

Caucus of Development NGO Networks

Network Strengthening Fund (NSF) Competitive Grant FY2008-09

CODE-NGO announces the availability of the NSF Competitive Grant FY2008-2009 amounting to **One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php162,500.00)** to winning proponent(s) of innovative projects for network strengthening and sustainability.

Eligibility

The NSF Competitive Grant is open to all CODE-NGO member networks in good standing (has up-to-date records with CODE-NGO, i.e. latest Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements, no pending Membership Dues and NSF liquidation dues). The grant will be provided to qualified winning project(s) submitted for funding by any member network of CODE-NGO to enhance membership capacity for governance and transparency, project identification and management, and sustainability.

Purpose of the Grant

To develop the members' capacity to exercise transparency and good governance in managing their organizations, identify and implement responsive programs for their respective constituencies, and strengthen their organizational sustainability.

Theme

The projects to be submitted for the NSF Competitive Grant should respond to any or combination of the following thematic focus:

- Network Good Governance and Transparency
- Enhancing network capacity for effective project planning and implementation; financial management, project conceptualization, partnership with local government units, etc.
- Policy advocacy at the local level - research for policy agenda, forums and consultation, etc.
- Sustainability mechanism of the Network; e.g. social enterprises .

Ineligible Projects

The following projects or activities are not eligible for funding:

- Meetings of the Board or Secretariats
- Training or studies of any of the Secretariat or leaders of the NGOs or Networks
- Team Building or R&R activities
- General or Regional Assemblies of the Network or any of its sub-members.

Evaluation Process

1. The NSF Competitive Grant Committee will be convened to evaluate the proposals.
2. Based on their evaluation, the Committee will recommend to the CODE-NGO National Board one (1) or at most two (2) proponents to be granted the NSF Competitive Grant.
3. The Committee shall use the following guidelines in rating the proposals:
 - 25% - **Relevance**: is the project relevant to the priority themes of NSF?
 - 25% - **Implementability**: Is the problem clearly stated? Will the strategies and activities identified clearly address the problem? Are the strategies and activities logical, practicable and implementable? Is there good probability of success in achieving the expected outputs and outcomes?
 - 50% - **Sustainability and Innovation**: Does the proponent identify ways to sustain the program even after the grant? Is there room for expansion, replicability or adaptation by other networks or regions to address similar problems? Is the proponent open to share tools, approaches and techniques with others? Is there application of new approaches, or are known ideas and techniques applied in more creative ways?

Submission of Proposals

All proposals should be submitted to the CODE-NGO Secretariat using the prescribed format not later than **5:00PM of June 15, 2009**. Late submissions will be disqualified. Proposals may be submitted by e-mail, regular mail or hand-carried and addressed to:

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Timeframe

Announcement of the NSF Competitive Grant	12 May 2009
Deadline for submission of proposals	15 June 2009
Evaluation of proposals by the NSF Competitive Grant Committee	17 – 22 June 2009
Announcement of Results	25 June 2009

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