



**NGO Fund - WELFARE AND BASIC SERVICES Component**

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<p><b>Objectives of the Component</b></p>	<p>The <b>general objective</b> of <b>WELFARE AND BASIC SERVICES</b> Component is to increase access to and provision of welfare and basic services to vulnerable groups (children and youth at risk, children with disabilities and/or mental disorders and their families, victims of trafficking and gender-based/domestic violence, elders, rural population, ethnic minorities, migrants, the homeless, those struggling with substance abuse, people facing difficulties that can lead to further social exclusion, such as low levels of education and unemployment, long-term unemployed or underemployment, people who are inactive but not registered as unemployed, people suffering from chronic illnesses, etc).</p> <p>The <b>specific objectives</b> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to strengthen NGOs role as service providers in all phases of service cycle: needs assessment, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation</li> <li>- to promote co-decision, co-funding and co-delivery of social services between NGOs and government at all levels</li> <li>- to develop cross-sectoral partnerships aiming a multiple perspective approach of vulnerable persons / beneficiaries, management of their cases and reaching out in a sustainable manner all those in need. Such partnerships may involve social, medical and educational entities, labour agencies, justice/police/local authorities, other services providers etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contribution to the Programme outcomes</b></p>	<p>The projects financed under <b>WELFARE AND BASIC SERVICES</b> Component have to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes of the Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active citizenship fostered</li> <li>• Cross-sectoral partnerships developed, particularly with government organisations at local, regional and/or national level</li> <li>• Democratic values, including human rights, promoted</li> <li>• Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted</li> <li>• Provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups increased</li> <li>• Empowerment of vulnerable groups</li> </ul>
<p><b>Horizontal concerns</b></p>	<p>Project proposals are encouraged to tackle the following horizontal concerns of the Programme: hate speech, extremism and hate crime, racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, tolerance and multicultural understanding, Roma, sexual harassment, violence against women and trafficking.</p>
<p><b>Eligible activities</b></p>	<p>Examples of activities that may be included in projects supported under this Component (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- assessment of needs and accessibility to services – identifying specific</li> </ul>

	<p>needs for services, and/or categories of vulnerable persons / potential beneficiaries, considering participatory needs assessment and involvement of beneficiaries, professional workers, community and volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- developing support services (for example counselling, therapy, recovery etc) for professionals who work in palliative care, assistance for severe disabled persons, emergency intervention or other domains that may have a strong impact on their emotional condition</li> <li>- providing support for individuals and their families encountering difficulties in transitions during their life span such as: youth leaving care institutions, changing status from employment to retirement, from school to insertion on a job, facing unemployment, probation / reinsertion after detention etc.</li> <li>- specific intervention using adequate means of communication targeting teen issues like teen violence, eating disorders, teen mental health, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, school bullying, cyber bullying etc</li> <li>- developing specific services focused on minority groups (such as Roma, refugees, asylum seekers, victims of domestic violence) and ensuring their rights are observed</li> <li>- identifying and testing solutions to increase access to adequate services of vulnerable groups – increase capacity, coordinate with other service providers, prioritization of needs for services, strategic use of resources, optimization of case management, temporary shelter etc</li> <li>- development of complementary services in order to better answer the needs of target groups / beneficiaries and improving access to information for beneficiaries</li> <li>- developing stakeholders’ capacity of intervention in crisis situations</li> <li>- developing and testing innovative approaches to services and service delivery that ensure further development and sustainability – promoting co-decision and co-delivery based on specific studies and research</li> <li>- promoting strategic diversification of stakeholders / constituency in order to secure resources and sustainability and increase accountability</li> <li>- supporting active inclusion services aimed at prevention of social exclusion such as education and awareness initiatives in addition to assistance services</li> <li>- improving the professional level, work ethics and commitment of personnel and volunteers working in the field of welfare and basic services</li> <li>- developing partnerships and consortia of service providers in order to reach a higher number of beneficiaries (according to identified needs) at the regional level</li> </ul> <p><i>Projects that do not target vulnerable groups as direct beneficiaries and do not include actual provision of welfare and basic services for these groups shall not be funded under this Component.</i></p>
<p><b>Financial allocation</b></p>	<p>The total allocation for this Component under the second round of Call for proposals is <b>3,200,000 Euro</b>.</p> <p>Out of this amount, minimum 500,000 Euro are allocated for projects addressing children and youth or submitted by children and youth organisations.</p>

	<p>Please note that reallocations for each types of grants will be possible, based on the results of the evaluation process. Also, additional funds from the first round that remain unspent (if the case) will be automatically reallocated to the second round, thereby increasing the total allocation for this component indicated above. In the event that additional funding is allocated to this component, project applications that have been put on the reserve list may receive funding from the additional allocation. The projects on the reserve list will be selected for funding in decreasing order of their ranking, up to the total absorption of the allocation.</p>			
Types of grants (amount / duration of projects)	<b>Three types of grants will be supported:</b>			
		<b>Small grants</b>	<b>Medium grants</b>	<b>Large grants</b>
	<b>Amount</b>	from 5,000 to 35,000 Euro	from 35,001 Euro to 75,000 Euro	from 75,001 Euro to 150,000 Euro
	<b>Duration</b>	between 6 and 12 months	between 6 and 14 months	between 12 and 14 months
	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>300,000 Euro</b>	<b>1,100,000 Euro</b>	<b>1,800,000 Euro</b>
Co-financing	<p>The project grant rate may be up to 90% of the total eligible expenditure of the project.</p> <p>The co-financing shall be provided in the form of cash (financial, including electronic transfers) or in-kind contribution. In-kind contribution may only take the form of voluntary work and may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing required by the Component for the project.</p>			
Support for organisational development	<p>It will be possible to allocate up to 20% from the total eligible costs of the project for activities meant to contribute to the organisational development of the applicant organisation and/or of the Romanian partner NGOs.</p> <p>More details related to the costs for organisational development will be available in the Guidelines for applicants.</p>			
Launching and deadline for submissions	<p>The second Call for proposals for WELFARE AND BASIC SERVICES Component will be launched in July – August 2014.</p> <p>Starting from the launching date, at least two months will be allowed for submitting the applications (the deadline for submissions will be specified in the Guidelines for Applicants).</p>			
Number of applications per organisation	<p>An applicant organisation may submit a maximum number of 2 project proposals under the second round, out of which only 1 proposal for Large grants. Organisations that contracted and/or are in the precontracting phase with 2 or more projects under the first round (cumulative on all Components) may submit maximum 1 project proposal under the second round.</p> <p>The maximum number of project proposals submitted by an organisation refers to all Components that are launched within the second round. The number of projects contracted by an organisation under the first round will be calculated, as well, taking into account all Components launched under the first round.</p>			

<p><b>Application procedure</b></p>	<p>For all Components, the application procedure consists of filling the Application form and uploading its annexes exclusively through an online application system. Originals of documents will be requested only for project proposals recommended for financing after the selection process.</p> <p>Please note that specific information and more details on the application procedure and deadlines will be available in the respective Guidelines for Applicants for this Component.</p> <p>The Guidelines for Applicants will also include information on the evaluation process, selection criteria, evaluation grid, monitoring of projects, reporting and payments.</p>
<p><b>Additional information</b></p>	<p>Guidelines for applicants and its specific annexes for the present Call for proposals are available online on the dedicated webpage of the Programme <a href="http://www.fondong.fdsc.ro">www.fondong.fdsc.ro</a>.</p> <p>All potential applicants must periodically check the Programme website in order to stay updated with regard of any information related to this Call for Proposals or to the financing Programme. Questions related to this Call for Proposals may be addressed by potential applicants by e-mail, phone or by fax no later than 5 working days before the deadline for submission of applications to:</p> <p>Ioana Florea – Senior Grants Officer,  E-mail: <a href="mailto:welfare@fdsc.ro">welfare@fdsc.ro</a>; phone: 021 310 01 81; fax: 021 310 01 80.</p> <p>Answers will be given no later than 3 working days before the deadline.</p> <p>Questions that may be relevant to other applicants, together with the answers, will be published on the Programme website.</p>