6) months.

Application and submission information

- The application guidelines and proposal templates to be downloaded from the Colombo Plan website: www.colombo-plan.org.
- All applications must be submitted using the standard proposal formats in English.
- All completed project proposal to be converted into PDF and submitted by email to **cpdap-ddrgrants@colombo-plan.org** not later than midnight, March 10, 2024, India Standard Time (IST). The email subject should clearly mention: Colombo Plan Small Grants Award Programme. Colombo Plan will not consider applications sent by any other means.
- Application must be signed by a competent authority of the organization and must indicate the category under which they are applying.
- The budgets estimate to be computed in United States dollars (US\$) and the administrative expense and project cost ratio do not exceed 30-70 percent.

Elements in the Grant Proposal

1. **Coversheet:** State the full name of the organization submitting the application, the type, location, organization's website, the head of organization contact details, organization's registration number, the proposed project or activity title, the contact person details, project coverage and the requested amount (in sum).

2. **Project Description:** To cover the problem analysis, encompassing a statement of the problem, the specific issues addressed by the project, target groups and ultimate beneficiaries, the goal and objectives of the project and the main project tasks to be implemented.
3. **Methodology:** A description of how the proposed project activities will be implemented to achieve the project objectives, brief chronology of specific tasks for implementing the project, the stakeholders to be involved brief profile and key responsibilities of the proposed project implementation team, contribution of the organization, the required expertise outside the organization, and the process for monitoring and evaluation of the project.
4. **Experience in DDR projects:** To provide a brief list of other recent DDR projects implemented by the organization.
5. **Budget:** Description of each of the budget expenses in detail. Each amount should be clearly labeled, provide a justification statement explaining why each cost, material and equipment is valid, reasonable, and important for the project.

Selection Process

1. A selection committee composed of subject-matter experts, and Colombo Plan Programme Managers and Finance Team will review all applications received and award the grants to applicants who best contribute to the theme and objectives referred to under this call.
2. Applications will be received and evaluated on a rolling basis until the desired number is reached.
3. Successful applicants will be notified of the results and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CPDAP for the project implementation.
4. An announcement of successful applicants will include the grant award amount, the start and end dates, and responsible CP officers.

Contact Person

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