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The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation (Kvinna till Kvinna), Office in Skopje and Organization of Women of the Municipality Sveti Nikole (OWMSVN), within the project “Enhancing Democracy through Gender Equality, functioning mechanisms and a vibrant civil society”, funded by the European Union (EU) announce:

Call for applications for civil society organisations: Enhancing Democracy through Gender Equality

1. The objective of this Call

This call for applications is part of the project “Enhancing Democracy through Gender Equality, functioning mechanisms and a vibrant civil society”. The 24-month project (2nd April 2018 – 31st March 2020) contributes to strengthened democracy, greater respect for human rights and a more fully developed state under the rule of law, specifically through support to a more vibrant civil society in five municipalities: Veles, Kavadraci, Demir Kapija, Sveti Nikole and Negotino. The action seeks to strengthen awareness of Civil Society organisations (CSOs) and Commissions of Equal Opportunities (CEOs) in the targeted municipalities regarding gender equality and women’s rights, as well as to increase their contribution to the implementation of legislation and relevant policies on these issues. The action also foresees to establish a forum for networking and cooperation among these different actors. The overall objective of the action is to create an enabling environment for the implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and gender mainstreaming on policy level.

This call provides the opportunity of financial cooperation and support to five (5) local women’s civil society organizations (WCSOs) active in the field of human rights and gender equality in the five municipalities: Veles, Kavadraci, Demir Kapija, Sveti Nikole and Negotino. Sub-granting will enable the financial environment that supports the sustainability of women’s grassroots’ CSOs, while ensuring that they perform independently as watchdogs. Sub-granting will further increase the ownership and sustainability of any activities undertaken within the project.

2. Duration of the projects

The sub-grants will run for the period of maximum 18 months, depending on the types of activities proposed in the successful applications. The projects will need to start no later than 1st of September 2018 and will need to end no later than 29th of February 2020.

3. Financial support

The criteria for determining the exact amount of financial support, will be based on the presented budget of the sub-grantee, its feasibility and any overhead costs. All costs will need to comply with EU and Kvinna till Kvinna guidelines and regulations. The maximum amount that will be given to a single sub-grantee is 15 000 EUR. The





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maximum total amount re-granted will be 75 000 EUR. Please be aware that VAT is not considered as an eligible cost.

4. Eligibility criteria

All registered CSOs, identifying as a women's grassroots organization active in the field of human rights and gender equality in the five municipalities: Veles, Kavadraci, Demir Kapija, Sveti Nikole and Negotino are invited to apply to this Call.

4.1. More specifically, the criteria to be an eligible CSO for sub-granting are:

- being a registered women's CSO that has existed and carried out projects in its local community: Veles, Kavadraci, Demir Kapija, Sveti Nikole and Negotino for at least the past two years;
- being a non-profit-making CSO operating on an independent and accountable basis;
- having the capacity to implement the sub-granted project in accordance with Kvinna till Kvinna's policy for assessing potential partner organizations¹ ;
- having innovative and realistic ideas on how to contribute to the goals of the proposal.

4.2. The project applications eligible for financial support may include activities concerning:

- Monitoring of implementation of gender equality and women's human rights legislation and policy at the local/community level;
- Advocacy towards relevant duty-bearers, based on monitoring findings;
- Public forums to discuss advantages of gender equality in society;
- Networking and cooperation with other CSOs and duty-bearers for gender equality and women's rights at the local level;
- Local campaigns and awareness raising activities regarding women's rights and gender equality;
- Service delivery actions contributing to promotion and advancement of gender equality.

5. Application documents

The sub-grantees will need to use Kvinna till Kvinna's project templates developed for the needs of this project. The project templates and the instructions can be found at the following link:

https://kvinnatillkvinna.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/public/EgsqhsM8ImZFo0K_ZPyXNYYBqCX_OBBYvOyttQnfVEMYKMA?e=8ogJTn². The applications should be submitted in English, electronically to Kvinna till Kvinna's office in Skopje. All official communication related to this Call will be through the following email: skopje@kvinnatillkvinna.se. Please use "Sub-granting/name of your CSO" as subject.

¹ This policy covers different organizational, programmatic, management and financing issues that are going to be assessed in the application process.

² Please download and fulfil all the documents.





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All the Applications need to include the following documents:

- Project Application template
- Results Framework
- Timeline for activities
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Budget

6. Info-session

For all interested candidates, The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation together with Organization of Women of the Municipality Sveti Nikole will organize an Info - session on 4th July 2018 (Wednesday) from 11.00 till 14.00 in the Municipality of Veles (venue: the big hall) str. Panko Brasnar no.1, 1400 Veles. At the Info-session, the objectives of the project “Enhancing Democracy through Gender Equality, functioning mechanisms and a vibrant civil society” will be presented, as well as the preconditions for participation in the sub-granting process, the process of selection of applications and methodology of implementation of the grants. For all questions related to this event, as well as, confirmation for presence, please contact us on email: skopje@kvinnatillkvinna.se or by phone: + 389 3127 660.

7. Criteria for evaluation of the applications

All the project applications will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Technical approach (60 points):
 - Relevance of the questions and needs covered by the application (30 points)
 - Quality of the suggested activities (15 points)
 - Result oriented activities (15 points)
2. Organizational capacity and results from previous working experience (20 points)
 - Administrative, financial and management capacity (10 points)
 - Relevant previous experience and results in similar projects (10 points)
3. Budget (20 points)
 - Cost efficiency (10 points)
 - Adequate financial management (10 points)

8. Other information

The sub-grantees will be signing contracts with The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation, but the process will be managed by the Project team, including staff from the Kvinna till Kvinna office in Skopje and the Organization of Women of the Municipality Sveti Nikole. Each sub-grantee will be continuously monitored and assessed. Technical assistance and advising will be provided as required. Sub-grantees will provide regular updates and reports (narrative and financial) to the Kvinna till Kvinna office in Skopje and OWMSVN.

The deadline for submitting the applications is no later than **23th July 2018**.





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We look forward to receiving your application.



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