



**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE &
CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**AMARIGHTZA
Socio Economic Justice for All (SEJA)
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

***KRA 1: Improved awareness of constitutional rights with an emphasis on
SocioEconomic Rights and on vulnerable groups***

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Closing Dates for Applications

In order to assist potential grantees, it has been decided to stagger the closing dates for this Call. Take note that applications received after a closing date will automatically be considered by the next closure date i.e. an application received after 25th March, will be processed as part of the 22nd July Call and so on. The last date for assessments of proposals will be the 24th February 2017.

- **24 February 2017**



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1. Introduction

1.1 AMARIGHTZA -Socio-Economic Justice for All-(SEJA)

On 10 December 2014, the Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJ&CD), launched a new programme titled Amarightza also known as 'Socio-Economic Justice for All-(SEJA).

1.2 Goals and Values of AMARIGHTZA

The AMARIGHTZA programme is based on the values and principles enshrined in the South African Constitution -Dignity, Equality and Freedoms. It also takes account of the universality, indivisibility, interrelatedness and interdependence of all human rights.

The goals of the AMARIGHTZA programme are to facilitate the realisation of socioeconomic rights for vulnerable and marginalized groups, the strengthening of civil society organisations and to build sector coordination in the social justice sector. This programme is funded by the European Union under Sector Budget Support.

1.3 Duration of the Programme

The AMARIGHTZA programme commenced in May 2014 and will end in 2017.

1.4 AMARIGHTZA and Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups

The AMARIGHTZA programme is primarily aimed at promoting the rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups. While persons living in extreme poverty should not simply be reduced to a list of vulnerable groups, Discrimination and exclusion are among the major causes and consequences of poverty. Persons living in poverty often experience disadvantage and discrimination based on race, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, language, disability, sexual orientation or other status.

Priority within this programme will be given to projects that address the concerns of the most vulnerable groups in society as is defined by the South African Human Rights Commission. This category of persons includes:

- Women in vulnerable situations exposed to violence and abuse including domestic violence
- Children in vulnerable situations exposed to violence and abuse including domestic violence as well as child-headed households
- Rural and Urban poor communities
- Farm Workers and Farm Dwellers
- People affected by HIV/AIDS
- Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender and Intersexed(LGBTI) Communities
- People affected by
-Violations of their socio-economic rights

- Race and xenophobia
- Lack of land rights
- Their advanced age
- Persons with disabilities
- Youth, including youth in prisons

1.5 AMARIGHTZA and GENDER

Women are disproportionately affected by the lack of access to socio-economic rights with South Africa being no exception. The lack of adequate housing, healthcare, work and education also greatly increases women's vulnerability to violence, exploitation and abuse. Economic, social and cultural rights therefore, are central to ensuring dignity and equality for women and must be a part of advocacy strategies to realize women's human rights taking account of their highly diverse experiences of inequality and discrimination. This programme will pay special attention to issues of equality and gender discrimination.

2. Background to the Call

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996) provides the foundation for building a democratic and inclusive state and is hailed as one of the most progressive in the world. The Bill of Rights enshrined in Chapter 2 of the Constitution, guarantees a wide array of human rights which include civil and political rights as well as socio economic rights such as the right to housing, education, health care and food. The Constitution is one of few in the world that gives proper meaning to the indivisibility and interdependence of all human rights by giving recognition to the enforceability of both civil and political rights as well as socio - economic rights.

The real test for the realization of human rights in general is however not the mere inclusion in the Bill of Rights but rather the extent to which they are being realized and the real impact made in people's lives. The Constitution therefore places a special emphasis on the enforcement of socio-economic rights through the courts and through providing a monitoring mechanism to measure states compliance with its obligation in this respect.

The Constitutional Court has confirmed the legal enforceability of socio-economic rights. Housing and the right to anti-retroviral are cases in point. Our Constitution obliges the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) to monitor the realisation of socio-economic rights. Section 184(3) states that the Commission must annually request organs of state to provide them with information on the measures they have taken towards the realisation of the rights in the Bill of Rights concerning housing, health care, food , water , social security , education and the environment.

The National Development Plan (NDP) also makes 'a firm commitment' to achieving a minimum standard of living for all and specifically identifies the realisation of

socioeconomic rights as the vehicle for attaining the minimum standard of living for all. The realization of socio-economic rights is one of the cornerstones on which our transition to democracy is based and it is regarded as fundamental to the attainment of a just society for all.

Despite the socio-economic rights guarantee in the Bill of Rights and a commitment to its delivery in the NDP great majority of South Africans remain poor or experience a continuing vulnerability to poverty. A great number of households have unsatisfactorily access to education, health care, food, energy, proper sanitation and clean water. The country also remains one of the most unequal societies in the world.

This situation affects the country's social and political stability and research and media reports indicate that community based protest are on the increase. Most of these community protest are galvanized by inadequate service delivery

The questions that need to be considered are whether the constitutional obligation for the realization of socio - economic rights have addressed the needs of the vulnerable groups in society and how to achieve this with the assistance of civil society organizations (CSOs).

The following issues need to be addressed;

- Understanding and communicating what socio- economic rights are. CSOs are still grappling with issues such as what these rights really mean and what constitutes the core minimum requirements for compliance with these rights. The NDP does not seek to define any of these standards in advance, but recommends that society set standards through the participation of all social partners in debates, community mapping, research etc. relating to these rights.
- Communities also have to be active participants in the monitoring of the realization of these rights.
- People need access to information to make judgements about how effectively their rights are being met and when these rights are being breached. Ordinary citizens need to be made aware of the responsibilities of officials and their right to good public services. Communication and mediation between communities and the civil service must be facilitated to achieve the realization of human rights.
- People need to be enabled to assert their rights. Communities need to be provided with information on how socio economic rights can be enforced and in what the role of the courts and public institutions are in the realization of these rights
- This Call for proposals is therefore aimed at providing support to CSOs to implement programmes that are aimed at promoting the fulfilment of socio economic rights for vulnerable groups.

- Through this call we wish to support education and training programmes that will enable and empower marginalized and vulnerable groups to have a better understanding of socio economic rights, The Foundation will also support programmes that are aimed at providing communities with sufficient information to improve their participation in decision making processes that can improve the efficacy of government programs and processes aimed at realizing socio economic rights.

3. Focus of this Call

3.1 Scope and Ambit

One of the main objectives of the SEJA programme is to contribute towards the promotion, protection and realisation of socio economic rights. This call will support programmes aimed at creating awareness of socio economic rights. While recognizing that all human rights are universal, indivisible and interdependent, socio-economic rights are particularly important in the South African context of widespread poverty and inequality.

Socio-economic rights are therefore particularly relevant for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in society who are most affected by poverty and have limited access to resources, opportunities and services. While there have been a number of landmark Constitutional Court judgments affirming the state's obligation to take reasonable measure to ensure access to socio-economic rights, for a number of reasons, a range of socio-economic rights are, for many vulnerable and marginalized communities, are still not realized.

This call will fund projects that support the realization of socio-economic rights by funding projects that:

- a. Promote awareness and positive action to facilitate access to socio economic rights in peri urban and rural communities
- b. Support education and training initiatives to promote socio economic rights for CSO's work
- c. Promote the rights of farmworkers and promote security of tenure for farmworkers,
- d. Support initiatives that create awareness and promote access to socio economic rights such as housing, health and education for women and the girl child
- e. Support initiatives that create awareness and promote access to socio economic rights for young people
- f. Support initiatives that create awareness and promote access to socio economic rights for disabled persons

- g. Support for awareness-raising campaigns and initiatives in the area of socio economic rights right between Local communities, government and businesses that enhance the realization of socio economic rights
- h. Promotion of communication and mediation between communities and the civil service to achieve the realization of human rights.

Under these calls we will fund organizations implementing innovative programmes that have the potential to make a long term impact on the lives of marginalized and vulnerable groups and are accessible to our target groups both in form and content.

3.2 Activities that will be supported under this call include but is not restricted to:

- Materials development
- Training programmes for communities and CSOs' workshops seminars.
- Community dialogues
- Advocacy, mediation and lobbying initiatives.

We are also looking at supporting popular media education programmes such as community radio and TV dramas; film festivals; and projects that utilize social media platforms to promote socio economic rights.

3.3 What does this Call aim to achieve?

This intervention is aimed at building greater awareness and knowledge of constitutional rights and promoting access to socio-economic rights for vulnerable and marginalized groups. The Foundation believes that only a well informed and empowered public/civil society is capable of claiming its rights and able to actively influence decisions about the life of the community. Furthermore, knowledge of human rights enables people to become not only aware of their rights, but they are also "empowered to exercise their 'voice' and their 'agency' to influence social transformation" and promote access to socio-economic rights.

Civil Society Organizations that demonstrate an innovative approach to human rights education and awareness are vital transformative agents for the implantation of a culture of human rights, and the strengthening of South African Democracy. Therefore, the Foundation is keen to support education and awareness of human rights programmes that are not abstract in nature, but which inform and give rise to an active citizenry able to assert and demand its rights.

3.4 Who does this Call target?

This Call is a national one and is open to all organisations in any one of the nine provinces of South Africa. The Call is aimed at eligible Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) based in, or working closely with communities in rural and peri-urban areas and working with marginalized groups as indicated.

To be considered eligible, applicant organizations should meet the following criteria:

- 3.4.1 Be registered, or in the process of registering as a Not for Profit Organization (NPO) that is a, community-based organization (CBO), Section 21 company (Not for Profit Company), or a non-profit trust.
- 3.4.2 Have a proven track record of implementing education and awareness programs on constitutional rights and promoting access to socio-economic rights.
- 3.4.3 Demonstrate that the proposed project will involve active community participation and benefit.

3.5 Funding

Under the SEJA programme, the Foundation has provided for an Open Call which has a number of closing dates for the submission of applications. Take note that applications received after a closing date will automatically be considered by the next closure date i.e. an application received after 25th March 2016, will be assessed at the 22nd July 2016 Call.

The Foundation for Human Rights may, and at its sole discretion, approve funding proposals on an annual or on a multi-year basis. This means that you can submit a proposal for implementation in one year, or for up to three years.

An applicant may apply for either one of these.

In the case of a 1 year grant, all the activities and contractual obligations must be completed at the end of the stipulated period and a project close out will be conducted.

In the case of a multiyear grant, spanning 2- 3years, applications should set out an implementation plan and budget for the full 2-3 year period. Such a grant will be reviewed annually and the contract renewed based on the outcome of the grantee's performance for that period. This means that a grantee will not have to resubmit a proposal at the end of every year of implementation of a multi-year grant.

The funding of one year or multi-year projects shall be subject to availability of budget allocations and be at the discretion of the Foundation.

- Proposals for a one year project is limited to an amount of R 120 000,00
Proposals for a multi-year project must not exceed R240,000.00

Submission Dates for applications

- 24 February 2017

Organisations will be eligible to submit only one application per call and only one application per call will be considered.

In exceptional circumstances and where the Foundation determines that a project is important to the sector and the beneficiary community, it may at its sole discretion permit concurrent funding.

This discretion will be exercised with observance of the principles of transparency, equity and avoidance of conflict of interest.

4. Guidelines for Submission

4.1 The application form is provided.

4.2 Applications may be posted, hand delivered, emailed or couriered.

4.3 Faxed applications will not be accepted.

5. Additional Conditions

5.1 The Foundation has produced this document in good faith. However, the Foundation, its agents and its employees do not warrant its accuracy or completeness. The Foundation will not be liable for any claim whatsoever and howsoever arising (including, without limitation, any claim in contract, delict or otherwise) for any incorrect or misleading information contained in this document due to any misinterpretation of this document.

5.2 The award of the final contract is subject to the negotiation of a contract between the Foundation and the organization and the completion of a due diligence report. However, the Foundation has the sole discretion and will make the final decision in respect of any funding.

5.3 The Foundation reserves the right to modify these requirements. Any changes or modifications to this document shall be made available in an electronic format by the Foundation. Applicants will be informed of any changes or modifications and shall be responsible for the further collection of documents if necessary. The Foundation at its sole discretion, reserves the right to:

- Request additional information from all or any applicant
- Enter into further negotiations with all or any applicant
- Extend the process, including calling for new submissions.

5.4 Any failure to disclose material information, a factual inaccuracy, and/or a misrepresentation of any fact may result in the disqualification of your submission, or the cancellation of any subsequent contract.

5.5 Any undue influence or attempt to unduly influence the employees or agents of the Foundation will result in the automatic disqualification of your submission, or the cancellation of any subsequent contract

5.6 The Foundation furthermore reserves the right not to make any award following this call, and/or to withdraw the call at any stage prior to finalizing a contract

6. Format of the Proposal

6.1 All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in this document and must include all information and materials requested. Please number the sections of your response to match the numbering given in the Guidelines for Submission

6.2 All documents submitted in response to this Call should be typed and written in English.

6.3 Please provide 1 original and 1 copy of your proposal. Only one copy of supporting material is required. Where discrepancies between copies occur, the hard-copy original will be assumed to be correct.

7. Procedure for Enquires

All queries must be communicated in writing, via e-mail to grantsunit@fhr.org.za

8. Timeline and Deadline for submission

8.1 Applications should be emailed or submitted at the email address below no later than 16h00 on the submission dates referred to in this documents

8.2 No faxed applications will be considered.

9. How to Apply

9.1 Send your application via email: SEJAHRA2016@FHR.org.za OR

9.2 Delivered to:

**The Grants Manager
Foundation for Human Rights
Old Trafford 3 Building,
Isle of Houghton,
36 Boundary road
Parktown
Johannesburg
2098**

Or Posted to Private Bag x124, Braamfontein, and Johannesburg 2017:

9.3 Whether delivered or emailed, please provide the details below (or a facsimile thereof) on the front of each envelope or on the cover sheet of your submission respectively.

Name of Organisation Applying:

Reference Number: SEJA/HRA/1.6

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