

Civil Society Fund (CSF) 2009 – Grant Application Guidelines

Theme: *Advocacy for Accountability in Local Service Delivery*

CSF 2009 will support the strengthening of Local Government Services and calls for innovative applications from Civil Society Organizations that promote partnerships and produce tangible results at the end of the proposed project.

A Strategic Objective of the recently launched World Bank [Country Assistance Strategy](#) (CAS) is to [enhance quality services and accountability](#). CSF 2009 will look for projects that compliments Sri Lanka priorities as outlined in the CAS 2009 – 2012.

One of the eligibility criteria for selection of applications in the CSF 2009 will be the strength of the proposal to project tangible results related to advocacy programs at the community level. For example, the use of media to highlight gaps in service delivery, community scorecards for health and education related service delivery and the ability to generate additional resources through public private partnerships, whereby the recipient is seen engaged partnering in action-oriented advocacy [i.e. to prove something by doing].

Please follow the guidelines below when completing the CSF 2009 application form.

Executive Summary (Please type using no more than one page – 350 - 400 words)

1. Date:
2. Name of organization:
3. Contact person and title:
4. Address:
5. City, Country, Postal Code:
6. Telephone:
Fax:
Email: Website (if available):

Guideline – Please give contact information of the main person that will be responsible for the project implementation. S/he should be contactable by telephone when required.

7. Mission statement of the applicant organization

Guideline – Give a brief statement (50-75 words) that highlights the mandate of the organization.

8. Purpose of funding request and how this activity relates to civic engagement

Guideline – The Goal of the proposed project or the intended change in the community after implementation of the project should be stated here. Please include a brief statement on who will be engaged in the implementation of the proposed project, be specific on how communities/affected populations or stakeholders will be involved in project preparation, implementation. Also to be mentioned here are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the project.

9. Target population and number benefiting from the proposed activities

Guideline – Give actual number of target beneficiaries and where necessary qualify with relevant gender and ethnic background information

10. Expected outcomes of the activity

Guideline – Give a brief statement of the expected result(s) of the project, both quantitatively and qualitatively. e.g. Reduction in the number of school dropouts, Improvements in children's performance in languages and mathematics, Reduction in hospital waiting time of patients, a policy that changed/developed as a result of the project outcomes etc.

11. Plans for learning and knowledge sharing

Guideline – State here how you would share effective practices and lessons learned with other public and private sector organizations. Do you belong to a consortium or a network of organizations working towards the same goals? Please mention here how your organization intends to be transparent about its activities through media and other channels of information and knowledge dissemination.

12. Period this funding request will cover

Guideline – State here the project timeline which should be one year from receiving the Grant. Also mention here if you propose to continue activities proposed beyond this period..

13. Amount of request (Details under Activity Income)

Guideline – Be realistic when preparing the budget details with an indication of contributions by any partner organizations, other donors or private sector institutions.

Refer the section on CSF General Guidelines on items that are not supported by CSF. Please note that all financial records of the proposed project will have to be made available to the World Bank at any given time and this information also may become public information through World Bank website.

14. If your organization has received previous support from the World Bank, please list the year, amount, and describe for what purpose:

N.B. organizations are not eligible for more than three grants from The Civil Society Fund within a five-year period

15. Authorizing signature of the applicant organization's executive director or board chair:

Signature:

Name (print):

Title: