

Cluster Proposal Guidelines

2019 Call for Proposals for CityNet Cluster Leads and Co-Leads

Introduction

This Request for Proposals welcomes ideas from CityNet Cluster leads and co-leads to promote the theme of their cluster while engaging multiple CityNet members. To guarantee the efficient use of CityNet funds, we request a detailed explanation of your proposal activity.

Proposal should be sent to

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Objectives

This Request for Proposal has the following objectives:

1. To strengthen the sustainability of urban resilient communities through cooperative self-sustaining projects or relevant knowledge exchange activities among CityNet members;
2. Facilitate and enable local implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to contribute to the outcome of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
3. To showcase the potential for CityNet to promote and implement best cases of sustainable urban development programs for its members

Guidelines and Criteria

To be eligible for funding, a project proposal must satisfy all of the following:

A. Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proponent applicant must be either a lead or co-lead or any CityNet member who is authorized to submit on behalf of the lead and/or co-lead of any current CityNet Clusters – Climate Change, Disaster, Infrastructure, and Sustainable Development Goals;• The applicant must have paid its CityNet membership fee for the current year and must not have any outstanding arrears;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must have submitted at least (1) one best practice case to the CityNet’s Urban SDG Knowledge Platform, http://www.urbansdgplatform.org/ • The proposal must be officially endorsed by the mayor and/or heads of organization of the project proponent. • Each Cluster may submit up to maximum of two proposals provided these come from two different applicants.
B. Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant must only be used for purposes indicated in the proposal description; • Cluster Grant fund is an enabling fund for sustainable city to city cooperation among CityNet members. Project funding cannot be used for research, payment for personnel salaries/honorarium, daily subsistence allowance (DSA), alcohol beverages, or any activity that is not directly related to implementing the specified activity; • A breakdown of incomes and expenditures must be detailed in the budget (Annex III); • The grant received from CityNet (maximum of 10,000 USD) should serve as a maximum of 70% of the total project costs; • The recipient should provide actual financial counterpart or in-kind donation comprising at least 30% of the total project cost. Co-financing source is clearly outlined. • Funding will be provided in three instalments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fifty percent (50%) of total grant after the signing of the Letter of Agreement (LoA); 2. Thirty percent (30%) of the remaining grant upon submission and acceptance of Midterm Progress and Financial Report including official receipts on the sixth month or less of the project implementation; 3. Twenty percent (20%) of the remaining grant upon

	<p>submission and acceptance of the Terminal and Financial Report including official receipts on the 11th month or less of the project implementation.</p>
<p>C. Project Design</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project must have clear objectives, activities, outputs, indicators and means of verification; • The activities must show measurable and tangible outputs. • The project implementation should be at the maximum of 12 months or less as indicated in the submitted proposal and in the Letter of Agreement (LoA); • The project must concur with CityNet’s mission and values. • The project must recognize CityNet as the project funder in all its promotional activities. • The project design must meet the following conditions below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project must engage other CityNet members outside the applicant’s own country anchored on the principles of sustainable city-to-city cooperation in the Asia Pacific region; 2. The project design evidently considers the set of SDG targets that it wishes to address and provide a systematic approach to address it; 3. The project is a multi-stakeholder scheme that matches the grant given by CityNet by resource contributions from other urban stakeholders, international organisations/international non-government organizations, multilateral banks, or the private sector to further scale up the impact of the grant provided.
<p>D. Theme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme of the project should be aligned with the Cluster’s theme and aligned with the Mission and Values of CityNet. • The grantee should be willing to share the result of their activities on international platforms and CityNet-related activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cities involved in the project and CityNet can use any material generated through the project for promotional activities.
<p>E. Proposal Submission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal must be submitted by email to programs2@citynet-ap.org on November 2, 2018. Please include a cover letter addressed to Vijay Jagannathan Secretary-General CityNet Secretariat
<p>F. Reporting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantee shall submit a report to CityNet Secretariat as indicated in the Letter of Agreement. Among the Reports to be submitted include 1.) Midterm Progress and Financial Report and 2.) Terminal and Financial Report. Reporting templates will be provided. The Report shall include at a minimum a detailed description of the activities, the results, activity photos and videos, participants, and official receipts supporting every expense. Details will be provided in the Letter of Agreement. The grantee will also report the project outcome or the project progress in the Cluster Sessions at the CityNet Executive Committee. CityNet may ask the grantee to give presentation about their project, at any stage of its duration, at various CityNet events.
<p>G. Duration and Deadlines</p>	<p>The following deadlines are indicated below and will be strictly observed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 18, 2018. Call for Proposals to be sent to Cluster Leads and Co-Leads; October 18, 2018. Final Call for Proposals to be sent to Cluster Leads and Co-Leads; November 2, 2018: Deadline of Applications. <i>Late applications will not be accepted.</i> November 21-22, 2018. Project Proposal Deliberation at the

	<p>37th Executive Committee Meeting, Da Nang, Vietnam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 14, 2018. Official Announcement of the Cluster Grant Awardees. • January – December 2019: Maximum Period of Project Implementation • June 2019: Maximum Period of Submission of Mid Term Progress and Financial Report s • November 2019: Project Completion/ Maximum Period of Submission of Terminal and Financial Reports
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Checklist for Applicants

Applications will only be considered if they include the following (all annexes are attached to this document). Please be guided accordingly.

Completed application form (Annex I).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed and attached work plan (Annex II).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completed and attached budget (Annex III).	<input type="checkbox"/>