

## Calls for expression of interest for grants to CSOs

### 1. Background

UNFPA Myanmar recognises the barriers and challenges faced by Myanmar's LGBTQIA+ community and understands how it has been exacerbated by the double crisis of Covid-19 and political crisis. In acknowledging the critical role that grassroots CSOs play in supporting LGBTQIA+ communities and in wanting to ensure that LGBTQIA+ civil society networks can continue to provide services, and with support from DFAT, UNFPA opens a call for expressions of interest for grants to LGBTQIA+ CSOs.

### 2. About the grants

Grants will be provided to organisations led by and focussed on LGBTQIA+ people to cover a diverse range of activities to meet the immediate needs of vulnerable LGBTQIA+ communities. This will be a flexible funding mechanism and we encourage innovative activities that seek to pilot new activities or maintain current activities.

### 3. Eligibility

- LGBTQIA+ led or focussed community-based not-for-profit organisations operating in Myanmar
- Current UNFPA implementing partners and CSO grantees are not eligible for this grant
- Organizations who are currently receiving grant support from UNFPA should not apply again

### 4. Potential areas of support by grants

Suitable activities include but are not limited to:

- protection and safety (such as operation of safehouses for LGBTQIA+ people fleeing violence)
- livelihood recovery (such as emergency cash handouts, distribution/procurement of non-food items, livelihood skills training/workshops);
- mental and psychosocial activities (such as counselling, drop-in centres);
- sexual health and intimacy (delivery of comprehensive sexuality education curriculum to out-of-school youth, production of educative materials, healthy relationships advice/counselling, sexual health service provision)
- LGBTQIA+ specific service provision or service demand generation, referral network establishment

The above are just examples – but work should aim to improve the wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ populations. UNFPA Myanmar is happy to collaboratively build ideas with organisations who express interest and have a feasible workplan. Workplans that can demonstrate a sustainability plan for activities will be highly regarded.

The maximum length of the project should be 12 months.

### 5. Application/Expression of interest

Please share a brief expression of interest (maximum 2 pages), including information on the needs of support, planned interventions, past experience, target populations, estimated budget for each intervention, implementation period, and names of sub-partners, if any.

Attached are the sample formats which you can utilize the above-indicated information:

You can submit the expression of interest, either in English or in Myanmar. Please send your expression of interest to [eoi.myanmar@unfpa.org](mailto:eoi.myanmar@unfpa.org)

## **6. Deadline**

27 November 2022

## **7. Selection process**

UNFPA internal committee will review as they come in so that rapid disbursement of funds and support are in place. If required, phone calls may be made to the applicants for further clarification or additional information to complete the expression of interest. This will be done with safety concerns in mind.

## **8. Award disbursement**

Once decision is made for provision of grants, applying organizations will sign a grant agreement with UNFPA. Upon signing of the grant agreement, funds will be disbursed in a single instalment.

## **9. Reporting**

- Grantees will be requested to submit a short progress or interim report mid-way through the implementation period.
- Grantees will be requested to submit a short final report (narrative and financial) either in English or in Myanmar within the 45 days after the completion of the activities.
- UNFPA can also provide support in preparing the final report as needed.
- Where appropriate, the organisation is encouraged to identify areas of future potential work and/or scaling up of activities undertaken through the grant