Direct Aid Program Expression of Interest
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Introduction

Overview

What is the Direct Aid Program?

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a small grants program funded by the Australian Government. It is managed globally by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through its Embassies, High Commissions, and Consulates.

DAP complements Australia's International Development Policy and supports local communities to deliver direct, practical, and immediate projects that promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and development.

The Australian Embassy in Addis Ababa's DAP program supports projects in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Djibouti, and the Central African Republic.

Who can Apply?

Not-for-profit organisations, including community groups, non-government organisations (NGOs), research institutions, and other entities engaged in development activities in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Djibouti, and the Central African Republic are eligible to apply.

What types of projects are eligible for DAP?

DAP projects should seek to achieve practical and tangible outcomes with high development impact across one or more of the following areas:

- gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI)
- health services and education, particularly women's and girl's sexual and reproductive health rights
- agriculture, food security, and climate resilience
- governance, peacebuilding (including women, peace, and security), and human rights.

What can't be funded under DAP?

Generally, the following activities would not be supported by DAP funds:

- cash grants or micro-credit schemes or projects that involve the return of money
- commercial ventures
- purchase of major assets, e.g. vehicles
- Australian or overseas study tours
- international travel
- sponsorship of major sporting tournaments or cultural displays that do not have a clear developmental benefit
- staff salaries
- routine, recurring running costs and administrative expenses including office rental and utility costs, spare parts, routine maintenance.

DAP funding and implementation timeframes

There is no minimum amount that a single DAP project can receive, but the maximum is AUD60,000 over the life of the project. Activities can run up to a maximum of two years. Projects should be self-contained, with finite timelines.

Application process

The Australian Embassy in Addis Ababa runs a two-stage DAP application process, consisting of an 'Expression of Interest' (Stage One) and a 'Full Proposal' (Stage Two).

Expressions of Interest submissions will close at **11.59pm (EAT) on Friday, 20 September 2024**.

After shortlisting, successful applicants will be invited to submit a Full Proposal.

Favourable consideration will be given to Full Proposals that:

- address more than one thematic area
- promote GEDSI
- address a tangible community need
- demonstrate sustainable, long-term benefits to a community, sector, or marginalised group
- demonstrate community involvement and ownership
- demonstrate good governance and structural capability to implement effectively.

Projects that act as a catalyst for additional development in the community, or a model for similar development elsewhere, are welcome. Projects in which the recipient community makes a significant contribution in terms of labour, materials, or cash are also well-received.

Instructions

This form is to be completed by the applicant online.

This application form should be read in conjunction with information on the Direct Aid Program available at - https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/pages/direct-aid-program

Notes:

1. DAP building and construction related projects should meet or exceed Australian standards wherever reasonably practicable to do so. Departure from Australian WHS standards on the basis that meeting such standards is not "reasonably practicable" should only be accepted where it is defensible to do so, supported by a clear, persuasive and documented explanation. In such cases, the project should meet the highest standard that is reasonably practicable, with hazard mitigation measures supported by a hazard identification and risk assessment report identifying the residual risks of injury and illness to any workers or third parties, and proposed mitigation strategy.

2. If the project involves working with children, the organisation must have a current child protection policy or code of conduct to be eligible. For information on child protection policy, see https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/child-protection/Pages/child-protection

3. Recipients of DyAP funding must ensure that no support or resources are provided to an entity subject to sanctions (by the United Nations Security Council or the Australian Government).

4. Recipients of DAP funding must ensure that the work conducted in relation to this project is undertaken in a safe manner and complies with all applicable local laws, standards and policies that relate to health and safety.

5. Selected Expression of Interests will proceed to develop a full proposal which must align with the information provided in this form.

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Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant Organisation and Contact Details

Organisation Name *

Type of Organisation
- ○ Individual
- ○ Community Group
- ○ Local NGO
- ○ Overseas NGO
- ○ Other:

Postal Address *

Address

Suburb / Town   State/ Province   Postcode   Country

Primary Contact *

Title   First Name   Last Name

Position *

Work Phone Number *

Must be an international phone number

Mobile Phone Number

Must be an international phone number

Email *

Must be an email address

Business licence and/ or CSO, NGO, CBO certificate etc

Attach a file:

Previous DAP Projects

Have you received DAP funding previously? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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Project Proposal

* indicates a required field

Project Summary

Name of Project *

Word count:
Must be no more than 20 words

Problem statement – what is the need *

Word count:
Must be no more than 80 words.

Project description - What activities will you do *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words

Start Date *

Must be a date

End Date *

Must be a date

Which thematic areas does your project align with? *

☐ Agriculture, food security and climate resilience
☐ Gender equality, disability, and social inclusion
☐ Governance peacebuilding (including women, peace, and security), and human rights
☐ Health services and education, particularly women's and girl's sexual and reproductive health rights
Select all that apply

Does your project target any of these groups? *

☐ Women and girls ☐ Rural communities
☐ LGBT + community ☐ Victims of human rights violations
Select all that apply

Project Location

Project Country *

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Location of Project *

If your project concerns the African Union or the
Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) please write
that as the location of the project

Funding

* indicates a required field

The Direct Aid Program at the Australian Embassy in Addis Ababa operates in a number of
different currencies. Please complete the following using one of the below currencies:

- AUD (Australian Dollars)
- USD (Unites States Dollars)
- ETB (Ethiopian Birr)

Currency Type *

○ AUD -
AUSTRALIAN
DOLLAR

○ USD - US
DOLLAR

○ ETB - ETHIOPIAN
BIRR

Please choose a currency from the list above

Total Project Cost *

What is the total budgeted cost (in the currency selected above)
of your project?

Other Funding *

How much (in the currency selected above) are you contributing
to the project?

Total Amount Requested
*

What is the total amount being requested for this project from
the DAP program? Note: that a maximum total of AUD$60,000 or
equivalent in another currency will be distributed. (This amount
is calculated)