CARA FUNDS: Call for funding proposals from shelters for victims of crime and violence, national and provincial Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Victim Empowerment (VE) sector and emerging CSOs

Background

The European Union (EU) programme of support to the South African government had as one of its outcomes, the strengthening of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the victim empowerment sector. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were offered funding through both the first and second call of funding proposals. The first call of funding proposals focused on established CSOs by offering them additional funding to expand their services to victims of crime and violence. The second call of funding proposals was focused on emerging Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the victim empowerment sector. Emerging Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Victim Empowerment sector are mostly police station based Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that offer basic counselling, advocacy, awareness raising and referral services to victims of crime and violence that come through police stations. Most the victims are based in rural, peri-urban and underserviced areas. They provide services to victims in areas where there are fewer services and yet where the majority of victims resides.

In preparation for the completion of the European Union (EU) program of support, National Department of Social Development (DSD) through the Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP) Directorate lodged a National Treasury bid and a funding application to the Criminal Asset Recovery (CARA) Fund to sustain the EU investment. Department of Social Development (DSD) has received an allocation from CARA Funds to sustain and grow the European Union (EU) investment towards the Victim Empowerment Sector.

Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP) is growing program and its profile has been elevated through the investment of the last few years. A number of key programs have been implemented and they include increased levels of awareness, training of government policy and frontline officials in trauma, victim empowerment and leadership, the development and rolling out of Monitoring & Evaluation (M & E) generic set of indicators and funding injection to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Priorities for this call for proposals

A number of strategic priorities have been identified into the medium term in growing the victim empowerment program: -

- The institutionalization of Victim Empowerment Programme (VEP) as a government program in all Victim Empowerment (VE) mandated departments at both national and provincial levels,

- The move away from servicing only sexual assault and domestic violence victims but providing services to all victims of crime and violence,
- The enactment of an over-aching legislation on victim empowerment,
- The national roll-out of a victim empowerment brand – Everyday Heroes,
- The national roll-out of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E) generic set of indicators,
- The standardisation of victim empowerment services across the sector and the strengthening of the referral mechanism.
- Integration and holistic approach in providing services in the victim empowerment sector.

It expected for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to take note of the above priorities when fashioning their focus into the future. The following types of Victim Empowerment (VE) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are invited to apply for this call for funding proposals to offer complementary services to government programs for victims of crime and violence: -

- **Emerging Victim Empowerment (VE) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in all the nine provinces:** Emerging Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including those based at police stations offering basic services to victims of crime and violence are encouraged to apply. Basic services include basic counselling, advocacy for victims rights and awareness raising. Emerging Victim Empowerment (VE) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that received funding through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) second call for proposals are urged to apply.
- **National and Provincial VE Civil Society Organizations (CSOs):** Funding is also available for strengthening national and provincial Victim Empowerment (VE) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that are playing a coordinating role for affiliates, building the capacity of affiliates or local offices to offer more services to victims and doing research to enhance program development.
- **Shelters:** Start up shelters in rural and farms areas are encouraged to apply for transfer funding to purchasing office and programme equipment, rolling out of advocacy and awareness raising activities in their target communities.

Eligibility of applicants: who may apply

The following Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are eligible to apply for this call for funding proposals: -

- Applying Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) should be registered with Department of Social Development (DSD) as Not for Profit Organizations (NPOs) and their registration should be in good standing.
- National and Provincial Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) should submit their audited financial statements and the latest annual narrative report of the organization.

- Emerging Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are required to submit proof of the existence of a bank account for the organization.
- All banking account details should be in the name of the organization as reflected in the NPO registration certificate.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

How to apply and the procedures to follow?

All documentation must be submitted in English. Forms must be completed in full. ALL sections must be completed including the proposal, Logframe, budget and workplan. If some sections of the form are not applicable. Please write N/A. Only documents included on the Other Documentation checklist below will be considered.

A total of two copies of the complete application must be submitted. Two identical applications must be sent in one envelope to each of the following addresses. Late applications and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications must be sent by registered mail, private courier service or by hand-delivery (a signed and dated receipt will be given for hand deliveries) at the addresses below. No faxes or e-mails will be accepted. Applications sent by any other means (e.g. by fax or by e-mail) or delivered to other addresses will be rejected.

Where and how to send the applications
Please send two copies of the complete application mailed, couriered or hand delivered in one sealed envelope labelled, "DSD VE Project CARA Fund Application, Submitted by *Name of Organisation".* Please ensure that the return address of the organisation is clearly indicated on the outside envelope. **Please write "PROPOSALS. DO NOT OPEN" in BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS on the envelope.** Please send to:

Attention: Ms Conny Nxumalo
CARA Funds Request for Proposals
National Department of Social Development
7th Floor, Office No: 728N
134 Pretorius Street
Pretoria 0001

Deadline for submissions
The deadline for the submission of applications is **Friday June 15, 2012** as evidenced by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip. In case of hand-deliveries, the deadline for receipt is at **12:00 noon** as evidenced by the signed and dated receipt. Any application submitted after the deadline will automatically be rejected.