

10th CALL FOR PROPOSALS

FUNDING INNOVATION

Foundation Schüler Helfen Leben (SHL)

SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF EDUCATIONAL YOUTH PROJECTS

Application Process

1. SHL is seeking applications for support of educational youth projects activities in the eligible countries. Interested organisations are requested to submit their applications in the prescribed format on www.callforproposals.de .

Timelines

2. The deadline for receipt of short applications is 5 December 2014. Any applications received after this date will not be considered.

3. The following timelines will apply for consideration of applications:

- a) Deadline for receipt of short applications - 5 December 2014
- b) Review by the selection committee of SHL – 9 January 2015.
- c) Notification of successful applicants no later than 16 January 2015: Invitation for long application
- d) Deadline for receipt of long applications 16 February 2015
- e) Review by the selection committee of SHL – 27 February 2015
- f) Notification of successful applicants no later than 7 March 2015
- g) Selection of final project on project selection conference 15-17 May 2015

4. The applicants of proposals being placed for consideration of long applications may be required to provide further information, in the formats provided by SHL, for the proposed intervention together with supporting documentation.

Objectives of SHL's project financing

5. SHL supported activities promote the development of formal and informal education of children and youth and contribute to sustainable development e.g. in terms of:

(i) Youth Empowerment:

- creation of structures and opportunities for activism and volunteerism- capacity-building for organizations promoting youth empowerment
- education of youngsters willing to get active and supporting peer-to-peer education

6. SHL's aim is to realize the potential of children and youth, activism and empowerment with an emphasis on the benefits of disadvantaged children and youth.

SHL supports implementation of activities that:

- (i) are innovative and target new opportunities in education of children and youth.
- (ii) are scalable, replicable and financially sustainable.
- (iii) have a potential measurable positive socio-economic and environmental impact on the stakeholders in youth education as compared to the prevailing baseline situation, and
- (iv) enhance knowledge generation and information dissemination.

Areas of Support

7. SHL supports activities along youth empowerment which extend across local, national, regional and international borders.

Partner Institutions

8. SHL partners with local non-governmental organisations that:

- have participatory and decision-making youth structures in their organizational statute and in daily practice
- implements projects implement by youth
- have a proven track record in the proposed activities,
- have a clear plan focusing on developing and/or diversifying their activities,
- have the technical, managerial and financial capacity to effectively and efficiently implement its activities,
- share SHL's values, including vision, mission, internationally recognized principles concerning human rights, labour and child protection policies
- can use SHL funding to extend their core activities in ways that create additional opportunities for children and youth

Financing Instruments

9. SHL finance will consist of direct funding.

Outlays

10. The financial support for any individual intervention would normally be in the range of EUR 125,000 to 155,000. SHL funding will normally be up to a maximum of 2 years.

Expected Impact (to be clearly stated in the application)

11. (a) Essential development impact indicators:

(i) Beneficiaries and Incomes, e.g.:

- Beneficiary focus
- Innovation
- Development impact
- Financial sustainability
- Management and implementation strategy
- Cost effectiveness
- Quality of the proposal

Selection Criteria

13. SHL has limited resources and hence each application will be assessed to determine its development impact and effectiveness. The quality of the proposal and not the financial outlay is the overall guiding principle for assessment of suitability of the intervention for support from SHL.

14. The objectives must be achievable within a specified period of time. Past track record of the applicant, including technical, managerial and financial capacity to execute the intervention and reach the targeted goals in stipulated time is an important consideration in selection.

15. SHL will select the best applications based upon the proposed activity that contributes the most towards SHL's aims and objectives.

Specifically each activity shall be assessed with respect to:

Monitoring and Evaluation

17. A suitable monitoring and evaluation system to assess the impact of the SHL supported activities shall

be integral part of SHL financing. The baseline data for each activity is to be available or collected to demonstrate the effectiveness and impact of the activities before the activity or cooperation starts.

At the completion of the activity an assessment of the outputs and development impact shall be made. In interim and annual reports, results are presented as compared to the planned objectives.

Approval Procedure

18. Proposal must be submitted by completing the prescribed application form.

19. The applications received will be screened internally by SHL staff for their completeness and for meeting the basic criteria as given above.

20. The applications passing the screening process will be subjected to a detailed approval process commencing with an evaluation by SHL selection committee.

21. The applicants of proposals being recommended for long application may be required to provide further information along with supporting documentation, as required by SHL.

22. The selection committee reviews the long application and approves or rejects the proposal. The project coordinator will communicate the decision by the selection committee to the applicants.

Process after Approval by the Selection Committee for the Long Application

23. Once a proposal is approved by the selection committee, the proposals will be presented at the project selection conference where high school students will decide on which project receives funding. At this stage after the approval of the long applications, SHL may engage with the organisation and assist in obtaining desired information to complete the presentation of the proposal which may include visits to the proponents and activity sites.

Engagement of SHL in the process does not guarantee funding by SHL of the proposal since the final decision is taken by students at the project selection conference.