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TWIN-CITIES IN SUSTAINABLE
PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



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THIRD PARTY SUPPORT- CALL FOR APPLICATION

The Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (STMA) in collaboration with her project implementing partners have received funding from the European Union (EU) under the '*Local Authorities: Partnership for Sustainable Cities*' to implement the **Twin-Cities in Sustainable Partnership Project (TCSPP)**. The project aims at capacity enhancement to improve urban management and the strengthening of the twinning-relationship built between the Municipality of Palermo (Italy) and STMA, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda on sustainable development.

In order to help achieve the objective of the action to train vulnerable women and youth in urban agriculture, a financial support to third parties has been proposed to be awarded and managed according to the Article 10 of the General Conditions and the Third-Party Support Regulation of the TCSPP.

Eligibility Criteria

1. To respond to a Challenge, the applicant shall be a legal entity in compliance with the definition of Social Enterprise/ Cooperative.
2. The entity shall comply with the following in order to participate in the Third-Party Support selection process:
 - a) be an individual or individuals who have undergone the TCSPP Urban Agriculture Training programme for the vulnerable (hereinafter "the applicant").
 - b) propose advanced technologies solution to address the Challenge defined by TCSPP to create job opportunities for others in the value-chain of crop production, animal husbandry and aquaculture.
3. Applicant may address more than one intervention area under the same cut-off, specifying the level of preference for the intervention area.
4. The criteria for determining exact amount of financial support for an applicant shall be based on the analysis of the following in the document submitted:
 - a) Detailed description of the proposed activities and objectives;
 - b) Description of the expected outputs, outcomes and impact;
 - c) An analysis of the costs.

Target Group for selection

Applicant may apply under the following category:

- a) Smallholder farmers group: - (Crop production, aquaculture, animal husbandry)- This group consist of existing smallholder farmers who came for the training and acquired knowledge of smart farming and want to expand their business.
- b) Youth group: - The youth group comprises of both male and female aged from 18-35 years who have formed an enterprise to work together to set up start-up business from the training.
- c) Women group: - Female groups which could be made up of the youth who are female, all female smallholder farmers, improvised greenhouse female group, persons living with disability female group.
- d) Persons living with Disability: - This category is made up of persons living with any form of disability such as physically, intellectual, blind, hearing, speaking, albinism and institutions for persons living with disability (special schools).
- e) Vulnerable group: - This group is the extremely poor households, aged and orphanage institution.

Application Procedure

The Application Procedure will consist of two stages (Stage 1 & 2)

The Stage 1 will consist;

- a. Submission of completed Application Form with information on the technological and innovation solution to the intervention area
- b. Evaluate and select 50 eligible applicants with the minimum requirements and offering most solutions to the next stage.
- c. Evaluation at this Stage will be carried out by the TCSPP Evaluation members.

Stage 2 will consist:

- a. Presentation of proposed solution-based by the applicants in front of an Evaluation Team.
- b. The selection at this stage will be done by a jury of experts from the Sekondi-Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly who will have the final determination on applicants qualified for the third-party support.

Time Lines

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| 1. Open Application – | 28 th July, 2023 |
| 2. Deadline for submission of proposal | 29 th August, 2023 before 5:00 pm. |
| 3. Evaluation of proposals received | 30 th August – 3 rd September 2023. |
| 4. Results and invitation to Stage 2 | 4 th September 2023 |
| 5. Pitch Day/Presentation Day | 7 th -8 th September 2023 |
| 6. Official Communication of Awardees | 14 th September 2023 |
| 7. Signing of Agreement | 25 th September 2023 |
| 8. Implementation | 1 st October 2023 |

NOTE:

1. Download the Application Template at <https://stma.gov.gh/EU/Tender>
<https://stma.gov.gh/EU/sustainable-partnership-project>
2. Interested eligible trainees may obtain further information from the Project Coordinator
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