



MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING & TRADE

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL GRANT FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the areas of interests for project financing?

The purpose of the National Grant Scheme is to support project and organisations that help meet the country's National Development Priorities that are linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The national development priorities are featured in the Seychelles National Development Strategic Plan (2019 -2023) accessible via the following link:

http://www.finance.gov.sc/uploads/files/Seychelles_National_Development_Strategy_2019_2023.pdf

The six key pillars are:

- 1. People at the Centre of Development**
- 2. Social Cohesion**
- 3. Innovative Economy**
- 4. Economic Transformation and**
- 5. Sustainable and Resilient Environment**

All project proposals submitted to the National Grants Committee must have as their main purpose the change in the social circumstances of groups and communities in Seychelles. Proposals may cover part or in full any of the SDGs or specific national development strategies. Priority will be given to projects and organizations which help meet the country's national development priorities that are linked to the Sustainable Development Goals number 1,2,3,4,5, 6,8, 10,11,16.

2. Who is eligible for a National Grant?

Registered not-for-profit entities that must have been in operation in the Seychelles for a minimum of one year. Eligible not-for-profit organisations must be financially accountable and possess certified audited financial statements for the preceding year (2020)

3. How much can you apply for?

The minimum grant amount is SR 100,000 and maximum SR 750,000.

4. What is the project implementation timeframe?

The minimum duration of grant awards is not less than six (6) months and the maximum duration is twelve (12) months and projects must be implemented during the calendar year. All projects must be completed by 31st December 2021.

5. What is the process for project evaluation?

All received grant applications will be required to pass an administrative compliance check to ensure that the application form has been fully completed, submitted within the deadline and all mandatory documents are in order. Thereafter, the National Grants Committee uses a set of criteria for the technical evaluation of the projects proposals that have passed the administrative compliance check. Applicants scoring 60% or more are called for an interview to further elaborate on their grant application.

6. What is the minimum percentage contribution from an applying organization?

The minimum contribution of 10% is required which can be either in cash or in kind. The in-kind contribution must be realistic and documented.

7. Is co-funding necessary?

Proposals may include co-financing, which is not mandatory, towards their projects/programs. Applicants need to provide details of the source of the co-finance and the amount of the co-finance. Proposals may, however, include other national or international co-financing.

8. How and when funds will be disbursed?

Disbursements are not automatic but rather based on project performance. Funds will be disbursed on a quarterly basis after submission of progress report and quarterly action plan.

9. Can an NGO submit printed copies of the application form and supporting documents?

In keeping with the Public Health Orders, the Ministry of Finance and the National Grant Committee will only be accepting only online application submitted via the online portal.

10. Is there a limit to the number of times a NGO can apply?

An organisation can submit as many applications. However, successful applicants are eligible to only one grant per calendar year.

11. What are the required compulsory documents?

Completed application form, Copy of Registration Certificate, Copies of ID of members, 2020 Audited Financial statement, NGO Banking Details (top part of bank statement or copy of a blank cheque).

12. Can different NGO submit a joint application?

Synergies are encouraged to maximize resources especially if aiming to achieve same objectives.