



CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CIVIL SOCIETY STRENGTHENING FUND

SHIFTING THE POWER PROGRAMME

Background

Tilitonse Foundation (TF) was established in 2016 to support Malawian Non-State Actors to engage in governance and development interventions. The Foundation's work is within the Malawi Government development policy frameworks such as the Malawi 2063 Agenda and global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the African Union Agenda 2063 and the Paris Declaration. Tilitonse Foundation supports Non-State Actors in consolidating and up-scaling good governance and development interventions in Malawi. It aims at increasing capacity of NSAs to actively promote citizens' engagement in democratic governance and in upholding citizens' rights by the state.

Civil Society Strengthening Fund

Tilitonse Foundation (TF) entered into a partnership with **Comic Relief** and **UK Aid** to implement **Shifting the Power Programme in Malawi** which will run from 2022 to 2030. The objective of the Shifting the Power programme is to strengthen and develop the capacity of local Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) to ensure that they are independent and resilient for them to effectively execute their mandate and better represent local people's priorities. The Programme will focus on organizational strengthening and is aimed at *ensuring that locally led civil society organisations are invested in, in order that they can then address the needs, concerns and aspirations of people living in poverty*. The programme will support local civil society organisations working in the following thematic areas: Early Childhood Development, Gender Justice, Mental Health, Safe and Secure Shelter, and Climate Change (Effects of Urbanization).

The Civil Society Strengthening Fund (CSSF) is the second funding window under the Shifting the Power Programme. It will provide a mix of Restricted (Organisational Strengthening) funding and Unrestricted (Core) funding to CSOs to deliver their strategic mission and achieving organisational sustainability. It will provide long term support to identify and address capacity development needs of local CSOs in Malawi.

Application Process

Interested and qualified CSOs (see Eligibility Criteria) are invited to apply for funding as specified in the guidelines. Application guidelines and forms can be downloaded from the Tilitonse Foundation website (www.tilitonsefoundation.org) under the 'Grants' tab or can be obtained from our Facebook or LinkedIn pages. The forms can also be accessed by writing to info@tilitonsefoundation.org or calling the Foundation on 0887 005 797.

Proposals should be submitted electronically with the subject line indicated 'Submission for Application for the Civil Society Strengthening Fund' to csssubmission@tilitonsefoundation.org



copying cssfsubmission@tilitonsefoundation.org or in hard copy clearly marked 'Submission for Application for Civil Society Strengthening Fund' to the following address: Tilitonse Foundation, P.O Box 31815, Lizulu Street, Plot No 128. Area 47, Sector 5, Lilongwe.

The deadline for applications is 18th October, 2024 at 12:00hrs. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

To further support applicants, the Foundation has organised Information and Guidance Sessions that will be conducted in Lilongwe, Salima, Mzuzu, Karonga, Blantyre and Zomba. The sessions are aimed at providing guidance on how to go about developing proposals and orient potential applicants on the use of various templates and tools designed for the Civil Society Strengthening Fund. Details on actual venues for the sessions will be communicated in due course through radios and various media platforms including Tilitonse Foundation's website.