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PROVISION OF WELFARE AND BASIC SERVICES TO DEFINED TARGET GROUPS INCREASED

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Bodossaki Foundation, acting as the Fund Operator for the EEA Grants NGO Fund in Greece, announces an open call for NGO proposals for the increased provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups.

The NGO Programme “We are all Citizens” is part of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 by which the donor states, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, contribute to the elimination of economic and social inequality in the EEA countries.

The overall priority of the Programme is the strengthening of civil society and the enhancement of NGO contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development.

One of the goals of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 is the strengthening of relations between the donor states and Greece to promote a stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe. Hence, the Programme aims to promote project partnerships in all programme areas with the goal of developing a long-term bilateral cooperation between non-governmental organizations registered in Greece and the donor states.

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1. Objectives

The aim of this call is to increase the provision of welfare and basic services to socially vulnerable groups of Greek society. The NGOs that will be selected via this call will implement projects that will increase the provision of basic and welfare services and reduce social inequalities, poverty, social exclusion (including rural areas) amongst socially vulnerable groups including homeless, unemployed, people affected by HIV/AIDS, Injecting Drug Users, inhabitants of rural and remote areas and children.

More specifically projects in this focus area should provide key services to vulnerable groups: children and youth at risk, people affected by HIV/AIDS, children with disabilities and/or mental disorders and their families, victims of trafficking and gender-based violence and/or domestic violence, where such services are not otherwise or not adequately provided by governmental institutions.

The available funding for this call is € 2,785,000.

Available funding will be allocated to the most capable and efficient NGOs who aspire to a high code of practice and ethical standards through a transparent selection procedure.

2. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are NGOs that are established in Greece and fall within the following definition:

“A non-profit voluntary organisation established as a legal entity, having a non-commercial purpose, independent of local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties and commercial organisations.”

For more information on the eligibility of your organization please consult the guidelines for applicants <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/guidelines-for-applicants.html>.

3. Areas of support:

1. Social inequalities,
2. Eradication of poverty
3. Eradication of social exclusion, including in rural areas

4. Eligible Activities

NGOs are called to develop a flexible and efficient mechanism that will be able to adapt to the increasing challenges and changing needs and dynamics of the Greek social environment under the current crisis.

Under this Call, NGOs will be supported to provide welfare and basic services to vulnerable groups where such services are not otherwise or not adequately provided by governmental institutions, where NGOs can provide the most appropriate, affordable or accessible service, or where they can establish innovative or essential services that are not currently being provided.

Such activities should, where possible, be combined with support to soft measures such as promotion of volunteerism, advocacy, empowerment and participation of target groups, capacity-building, awareness-raising activities, multicultural dialogue activities, mutual learning and dissemination, education and training activities, network and coalition building, advocacy, watchdog and monitoring activities, participation in policy and decision making processes and cultural initiatives to promote objectives of this call.

An **indicative** list of eligible activities in this focus area are:

1. Food and basic services for those in need
2. Housing, cleaning services and social support for the homeless and in general socially vulnerable groups for those at risk of eviction
3. Access to health care services for socially vulnerable groups
4. Implementation of prevention and treatment programs (HIV, tuberculosis) contributing to public health

5. Psychological support programmes
6. Treatment and psychological support for those dependent on substances
7. Legal support for the most vulnerable parts of the population
8. Social support for the unemployed
9. Provision of services to persons with disabilities
10. Social inclusion programmes for youth and socially vulnerable groups

5. Horizontal Concerns

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6. Cross- cutting issues

All projects supported under this Call need to comply with the following principles:

1. Good governance
2. Social sustainability
3. Economic sustainability
4. Environmental considerations
5. Gender equality

7. Size of Grants

The total amount of funds that will be granted via this call amounts to €2,785,000.

The funding will be divided between two funding levels:

The minimum and maximum grant amount per application are:

- a) **Small grants:** minimum EUR 10,000; maximum EUR 50,000
- b) **Large grants:** minimum EUR 50,001; maximum EUR 250,000

1/ 3 of the total funding will be used for the implementation of small grants

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8. Co-financing

The Programme can provide up to **90%** of the eligible cost of the NGO project final and full budget. The applicant shall provide or obtain the remaining co-financing in the form of cash or in-kind contribution as voluntary work. The in-kind contribution may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing required by the Programme for the project. (For the calculation of the in-kind contribution, the price for each hour of voluntary work shall be EUR 7.67).

9. Duration of Projects

The duration of the project begins from the signing of the relevant project contract and it ends not later than 30 April 2016.

Eligible project costs must be made no later than 30 April 2016 and be accompanied by supporting documents. Expenditures incurred after 30 April 2016 are not eligible. Eligible costs and payment processes are described in the form 'Guidelines for Applicants "on the Programme website:

<http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/>

All eligible expenses of the projects approved must be completed and submitted before the 30th of April 2016.

10. Location of Projects

All projects must be implemented throughout the Greek territory on a local, regional or national level.



Projects located in rural and remote areas are highly encouraged to apply under this call.

11. Partnerships

The applicant may submit the proposal individually or together with project partner organization(s).

A project partner is a public or private entity, with legal status commercial or non-commercial, or non-governmental organizations, whose primary location is (a) in a Donor State, (b) an EEA Beneficiary State, or (c) a country outside the EEA that has a common border with Greece, or any international organization, actively involved in and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project.

The partner needs to share with the project promoter a common economic or social goal which is to be realized through the implementation of the project. The partner's role needs to be justified and clearly defined in the project proposal.

12. Deadline to apply

The deadline for receipt of Applications is on **March 24nd, 2014**, at 18:00.

13. How to apply

Applicants must fill in an Application form provided on the Programme web site (available here: <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/application-form.html>) in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines for Applicants (available here: <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/guidelines-for-applicants.html>)

Please refer to the guidelines on more information and clarifications related to various issues such as eligibility criteria; eligibility of costs; excluded costs; procurement, and selection criteria.

All supporting documents must be included in the application.

In case of a partnership application, a mandatory attachment of the partnership agreement is also required.



Only complete applications shall be considered for evaluation and selection purposes. All eligible and complete applications will be evaluated by at least two independent external scorers.

Applicants may choose one of the following two (2) ways to submit their proposal:

- 1) Apply online by completing and uploading electronically the application form available here <http://www.weareallcitizens.gr/apply/application-form.html>) and all required supporting documents
- 2) Apply by post in the following address:

Bodossaki Foundation
5 Vasileos Georgiou B', 10674, Athens, Greece
Subject: EEA NGO Programme "We are all Citizens"
Delivery can take the form of registered or express mail, by courier or hand delivery (09.00 am to 18.00 hours).

The applicant must submit two (2) hard copies (one original, one copy) of the application in Greek, as well as an electronic format (CD).

14. Contact Information

For information regarding the Application Procedure, Qualification of an applicant, Eligible projects, to receive the application material by post should you not have access to internet, and all other information related to this Call, please contact:

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