

Small Projects Credit Line

Guidelines for applicants

Description

The Small Projects Credit Line is an instrument of the Swiss Cooperation Office (SCO) that accompanies its long-term and larger scale development interventions, as well as contributes to the Swiss visibility in Tajikistan.

It shall also allow testing innovative ideas and new partners. The fund is used to finance one-time actions of limited duration (without commitments for subsequent phases).

Non-eligible proposals

Proposals concerning the following subjects are not eligible for funding:

- Travel grants
- Study tours
- Charity events
- Scholarships
- Running costs of the applying organization, equipment and materials, when presented without activities.

Eligible applicants

- Non-governmental and non-profit organizations
- Professional associations and unions
- Local offices of international organizations
- Public institutions
- Private Sector/Commercial entities

Timeframe

Duration of small projects is maximum 12 months (plus additional 30 calendar days for final reporting).

Submission process (step 1)

Applicants shall submit a brief description (max. 5 A4 page, Arial 10) of the project idea/project concept in English, in the electronic form (Word format). Proposals shall be emailed to dushanbe.smallactions@eda.admin.ch.

No additional information provided at this stage. Applicants shall not contact directly the SCO for information about the status of their proposal.

Selection process

The SCO shall analyze the proposals according to its work plan. After the pre-selection, the shortlisted applicants will be interviewed for additional information and for validation. After this step, an applicant will be briefed in detail about all the requirements and requested to submit a full-fledged Project Proposal Package via email.

The SCO shall contact directly the pre-selected applicants.

Financing requirements

The SCO provides support in the form of a contribution of a maximum of 80% of the project amount for nonprofit organizations and 50% for commercial/for profit entities. Only applications providing a secured direct or third-party funding of at least 20% for non –profit (the latter cannot be financed by the Swiss governmental funds) and 50% for commercial/for profit of the contract amount shall be eligible. Grants will be issued exclusively in TJS (Tajik Somoni).

Submission process (step 2) Project Proposal Package (for pre-selected applicants only)

- Complete Project Proposal highlighting secured/unsecured external funding and in-kind contributions
- Detailed budget according to the SCO template with indication of all external contributions (in-kind and/or in cash), from the organization or by other supporters
- Work plan/chronogram
- Copy of a valid legal registration documents (for legal entities) or copy of passport/s (for individual applicants)
- Copy of the organization's charter or statute
- Banking details
- Resumes /CVs of the core project personnel and/or consultants/resource persons
- Reference letters or other information on previous similar activities
- Other document(s) related to the applicant or the project proposal

Further steps

The SCO shall analyze the Project Proposal Package and possibly require modifications and additions to the documents, the budget and the timeframe.

In the case the proposal is accepted, a contract shall be established between the SCO and the applicant.

The SCO may reject the proposal at any time. No justification shall be provided for rejected applications.

The Project proposal template (with budget and implementation plan template) are attached to the Guidelines.

Project Proposal Summary Template

1. Applicant name and contacts <i>(legal status, address, telephone, email)</i>	
2. Contact person <i>(name, telephone, email)</i>	
3. Project name	
4. Short description	
5. Objectives <i>(short, max. 2 objectives)</i>	
6. Expected results/outcomes <i>(short, max. 2)</i>	
7. Location or geographical coverage	
8. Beneficiaries	
9. Project duration <i>(months)</i>	
10. Partners	
11. Main events/highlights	
12. Total project budget <i>(indicative, in TJS)</i>	
13. Requested contribution <i>(value and % of the total)</i>	
14. Other useful information	
15. Date of submission	

PROJECT PROPOSAL

For projects submitted by organisations/individuals to the Swiss Cooperation Office in Tajikistan for funding

A) *The applying organisation*

1. Background information of the applying organisation
 - Mission of the organisation
 - Founding date and founders of the organisation
 - Legal entity (NGO, association, government department, others)

2. Main activities of the applying organization
 - Main projects and activities of the organisation
 - Results reached through these projects and activities

- Partners: donors and partner organisations

B) *The proposed project*

3. Problem statement

- Description of the specific problem(s)
- Explanation of the root causes that lay behind these problems
- The problem or critical issue which the proposal seeks to resolve

4. Project goal

- Overall purpose of the project (=proposed solution to the above mentioned problem)

5. Expected results

- Description of the overall results that the project is expected to accomplish and whether there may be unintended effects of the project, and how these possible challenges will be addressed.

6. Project activities

- Outline of the activities that will be undertaken in the frame of the project
- Direct output of each of these activities ('objectives')
- Explanation of how these activities will contribute to achieving the goal of the project

7. Beneficiaries

- Beneficiaries : number and characteristics of people that will directly benefit from the project
- Description of who and how many people are expected to benefit from the project, both directly and indirectly

8. Partners

- Other organisations (government, NGOs) addressing the above mentioned problem
- How does your project complement their activities?
- Other donors supporting your project

9. Time frame

- Plan of activities
- Date of completion

10. Budget

- According to the SCO budget template

11. Monitoring and Evaluation

- How will you measure, if your activities produced the intended outputs?
- How will you know, if the above mentioned situation (problem statement) was improved?
- What will happen to the problem after the end of your project? How do you guarantee, that the situation will not again get worse? (do no harm and sustainability)

Annexes to the Project Proposal

Annex 1.1: Budget

Budget Contribution to local partners implementing small projects								
Project:						Applicable in the case donors are financing specific activities/budget items (earmarking)		
Organization:								
Currency: TJS								
1	2	3	4	5	6 (=7+8+9)	7	8	9
Budget item no:	Description	Unit/ Lumpsum	Quantity	Unit cost	Total	Donor 1	Donor 2	Donor 3
Project activities								
1	Music festival				-			
1.1	Hall rent	lumpsum	1	50'000	50'000	25'000	25'000	
1.2	Fees for the artists	lumpsum	1	75'000	75'000	75'000		
1.3	Posters	U	375	50	18'750			18'750
1.4	Prizes	U	10	1'000	10'000			10'000
					-			
					-			
					-			
					-			
					-			
					-			
Project staff (salaries and related staff costs)								
2	Staff salaries							
2.1	Arts director	month	4	7'500	30'000		30'000	
2.2	Assistant	month	5	2'500	12'500			12'500
					-			
					-			
					-			
Materials and equipment								
3.1	Computer	U	1	7'500	7'500	7'500		
3.2	Printer	U	1	2'000	2'000	2'000		
					-			
Other project costs								
4.1	Medical kits	U	5	500	2'500			2'500
					-			
					-			
					-			
					-			
					-			
					208'250	109'500	55'000	43'750
					100%	53%	26%	21%
Funding:								
						Secured funds	Unsec. Funds	Total
Donor 1						109'500		109'500
Donor 2						35'000	20'000	55'000
Donor 3							43'750	43'750
Totals						144'500	63'750	208'250
%						69%	31%	100%

Annex 1.2: Implementation Plan

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN																	
Activity List each activity. Please be as specific as possible. Use additional pages if necessary.	Target Audience (if applicable) Who is the audience targeted for the activity?	12 Month Timeline Place an X in the appropriate box to indicate the first and last month of the activity.												Person(s) Responsible Who is responsible for implementing the activity?	Evaluation Indicators How will you measure the success of the activity?		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				