



COMPETITIVENESS AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CEDP)

Matching Grant Facility (MGF)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS- ROUND 4

Credit No: 5269 Project ID No: P130471

Background

The Government of Uganda received credit from the World Bank towards implementation of the Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (CEDP). The project development objective (PDO) is to improve competitiveness of enterprises in Uganda through supporting reforms in priority productive and service sectors geared towards a better investment climate with particular focus on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The Government intends to apply part of the funds towards the Matching Grant Facility (MGF) through which grants will be offered to qualifying private sector enterprises.

The MGF is a competitive grant aimed at improving enterprise capacity, enhancing productivity and competitiveness of enterprises in Uganda. The grant will catalyze and enable enterprises to address some of the constraints that inhibit productivity, growth and competitiveness. Eligible enterprises will be required to make contribution of 50% to match the grant.

The MGF is open to ONLY private enterprises and associations operating in the following sectors: **Tourism, Agribusiness (only coffee, grains and pulses, horticulture, edible oils, fisheries) and Information Technology/Business Process Outsourcing.**

The MGF aims to contribute to increased productivity and exports of non-traditional products, creation of employment, increased sales volume and overall prosperity.

To obtain a grant under the MGF, the entity must fulfill the following conditions:

1. Be duly registered as per the laws in Uganda.

2. Shall have been operational for a minimum of two (2) years from the time of registration.
3. Be privately owned and not partially or controlled by Government.
4. Meet the minimum requirements under the scoring methodology (details are on the website - www.cedpmgf.go.ug).
5. Shall be operating in any one of the above supported sectors.

Eligible activities

The MGF support may be applied for a range of Business Development Services (BDS) so long as they are geared towards strengthening and enhancing capacity of enterprises. These may include; but not limited to management training, acquisition of quality certification systems, marketing, record keeping, financial management and production techniques. All activities must result into verifiable, tangible and measurable outcomes that will contribute to the attainment of MGF and CEDP objectives.

Grant size

The eligible enterprises may access a cumulative grant amount not exceeding USD 100,000 (One hundred thousand dollars only) during the project lifetime and subject to availability of funds.

The Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) now invites eligible entities to submit proposals requesting for funds under the MGF.

How to apply

- Application and proposal guidelines are available on our website at www.cedpmgf.go.ug.

- Early and online applications on <http://cedpmgf.go.ug/> are encouraged and will earn applicant extra points.

Submission deadline

Applications and proposals must be submitted on-line or to the address below not later than **5.00 pm on 30 November 2016**. Early submission of applications are encouraged.

Disqualification warning

Entities will be disqualified from the process if they are:

- 1) Found guilty of mis-representation of information.
- 2) Involved in lobbying and influence peddling.
- 3) Involved in acts of fraud and corruption.
- 4) Non-compliant with environment and social practices.

Please note:

1. Eligible entities can apply for only one activity in the call for proposal.
2. Entities with ongoing activities from rounds; one, two and three need not apply under call for proposals- Round 4.
3. Incomplete proposals will not be evaluated.
4. MGF does not support entities involved in the alcohol, tobacco, weapons and gambling sector.

For inquiries, please contact

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