Call for Applications

# Consultancy: Improving the Legal Environment for Financial Sustainability of CSOs in Uzbekistan

Project Information

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) is pleased to invite applications from local expert organizations focused on improving the legal environment for financial sustainability of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Uzbekistan.

BACKGROUND

ICNL is an international not-for-profit organization that promotes an enabling legal environment for civil society, including through work on the freedoms of association, assembly, and expression and on public participation around the world. ICNL has provided technical, research, and capacity-building assistance to support the reform of laws affecting CSOs in over 100 countries. We draw upon a worldwide network of partners and experts to produce innovative research and analysis on legal topics affecting civil society. To learn more about ICNL’s programs in Eurasia, visit www.icnl.org.

ICNL is seeking one local expert organization (Consultant) to provide services designed to improve the financial sustainability of CSOs in Uzbekistan. Due to limited sources of funding and access to resources, financial sustainability is a major challenge for most CSOs in Uzbekistan. The Consultant’s services will inform CSOs and other Uzbek and international stakeholders about the legal framework for CSO financial sustainability in Uzbekistan, provide legal informational support to CSOs seeking to improve their financial sustainability, and support advocacy initiatives designed to improve the legal framework for CSO financial sustainability.

The Consultant’s scope of work is expected to include, but is not limited to, the following:

* contribute to ICNL experts’ comparative legal analyses of Uzbek legislation;
* review and update ICNL’s 2018 research on the laws affecting financial sustainability of CSOs (published in 2018, to be provided by ICNL);
* provide ongoing consultations to CSOs seeking to improve their financial sustainability;
* monitor implementation of legislation on financial sustainability;
* inform Uzbek and international stakeholders about issues related to the legal framework, which will include holding at least two workshops for CSOs;
* participation in relevant events conducted by other organizations, in consultation with ICNL; and
* develop advocacy approaches to improve the legal framework for CSO financial sustainability.

The Consultant will be required to regularly communicate with ICNL staff about the progress of the activities, respond to requests for information, and provide assistance with arranging meetings and communications between Uzbek stakeholders and ICNL’s experts.

Application Instructions

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Applicants must submit the following fully completed items, with the Application Coversheet via email, with the subject “Financial Sustainability of CSOs in Uzbekistan” to pbonwich@icnl.org:

* Statement of Organizational Capacity or other statement of relevant work history (no more than 3 pages) and key staff credentials;
* Sample of a relevant work product; and
* Detailed line-item budget not to exceed $30,000.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This call is open to CSOs or businesses focused on CSO legal issues in Uzbekistan that are registered and operate in the country. Applicants are expected to strictly comply with the submission deadlines. The project must be completed by March 31, 2023.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on the following factors:

1. Legal education of staff and experience of the organization/company;
2. Familiarity with the laws, rules, practices, and treaty obligations applicable to freedom of association and other legislation relevant to financial sustainability of CSOs;
3. Organizational capacity to issue sub-contracts and finance events and other activities necessary to implement the contract;
4. Organizational capacity to submit invoices and other required financial documents;
5. Excellent research, analytical, and writing skills;
6. Compliance with eligibility requirements and application procedures;
7. Commitment to and track-record of complying with project submission deadlines;
8. Proposed timeline for completing Scope of Work;
9. Competitiveness of the budget, consultancy rate, time availability, and value for money.

Please contact us at pbonwich@icnl.org in case of questions. All application materials should be submitted in English. **Applications will be considered until October 15, 2022. Only one applicant will be selected to implement the contract.**

APPLICATION COVERSHEET

Please complete the coversheet and submit it, along with your proposal and other application documents to pbonwich@icnl.org. Please ensure that the subject of your email is: “Financial Sustainability of CSOs in Uzbekistan.” If you do not receive confirmation that your application was received within 48 hours, please contact us by email again.

Full Name:

Position:

Organization:

Mailing Address Line 1:

Mailing Address Line 2:

Mailing Address Line 3:

Country:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Check the boxes below to indicate that you have properly completed the application.

* I have attached a Statement of Organizational Capacity or other statement of relevant work history and key staff credentials.
* I have attached a sample of a relevant work product.
* I have attached a line-item budget.
* Organization is registered and operates in Uzbekistan.