**UN Women Spotlight Initiative Grenada Call for Small Grants**

**Responding to the impact of family violence on survivors and groups facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination/marginalisation in Grenada**

**Purpose**: To support the expansion of the technical substantive capacity of national, local and grassroot women’s rights organisations, and other organisations working on Family Violence (FV) and Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG).

**Eligible Organisations**: Civil society and other not for profit organisations in Grenada working on Family Violence and VAWG. Non-traditional and first-time organisations are highly encouraged to apply.

*\*\*NOTE: eligible organisations must be legally registered and operational for 3 or more years*

**Amount**:

Up to 10,000 USD equivalent for smaller projects

Up to 20,000 USD equivalent for larger projects

**Duration**: 5 months between July 2023 and November 2023

**Submission deadline**: Please submit expressions of interest via email to cfp.caribbean@unwomen.org **by31st May 2023, 11:59 pm AST**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**Background**

The European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) have embarked on a new, global, multi-year initiative focused on eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG) - The Spotlight Initiative. The Spotlight Initiative is so named as it brings focused attention to the issue of violence against women and girls, moving it into the spotlight and placing it at the centre of efforts to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Grenada Spotlight Initiative is designed to focus attention, coordinate human effort, and strategically apply resources to the implementation of a well-conceived comprehensive national programme to contribute to end family violence and all forms of violence against women and girls in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

The Spotlight Initiative in Grenada will contribute to the achievement of gender equality, peace, social inclusion and protection of human rights, which are catalytic for sustainable development (particularly SDGs 5 and 16) and inclusive growth, in accordance with Agenda 2030, as well as the priority areas of the UN Multi-Country Sustainable Development Framework. The Initiative will contribute to the full implementation of Grenada’s Gender Equality Policy and Action Plan (GEPAP), and Government’s Public Service Delivery Agreement (2019) to strengthen interventions to combat Family Violence, including Intimate Partner Violence and Child Sexual Abuse linked to Enhancing Social Capital and Citizen Wellbeing pillar of Government’s Medium-Term Agenda for 2019-2021. In addition, the outcomes of this initiative will be integrated into the National Sustainable Development Plan 2035, which is being developed, to take effect from 2020 to 2035.

**Call for Small Grants**

The Spotlight Initiative takes a comprehensive approach to addressing family violence through six pillars that focus on 1) Laws and Policies, 2) Institutional Strengthening, 3) Prevention, 5) Data and 6) Women’s Movement and Civil Society. This grant falls under Pillar 6, in recognition of the integral role civil society has played in lobbying, advocacy, service delivery and support to address family violence in the region.

UN Women, grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security, **plans to award up to 4 small grants to eligible organisations in Grenada.**

UN Women welcomes expressions of interests for grants up to 20,000 USD equivalent per civil society organisation (CSO).

UN Women’s Small Grants are designed to support institutional strengthening and capacity-building, especially for smaller organisations. This call specifically supports CSOs working in the area of family violence, especially responding to the needs of women and children survivors as well those who face discrimination or marginalisation. Expressions of interest that focus on intersectional issues are **highly encouraged**.

Under this advertisement, it is suggested that Small Grants be used for a diversity of activities such as:

* Adapting and applying social accountability mechanisms for EVAWG
* Scaling up of existing VAWG/FV programmes
* Strengthening advocacy around EVAWG
* Building internal/institutional capacities

The Small Grants are not able to fund provision of direct services or operating/running costs unrelated to the specific proposal.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

The applicant may apply if it:

* is a registered CSO in operation for at least three years;
* is not on the Consolidated UN Security Council Sanctions List;
* is not being investigated for fraud, corruption, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or other wrongdoing;
* has not had funding received from UN Women entirely or partly written off by UN Women;
* is not currently engaged as an Implementing Partner (IP) or Responsible Party (RP) for UN Women;
* has not been engaged as an IP/RP for UN Women at any time after 21 November 2019;
* is not a government entity;
* is not a UN organization;
* is not an established CSO with the capacity to be engaged as an IP/RP;
* has sufficient capacity to collaborate with various stakeholders;
* has sufficient financial stewardship, including having adequate financial policies and procedures in place to manage the small grant; and,
* past performance has been deemed satisfactory by UN Women (if it has received small grants previously or been engaged as an IP/RP before 21 November 2019).

**How to apply**

**Step One**: submit Expression of Interest and registration certificate –

* Required:
	+ Complete and send the attached Expression of Interest (see template) and a copy of the organization’s registration certificate evidencing that the applicant is a registered CSO in operation for at least three years.
	+ All applications must be in English.
	+ All applications must be submitted via email. Unfortunately, handwritten or mailed applications will not be accepted.

UN Women will reject any application that does not contain enough information to show that the CSO or activities are eligible. UN Women will send a confirmation email upon receipt of application. Applications including, should be sent by email to cfp.caribbean@unwomen.org by **11:59 AST on the 31st of May 2023.**

**Step Two**: If short-listed, finalise submission for approval of agreement:

* UN Women may provide feedback on changes required to the proposal, timeline, budget or may request further clarification about the proposal.
* Once the proposal and budget have been finalised incorporating all feedback, it is submitted for approval.

**Step Three**: if awarded a small grant, complete agreement process:

* If approved, UN Women will request completion of a UN Women supplier profile with supporting documentation.
* Based on all completed documentation and the Small Grant Policy, UN Women will disburse funds to the organisation’s bank account.

**Step Four**: implement activities according to the proposal, monitor and report as agreed.

**Selection process and key dates**

All submitted applications will receive a confirmation of receipt email from UN Women. All applications will be assessed by a panel of 3 to 4 UN Women staff.

1. Call for proposals released 16th May 2023
2. Expressions of interest due 31st May 2023 (11:59 AST)
3. Short-listed applicants notified by 23rd June 2023.
4. Successful applicants notified 30th June 2023.

**Small Grant requirements for grantees**

If selected for a Small Grant, all grantees are required to:

* Submit a progress report quarterly to UN Women
* Share a schedule of project events for M&E, communications and field visits
* Share project materials for quality assurance checks
* Submit a final narrative and financial report at the end of the agreement period with documentation of expenses (e.g. receipts and invoices) and results/progress

**UN Women’s commitment to grantees**

 UN Women values equal partnership and mutual accountability. UN Women commits to supporting grantees with technical assistance and capacity-building as needed throughout the engagement period.