

Chagossian Support Package 20-21 UK Call for Bids

Overview In November 2016, the UK Government announced it would fund a package of support of approximately £40m over 10 years. These funds are a voluntary allocation intended to provide Chagossians with better life chances in the communities in which they currently live (predominantly UK, Mauritius and Seychelles), as well as an expanded programme of visits to BIOT. Support Package funding for projects must specifically support Chagossians in five distinct areas: education, health, employment, social care, and culture (retention & awareness).

In line with UK Government funding requirements, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) is running a competitive bidding round in the UK to provide funding for projects over £5,000 for this financial year only. FCDO will consider multi-year proposals, but in this round, are likely to support projects that deliver this financial year. Projects will be focused in the Crawley (West Sussex) and Wythenshawe (Manchester) areas of the UK, but also other areas of the UK if the need arises.

The remaining funding for next financial years (2021 – 22 and onwards) for UK, Mauritius & Seychelles will be reflective of the outstanding funds remaining in the support package, and split annually to cover the remaining years of the support package. A separate procurement exercise is planned for financial years 2021 – 22 and onwards.

1. **Project Delivery Organisation Requirements**

The support package's five distinct project delivery areas are clearly defined as: education, health, employment, social care, and culture (retention & awareness). We are therefore looking for proposals from organisations that are well placed to function as a Project Delivery Organisation. This would involve implementing one or more projects to enhance Chagossian lives in any one or more of the five project delivery thematic areas. These are likely to be within the Crawley and the Wythenshawe areas of the UK (FCDO will consider all areas if the Project Delivery Organisation can demonstrate a need). It is expected that successful bidders will have been in existence as an organisation for a minimum of three years and will provide us with one or more project proposals. These must be clear on the services that will be delivered, exact timeframes, and full costs (including management fees). Successful bidders would also be expected to:

- have experience of delivering projects and working with one or more of the following: local government, charity sector, social enterprises, NGOs and community groups;
- be familiar with the challenges/solutions that would be relevant to project delivery in one or more of the support package areas, including where the evidence base is limited;
- provide a rationale demonstrating how the outcomes will address and support Chagossian needs;
- include a costed plan for engaging Chagossian participants, ensuring a broad and fully inclusive range of consultation takes place;
- demonstrate experience of financial/budget management (above £15k) as well as monitoring, reporting, evaluation and learning as part of project delivery (we will require a 3 page project completion report detailing what was achieved and any next steps or projects that you should implement).

2. **Chagossian participation**

Alongside seeking bids for the above, we are also inviting Chagossian community members across the UK, Mauritius, and Seychelles individually or in groups, to register their interest in participating to help shape the future of the programme. This would be to provide advice to, and/or work with implementers to ensure projects are designed to meet the needs of communities in the areas

of education, health, employment, social care, and culture. To qualify to register, you must be of direct (through the maternal or paternal line) Chagossian heritage. To register, you will simply need to email BIOTFCDO@fcdo.gov.uk with your name, email address (optional contact number) and we will put you in contact with Project Delivery Organisations. FCDO particularly encourages bids involving Chagossian community members working directly with organisations with relevant expertise.

3. **Examples of on-going/planned projects**

English language courses in Mauritius, equivalency statements to enable Chagossians with internationally attained qualifications to benchmark them on the UK skills framework, as well as cultural projects.

4. **Examples of types of projects we could consider**

Project bids in the UK should range in value from £5,000 upwards. FCDO will accept multiples of projects bids in any of the five areas, i.e. education and employment, health & social care, or just one of the delivery areas.

We will consider all projects that meet any one or more of the five delivery areas – the definitions of which remain broad to encourage a wide range of proposals for enhancing the lives of Chagossians where they now live. For example, these could be as such:

- **Education:** projects could include vocational/technical training, tutoring courses to help prepare for a range of exams, as well as languages;
- **Health:** delivery could address essential community health and wellbeing needs, including assisting with elderly care, providing equipment to elderly Chagossians, through to community classes, including supporting relevant sports and leisure activities;
- **Social Care:** projects such as supporting Chagossians needs through child care providers;
- **Employment:** supplementing employer costs, stipends or provision of small bursaries for job placements or internships, including vocational training, mentoring, and work experience;
- **Cultural awareness & retention:** these could include online educational resources celebrating Chagossian heritage and culture, arts exhibitions, museum artefacts, theatre, as well larger exhibitions and events that show case Chagossian culture.

As noted above, the projects are examples. We are particularly keen to hear from members of Chagossian communities on where they think this funding can add most value within the five distinct areas.

5. **Bidding Support & Submission**

This call for bids will run between **Monday 26 October 2020** and **Thursday 3 December 2020** (this has been extended from Thursday 26 November). We cannot consider proposals submitted after the deadline. When submitting your bid, you must at the beginning of the subject title of the email state which project delivery thematic area is covered (i.e. health, education, etc.), and the title of the project. Project bids must be submitted using the appropriate FCDO project proposal form to: BIOTFCDO@fcdo.gov.uk by **Thursday 3 December 2020, 11.59pm** UK time.

FCDO will appraise all bids against the relevant evaluation criteria in line with: strategic fit, technical feasibility, value for money, and the capability and expertise of the implementing organisation.

Call for bids are competitive, open to all, and will remain fair and transparent. **FCDO's** BIOT Unit will notify successful bidders **wc: 14 December 2020**, which may include discussions for slight

adaptations. If you have not heard from the BIOT Unit by **18 December**, then please assume your bid has been unsuccessful.

6. Grant Making Body

A separate procurement exercise is taking place to identify a suitable Grant Making Body. FCDO envisages that the Grant Making Body will work with Project Delivery Organisations to manage and oversee delivery of those projects.

7. Implementers & Contracts

Non-profit and for-profit organisations can participate in this call for bids. Findings of project delivery and activities are not to be shared without consent of the FCDO. The project idea set out in the Project Bid will be owned by the Implementer submitting the proposal, i.e. the bidding organisation will own the Intellectual Property (IP). With FCDO guidance and assistance, Implementers will carry out eligibility criteria checks to ensure Chagossians are beneficiaries of Support Package projects.

8. Duty of Care

The implementer is responsible for the safety and well-being of their Personnel and Third Parties affected by their activities under this Call-for Bids process, including appropriate welfare, security and health & safety arrangements in the UK.