



Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP)

NGO Call for Proposal Workshop hosted by Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP)

Apia, 19th January, 2018 – The Civil Society Support Programme hosted its 2nd Call for Proposal for Non – Government Organisations last week Friday at the TATTE Convention Centre. This Round is supported through the Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP) under Australian Aid. The workshop invited eligible NGOs with the aim to support NGOs access funding from the Civil Society Support Facility. Taupau Joseph Mulipola, [Grants Facility Manager, CSSP] emphasized during his presentation, “Every NGO needs to be registered with MCIL to be eligible to apply to this Call for Proposal”.

Through this Call for Proposal, NGOs are encouraged to apply for funding to implement projects which focus on community development primarily targeting the most vulnerable in our communities. The programme also seeks work with civil societies where its priorities align with the CSSP objectives, working closely with Samoa’s own development plans and development partner’s aid priorities.

“For this NGO Call for Proposals, CSSP recognises the civil society organisations are diverse and bring a diverse range of strengths and capacities” Theresa Masoe-Taimalelagi, [Programme Manager, CSSP]. With this being said, CSSP is expecting a varied applications from NGOs but at the same time enable them to enhance their capacities to deliver services and activities to improve the well being of communities and families with a focus on strengthening youth empowerment, gender equity, and disability inclusiveness.

The maximum amount for funding of successful proposal is \$200,000.00 with a pool of funding ranging from \$800,000.00 to \$1.2million. The program also seeks NGO proposals which aligns with the CSSP purpose and objectives and also with the Government of Samoa’s Strategy for Development (SDS 2016-2020), the MWCSO Community Development Plan (2016-2021) and regional plans; having gender equality, inclusion of people with disability and climate resilience as important cross cutting issues.

Participants expressed excitement about the timeliness of the Fund to support local programs addressing social, economic and environmental problems arising as from most pressing issues in Samoa today. Thirty six (36) registered NGOs attended the workshop and had the opportunity to be informed on how to fill out the application form and develop strong and relevant proposals to be submitted.

A general application form and brochure are available on the CSSP official website and as well as from the CSSP office in Apia (Ground floor - NPF Building). For more information, please feel free to contact the Civil Society Support Programme office on telephone number 24617 or email cssp.office@cssp.gov.ws.