STRONG CITIES NETWORK: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (KENYA)

- **Donor Organisation:** Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)
- **Eligible Organisations:** Civil society or grassroots organisations registered in Kenya
- **Location:** Isiolo, Kwale, Lamu, Mombasa or Nakuru
- **Budget:** $8,000 – $10,000 USD
- **Length:** 6-9 months
- **Start Date:** 01 November 2019

About the Strong Cities Network (SCN)

Led by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) and launched at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, the Strong Cities Network (SCN) is the first ever global network of mayors, governors and local practitioners united in tackling polarisation, hate and violence in local communities in every major global regions.

The SCN helps sub-national authorities design polices, practices and partnerships to enable locally designed responses to these challenges providing our members with expert training access to best practice from local governments who face similar challenges. In just over three years the SCN has expanded membership to over 130 local governments, run over 70 activities worldwide, reaching nearly 4,500 P/CVE practitioners reaching over 700 city officials and over 100 mayors from 61 countries. We operate with a set of fundamental principles, agreed by all members, that protect and promote human rights and civil liberties in all aspects of our work to prevent violent extremism in all its forms.

SCN in Sub-Saharan Africa

Sub-Saharan African cities and sub-national governments have played a key role in the SCN since its inception with Dakar, Kaduna State, Kano State, Kiffa and Mombasa County forming 5 of the 25 original founding members in 2015. Since then the SCN has been supporting local Kenyan governments and practitioners through capacity building and youth engagement activities. These activities have included regional workshops, city exchanges, youth innovation labs, city consultations, development of toolkits and local innovation grants.

The SCN is embarking on a new exciting phase of programming which seeks to support the implementation of Kenyan County Action Plans to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism (CAPs) in SCN member counties. Activities will include: county-to-county learning exchanges, local partnership grants and an East Africa regional workshop. SCN members in Kenya include Isiolo, Kwale and Mombasa counties, with ongoing engagements in Lamu and Nakuru counties.

Request for Proposals

The SCN is seeking to fund a minimum of five local civil society or grassroots organisations to carry out projects which support the implementation of the CAPs in SCN member or engaged counties (Isiolo, Kwale, Lamu, Mombasa and Nakuru). Projects are expected to take place over 6-9 months

from 01 November 2019 and be worth a total of $8,000 to $10,000 USD. The SCN is particularly interested in funding promising and vibrant grassroots organisations who work directly with communities and have existing experience of partnerships with local government officials.

The SCN reserves the right to award multiple or none of completed applications submitted. Grants will be awarded in conjecture with quality, as evaluated through the criteria listed below, and perceived needs of the county. It is not guaranteed that all counties will be represented in the final awarding of grants.

Objectives

The project must address one of the following two objectives in one of the five eligible counties. The SCN may consider proposals for P/CVE projects which do not meet one of the two objectives, however a strong preference will be given to projects which address one of the objectives.

Objective One: Implementation of CAP Projects

The drafting of more recent CAPs and Rapid CAPs has inspired positive local-national and civil society collaboration and cooperation. Proposals received for objective one should seek to implement currently unfunded projects as specifically outlined in CAPs or Rapid CAPs.

Objective Two: Research & Reinvigoration of the CAP

The drafting of the original CAPs provided a solid template for stakeholder engagement and action planning for the rest of Kenya, although some elements of these documents may require reengagement or updating. New research areas may have also been identified. Proposals received for objective two should seek to reinvigorate the CAP through new research and participatory processes. Proposals should indicate how they will stimulate dialogue between relevant actors, such as civil society, county and national government, to ensure that the CAPs are operational documents.

Mandatory Organisational Requirements

Applicant organisations must meet the following requirements and qualifications:

- Officially registered organisation in Kenya. Applications from individuals and government bodies will not be accepted;
- Currently operating in the county for which they are applying;
- Strong project management skills, as evidenced by the successful delivery of projects and grants;
- Experience of developing partnerships with local government stakeholders and civil society organisations;
- Experience in monitoring and evaluating and able to demonstrate impact of projects;
- Ability to work proficiently in English for project management and monitoring and evaluation purposes (with delivery to be conducted in local languages).

Contractual Arrangement

The contract will be awarded by ISD and will enter into force from the date of its signing by both Parties, for the duration of the project until the satisfactory completion of all project deliverables and final reporting. The contract may be modified only through mutual agreement in writing signed by both Parties. The Partner shall not disclose nor communicate any confidential information relating

to ISD's business activities to any third party, save where required by law or with the express written consent of ISD.

How to Submit Proposals

Please complete the attached <u>application form</u> and <u>budget template</u> electronically. There is no need to submit any other documents, supplementary attachments will not be reviewed by the evaluation team. Hand written applications will not be accepted. Application forms and budgets must be submitted to grantsteam@isdglobal.org before <u>13 October 2019, 5pm GMT</u>.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based upon the service to be provided weighed against the cost of the service.

Proposals need to:
- Have clear and concrete objectives, communicated simply.
- Achieve the objectives of the grant scheme.
- Be realistic and achievable, considering the budget and timeframe.

Scale/Value of Impact

To receive grant funding, proposals do not necessarily need to achieve massive scale. In fact, over-promising could hurt your application. Some projects might seek to reach a wide audience. Others might seek to achieve a greater depth of impact with a smaller number of people. The scale and quality of impacts will influence project marking. Projects should seek to achieve the widest and/or most meaningful impact possible within the realistic boundaries of the project. They should also seek to measure that impact in a relevant and credible manner.

Feasibility

The team should have a well-developed, realistic plan to execute on the proposal, including a simple but comprehensive logic framework that includes outcomes, outputs and measurement indicators. Moreover, the team should have the right expertise and skills to execute on the proposal or have identified the right partners and domain experts needed for implementation.

Budget

Realistic budgets are an important part of our assessment of grants. Where existing investment can be unlocked or additional funding or in-kind support can be acquired to support project activities, this should be highlighted.

Added Value

This grant seeks to unlock capacities, resources and partnerships to support the implementation of County Action Plans across Kenya. In assessing applications, we will consider the 'added value' offer of the organisation/organisations involved in the project, especially where it develops networks and capacities or valuable collaborations.

Ethics/Risks

Applicants should demonstrate that they take ethics and security risks seriously, and consider the risks of projects professionally and proportionately.

ISD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted and to request additional information from all proposers.

The deliverables outlined in this tender may be subject to change, as required by the donor. The awarding of funding to the successful organizations by ISD is dependent upon ISD's receipt of funds from the donor.

For any questions please contact Laura Saarinen on **grantsteam@isdglobal.org**.