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Re: Community Action Grant

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for your interest in a Community Action Grant (CAG).

The aim of Community Action Grants is to provide funding to local non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations (CBOs) such as faith-based organisations (FBOs) and sporting groups to initiate local responses to HIV and STIs, and enable community participation.

Empower Pacific as Fiji's Community Development Organisation (CDO) is seeking project applications that sit within one of the following key theme areas (1-4) of the Pacific Regional Strategic Implementation Plan:

1. **Prevention Awareness Programs** – To support national and regional efforts to prevent the spread and minimise the impact of HIV and other STIs on individuals, families and communities. For example:
 - Sex workers – Support for HIV activities.
 - MSM – Support for HIV activities.
 - Community mobilisation projects e.g. Stepping Stones, village, religious, youth and sports groups
 - Outreach e.g. community training
 - Tourism / hotel industry
 - Other
2. **HIV and other STI Diagnosis** - To increase the early detection of HIV and other STIs to reduce further infections and facilitate timely treatment with specific focus on Strategic Health Communication on STI prevention, access to treatment as well as integration of Reproductive & Sexual Health program.
3. **Continuum of Treatment, Care and Support Systems and Services** To strengthen the capacity of PICTs to provide an adequately resourced continuum of treatment, care and support for people living with and affected by HIV and other STIs. For example:
Projects supporting the care of People Living with HIV
4. **Leadership and Enabling Environment** – To achieve commitment and engagement from leaders in key sectors to address the challenges of HIV and other STIs.

You can contact Veronica Chand (Ph: 6650483/ 6650482 or Email: sekoula@empowerpacific.com /cdo@empowerpacific.com) to discuss any ideas you may have for Community Action Grant projects, the eligibility criteria and other requirements for your proposals.

Should you require further assistance, Empower Pacific will assist you with the proposal form and any other enquiries you may have pertaining to the Community Action Grants.

Attached are the following documents should you choose to apply for the Community Action Grants:-

1. Community Action Grants advertisement.
2. Stream 3 Community Action Grant Guidelines
3. Community Action Grant Proposal Form
4. Information Sheet on Empower Pacific

Once applications have been received, a free training and information session on CAG will be run in Suva, Lautoka and Labassa. All applications will be assessed and ranked by Empower Pacific but the final decision will rest with a community panel formed by the National HIV Board.

Applications may be electronically submitted to sekoula@empowerpacific.com /cdo@empowerpacific.com or posted to PO Box 5693, Lautoka.

Applications close C.O.B Friday 15th December 2012.

For further enquiries please contact Veronica Chand on 665 0483/ 6650482.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours faithfully

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(CDO Coordinator)