

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

GARISSA YOUTH GRANT

Open: 6th February 2012 – Closing: 6th March 2012

1.0 Introduction

With the conviction that people's participation is the key to successful and sustainable development; KCDF & G-Youth seek to increase the participation of people in the development of their own communities. KCDF and EDC's Garissa Youth project are partnering to administer a skills and community development fund targeting youth of ages 18 to 30 years from Garissa Municipality.

2.0 WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND OF THE G-YOUTH FUND?

The G-Youth Fund is a competitive grant scheme for youth-led organizations proposing innovative project ideas that contribute to increasing social entrepreneurship and employment amongst their peers and respond to community development needs. This competition is open to all youth-led organizations in Garissa Municipality. Grants of **Kshs 85,000 to Kshs. 500,000** will be awarded to the most innovative proposals chosen by The Grant Approval Panel (GAP).

Main Objective

The main objective of the G-Youth **FUND** is to enable youth-led organizations and associations to actively participate in the promotion of youth-led community development in Kenya. Through the grants these organizations will establish innovative projects that support and create youth-led enterprises.

Management

The **GRANTS** are jointly managed by KCDF and EDC's G-Youth Project in Garissa. KCDF is a Public Community Foundation based in Kenya supporting community development since 1997. Financial support for the fund comes from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

3.0 WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE GRANTS?

Eligible applicants

Eligible applicants will comprise of youth groups who are officially registered, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit youth-led/serving organizations in Garissa Municipality.

By "youth led" KCDF refers to organizations with all youth leading the Trustees Board/Management team of an organization. In addition the project manager must be a youth. Youth in this respect is defined as young people aged 18 to 30, in and or out of school.

Applicants must be a legal entity in order to sign a grant agreement. Grants are not given to individuals. An applicant shall not submit more than one proposal under one call for proposal.

Eligible projects Proposals should contribute to strengthening capacity of youth, transfer of life skills, creation of employment opportunities and or youth entrepreneurship development. Most of all, proposals must respond to local community development needs & priorities as outlined in the annexes (1 – 5).

Project Duration The proposed projects must be completed within 6 months of receipt of first payment of the grant.

Co-funding The applicant must contribute a minimum of 10% of the grant amount to the project. This contribution can be cash or in kind (such as staff time, materials, facilities).

Language Proposals must be submitted in English.

4.0 HOW DO I APPLY?

The **GRANT APPLICATION FORMS** are to be filled out and dropped at the **G-Youth 'Youth' offices** in plain envelop clearly marked – G-Youth Grants Application, before the deadline of **the 6th March 2012**. Application guidelines have been developed to assist applicants in filling out the application form and should be read in conjunction with this Information Note. The documents can be found at www.g-youth.org and www.kcdf.or.ke.

5.0 Submission of Completed Proposals

Please submit your completed proposal in a sealed plain envelope clearly marked as follows:

Name of Organization:

Location:

To be received **NOT** later than **12 Noon on the 6th March 2012**