

Request for Applications (RFA)

Attachment A

Grant Scope of Work/Program Description

National Integrity Action (NIA) is a charitable organisation established in March 2011 with the objective of combatting corruption in Jamaica on a non-partisan basis. In 2015 NIA achieved the goal of becoming the Jamaica Chapter of Transparency International.

Problem Statement

NIA is now engaged in the process of building the core of a social movement for integrity. This process involves accepting members and partnering with diverse organisations to strengthen good governance in Jamaica. This effort requires the support of all sectors of the Jamaican society to include the young, the business sector, our public workers and very importantly the nation's women. Studies suggests that women are less likely to engage in corrupt practices but are more disadvantaged in corrupt systems as corruption has been found to have a disproportionate negative effect on women. As such, greater emphasis must be placed on the role of women in not only combatting corruption but the concurrent actions of building and strengthening integrity. In advancing this programme, NIA is partnering with a range of diverse organizations, and entities – youth, students, professionals, community, citizens' associations, and women's organization.

Sub-Award Objectives

NIA is requesting appropriately qualified women's organisations to submit applications for a sub-award under its combatting corruption and strengthening integrity programme, 2016-2019.

A central objective of these partnerships is to strengthen the organizational, technical and resource capabilities of partners to extend the base of public demand for greater integrity and for the combat of corruption.

A critical element in achieving this objective is the empowerment of women, working within a human rights, and gender equality framework to advance a culture of integrity which eschews gender-based violations.

Towards this end, NIA is inviting women's organizations to submit applications:

- To raise awareness, especially amongst women at the community level, of their rights and responsibilities as citizens, their knowledge as to how to seek redress against violations, and pathways to strengthen national efforts to promote gender equality and female empowerment;
- To develop and implement robust communication measures to raise the effective voice of communities, including women, to give support to the broader national effort to enhance transparency, accountability and good governance;
- To establish and strengthen partnerships in at least three (3) communities to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate community-agreed priorities to build a culture of lawfulness, as well as integrity among children, adult youth, women and men. This effort would include education and skills training, entrepreneurship and employment creation, and leadership development to address violence of all types, particularly gender-based;
- To research and advocate with communities of interest, the reduction of gender disparities in access to and control of economic, socio-cultural, and political resources, and opportunities

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Activities and Chronological Timeline of Activities

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) located in or operating in Jamaica are invited to submit an application for a competitive sub-award. The successful sub-awardee will receive up to **JMD\$44,800,000** over the life of the project (2016-2019).

Task

The aim of the program (s) should be to:

- Design a relevant programme to help increase the capability of women and girls to realise their rights, determine their life outcomes and influence decision making in households, communities and the wider society
- Develop a public education media (social, print and electronic) campaign to raise the effective voice of selected communities (3) in particular women, to enhance transparency, accountability and good governance. Campaign should include:
 - Raising awareness about citizens' rights and responsibilities and channels for seeking redress with respect to corruption, human trafficking, sexual exploitation and other forms of abuse that affect women and girls
- Conduct survey in an attempt to understand corruption linkages to gender equality issues and how it impacts women's empowerment. Research should be covered at the start and end of the project and should cover the following issues in addition to others deemed relevant:
 - Attitude towards corruption: Do women and men perceive corruption differently
 - Do women have access to decision making, including political participation
 - Research findings should serve as the background in designing appropriate advocacy campaigns.

D. Target Beneficiaries

Civil society organizations located in or operating Jamaica. Preference will be given to proposals received from women organisations.

Period of Performance

January 2017- March 2019

E. Geographic Area of Coverage

Jamaica.

F. Ensuring Sustainability

All applicants are required to explain in their applications how sustainability of the programs proposed will be achieved beyond the life of the sub-award.