The thematic programme “Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development” (NSA-LA) is the flagship instrument of the European Union for the support to actions implemented by civil society in the field of development and fight against poverty. It aims at strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations and local authorities as a pre-condition for a more equitable, open and democratic society through support to their own initiatives.

The above mentioned Call for Proposals is launched as part of the Objective 1 of the Programme, which aims to support development actions, to be implemented by Non-State-Actors (NSA) or Local Authorities (LA), in close cooperation with the local communities and the most vulnerable population groups, aiming at promoting an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries.

Priorities of this call for proposals:

- Monitoring of the performance of the LGUs, in particular through mechanisms aimed at cross-checking the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS) and / or other performance measurement instruments and recognition systems for best practice.

- Improving the implementation of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) ordinance about the full disclosure of local budget and finances (August, 2010); enhancing the implementation by the LGUs of other relevant laws, regulations and requirements about transparency and accountability.

- Strengthening of civil society watch groups, mechanisms, and / processes that contribute to monitor the performance of LGUs as regards transparency, accountability, and the delivery of basic services, and use this monitoring as a tool for advocacy.

- Supporting collective initiatives from the civil society - through networks, platforms, and more generally through the promotion of a common agenda - that contribute, at a national or regional level, to the dissemination, expansion, divulgation, and replication at a larger scale of methods, experiences, and / practices that improve transparency, accountability, and performance of LGUs and, more generally, promote better governance at the local level and a greater participation of civil society in the policy and decision making at the local level.

- Increasing participatory local governance processes, participatory planning and budgeting practices; ensuring proper functioning of the local development councils and sectoral committees.

Eligible applicants, type of projects and amount of grants:

The overall indicative amount available is **EUR 4 650 000** for projects covering activities by civil society organizations from a Member State of the European Union or From the Philippines:

The actions can be implemented, amongst others means, through: monitoring, training (of, for example, municipalities and barangay staff), advocacy, participatory planning, participatory assessment, research, survey, networking, facilitation of meetings, capacity-building, information campaigns, technical assistance, policy development, dissemination of good practices.

Minimum and maximum amount of grants:

- minimum amount: EUR 300 000.00
• maximum amount: EUR 800 000.00

The grant may not exceed 90% of the estimated total accepted costs of the action in the case of proposals submitted by applicants from the Philippines and 75% of the total accepted costs in the case of applicants from the European Union.

Implementation Period:

Minimum 36 months / Maximum 48 months

How to apply:

The guidelines for applicants and application forms can be viewed and downloaded from:


or


(Go to "Funding Opportunities", click Grants)

Deadline for submission of concept notes: 31 October, 2011 at 17:00, Manila time. An information session is tentatively scheduled on 30 September, 2011 at a time and venue to be announced later.

Please note only shortlisted candidates will be invited to submit a full application.

An information session on this Call for Proposals is tentatively set on 30 September, 2011 at 10:00 H. Pre-registration is compulsory, and can be done by sending an email to delegation-philippines-cfs@eeas.europa.eu. Only 1 representative per organisation can be accommodated, and registry is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

You may send your queries regarding this Call for Proposal to:

deplegation-philippines-cfs@ec.europa.eu

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