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AfWA-FABRI SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

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Young Water Professionals participating in the 2nd Africa YWP Conference in Kigali, Rwanda 9-12 September 2012

OVERVIEW

The African Water Association (AfWA), in partnership with the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID), has launched an exciting new small grants program to enhance the African Young Water Professionals (AfYWP) activities in east, west, central, and southern Africa. AfWA recognizes that meeting the present and future needs of the water sector requires ongoing support.

The ultimate goal of the small grants program is to improve people's lives by increasing access to reliable and safe water and sanitation services. It also seeks to build the careers of young professionals and give them an opportunity to address the needs and challenges of the water sector in their respective countries.

The small grants program seeks to:

1. **Empower young people** to actively participate in addressing non-revenue water (NRW) and sanitation issues
2. **Stimulate innovation** among the young water professionals and give them the opportunity to develop creative, tangible, and sustainable solutions for NRW management and improvement in urban sanitation services
3. **Help launch national chapters** of AfYWP in west and central Africa
4. **Strengthen AfYWP networks** across the continent to play an increasingly active role in addressing Africa's water sector needs

ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals and/or a group of young people between the ages of 21 and 35
- Citizen of a country in east, west, central or southern Africa
- Employed by a local, legally constituted organization in Africa
- Active member of his or her country's African Young Water Professional (AfYWP) Chapter

The applicant's employer can be a private or public organization, including central or local government entities, utilities, educational or research institutions, private businesses, or civil service societies. Unemployed or independent individuals or unregistered organizations are not eligible for grants under this program. The proposed project must be entirely implemented within the Sub-Saharan region.

FUNDING

The total funding for the small grants program is \$300,000. Grants awarded under this program may range in size from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Applicants are encouraged to seek funding from external sources, such as utilities, governments, businesses, and civil society organizers, to expand their resources and demonstrate stakeholder interest.

The active grant performance period is through July 2015. Grants awarded under this program will have a period of performance of approximately up to 12 months and must be completed prior to 31 July 2015.

REQUIREMENTS

Cover Letter (Microsoft Word or PDF format)

- Name of the grant
- Beginning and ending dates of the proposed grant
- Names and organizations of all participants
- Total cost of the proposed grant

Technical Proposal (Microsoft Word format)

- Abstract or summary (no more than 50 words)
- Objectives of the proposed project (no more than 3)
- Description of the particular challenge that the project intends to address (no more than 25 words)
- Beneficiaries of the proposed project (no more than 50 words)
- Gender statement including how males and females will participate in and benefit from the proposed program (no more than 100 words)
- Identification of other partners (groups or organizations) involved in implementing the project
- Description of the approach and activities (no more than three pages)
- Explanation of how the project is innovative (no more than 50 words)
- Three or four major products
- Description of how the project will be managed and on what timeframe the program will be implemented
- One page CVs of each applicant, including previous work and experience and capacity to implement the proposed project

Supporting Documentation

- Letter from the CEO or Managing Director of the organization supporting the proposed project and accepting responsibility for financial accountability of the grant's funds
- Supporting documentation to confirm the legal status of your organization
- Letter from the AfYWP national chapter confirming the applicant is a member in good standing

Cost Proposal (Excel format)

- Detailed budget in U.S. dollars including in-kind (for example, labor, office space, equipment use, materials) and external funding, if applicable
- Budget justification by line item

For an English or French copy of the detailed Annual Program Statement and budget template, please send a request email to afywp_grants@dai.com

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