

Community-based Responses to Gender-based Violence and Femicide

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

General questions

Who is the GBVF Response Fund1?

The [GBVF Response Fund1](#) is a part of a national response to gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa. A successful national response relies on a united financial and social effort. This is the first step in a holistic approach that aims to coordinate financial resources to support relevant programmes and campaigns that will raise awareness, lead to mass action, and result in behavioural change. The private sector will lead the GBVF Response Fund1, with the International Women's Forum South Africa (IWFSa) playing the leading role in its establishment.

What is the request for proposals about?

The Fund has issued a request for proposals (RFP) with the aim to resource and build capacity of organisations providing services in the GBVF sector at a community level. For this first RFP, the Fund is focusing only on activities related to Pillars 2 and 3 of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) on GBVF: prevention and rebuilding social cohesion, and justice, safety and protection.

Should I apply as a CBO or an intermediary?

If you are an organisation based in and serving a local community and you meet the compliance requirements to apply for funding directly, please apply as a CBO. If you are applying for funding that will enable you to provide support to multiple CBOs that do not meet the compliance requirements (and so cannot apply directly to the Fund), you should apply as an intermediary. Please ensure you use the correct form for the type of application you intend to submit.

Can I apply as both a CBO and an intermediary?

No. Please apply only once. You may choose which type of application is best suited to your organisation and the project you intend to implement.

Can I apply more than once?

No. Only one application will be considered per organisation.

When will applications close?

Applications will close on 6 August 2021 at 17:00. Any applications submitted after this time will not be considered. We recommend that you apply early, if possible, to avoid challenges with technology on the last day.

Is it first-come-first-serve?

No. All applications submitted before the deadline will be considered. Submitting your application "early" will not strengthen your chances, but is recommended in case you encounter technical challenges and need extra time.

Is it secure to submit my information and documents via Cognito Forms?

Cognito Forms takes a number of measures to ensure the privacy and security of the data you submit during the application process. You can read more about how Cognito manages data security [here](#).

How and when will I be notified/know if my application has been successful?

You will be notified in writing using the email address provided with your application. If you do not have an email address, you will be contacted by telephone. A decision on the outcome of your application will be communicated to you once all assessments are complete and approvals have been finalised.

Who will evaluate the proposals?

All applications will undergo initial screening, vetting and shortlisting by [Tshikululu Social Investments](#). If your application is shortlisted, it will be forwarded to the GBVF Response Fund1 disbursement committee to be considered for approval.

Who is Tshikululu Social Investments?

Established in 1998, Tshikululu Social Investments is a non-profit social investment fund manager and advisor, working alongside investors and other development partners to maximise the power of social investment. Tshikululu has been contracted by the Fund to manage this RFP, including:

- Receiving and assessing applications (i.e. due diligence);
- Forwarding the shortlisted organisations to the disbursement committee for approval;
- Contracting with all approved grantee organisations;
- Ensuring payments are made to all approved grantee organisations;
- Receiving and analysing reports from all approved grantee organisations; and
- Reporting back to the Fund on the use of funding and social impact achieved.

How will you protect the information I provide?

Tshikululu will only collect, process, transfer and disclose your personal information for the purpose of rendering its services (either to you or in relation to you), complying with your instructions or the instructions of your mandated/authorised official or representative, verifying your identity, detecting fraud and preventing money laundering, compliance with laws and public duties, monitoring the services provided in order to accurately carry out your instruction or those of your mandated official, to assist in improving Tshikululu's service and in the interests of security and crime prevention and analysis in order to assess and improve Tshikululu's business or the business of Tshikululu associated entities and the services offered as well as for operational, audit, legal, and record keeping purposes. In addition, Tshikululu may collect necessary information from you directly, from your appointed mandated/authorised official or representative, any Regulator, or other third parties that may hold such information.

Why do I need to submit the ID numbers and residential addresses of board members if my application is approved?

Tshikululu is registered as an Accountable Institution with the Financial Intelligence Centre. We ask for information about board members so that we can do the necessary identification and verification procedures to report back in line with the Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA). FICA was introduced to fight financial crimes, such as money laundering, tax evasion, and terrorist financing activities. We ask for details of board members during the application itself as part of understanding the profile of the organisation, but only approved applicants will be asked to provide ID numbers and proof of residence.

If the application is successful, what will the reporting requirements be?

Successful applicants will be expected to report back on the use of funds at intervals that will be agreed upon during contracting. Broadly speaking, you will be asked to report back on activities, how funds have been used and successes and challenges, and provide pictures. The reporting requirements will be explained in your grant agreement and a reporting template will be provided.

Where can I find more information about the National Strategic Plan on GBVF?

The NSP is available on the [Department of Justice and Constitutional Development's website](#).

FAQ for CBO applicants

How can I apply as a CBO?

There are two different application channels that applicants can use, depending on preference:

- You can apply online via Cognito Forms. To apply using this channel, please click on this [link](#) to complete your application.
- You can print out a copy of the application form in PDF format, fill out the application and then email a copy of your completed application. To apply using this channel, please download the PDF application from our website. Once you have completed your application, please email it – along with all the required supporting documents – to gbvf@tshikululu.org.za. Make sure you include the name of your organisation in the subject line of each email you send so that we can match all your documents to your application.

Please note that you only need to submit your application through one of these channels. There is no need to submit through all the channels.

Can I apply by post or courier?

No. We are only accepting applications through Cognito Forms (online) and email, as outlined above.

Who is eligible to apply for the CBO funding?

Community-based organisations that meet the following criteria can apply:

- based in and serving a local community
- track record of at least 12 months implementing activities relevant to the project
- registered as a Voluntary Association, Non-Profit Company (NPC) or Non-Profit Trust.
- able to demonstrate a track record of at least 12 months in implementing GBVF activities
- able to provide all supporting documents listed in the RFP.

I do work related to GBVF in my community, but I do not have a formal organisation. Can I still apply?

The Fund is only able to make grants to legally registered organisations (i.e. a Non-profit Company, Trust or Voluntary Association). If you do GBVF-related work in your local community but do not have a legally registered organisation, you could consider partnering with an intermediary that could provide you with support.

How do you define “community-based organisation”?

For the purposes of this call, a community-based organisation is considered to be one that is based in and serving a local community.

What documents will I need to be able to apply as a CBO?

The following supporting documents will need to be submitted with your completed application:

- A completed application form
- Founding document (e.g. constitution, memorandum of incorporation, trust deed)
- ITA34 certificate from SARS
- B-BBEE Certificate or Affidavit
- Stamped letter from your bank confirming bank details
- Proof of address for the organisation
- Most recent 6 months of bank statements

- Evidence of track record (at least two relevant reports and/or references and/or publications)
- Annual Financial Statements (no more than 18 months since financial year end), if you have them (optional)

How much funding is available for CBOs?

The Fund will award grants for a maximum of a two-year period ranging from **R50 000 to R250 000 per year** to successful applicants. The Fund will determine the grant amount to be awarded to successful applicants based on a variety of factors, including the quality of the application, track record and financial history. The award for the second year will be conditional upon satisfactory performance of the beneficiary during the first year. The metrics to assess performance will be agreed on by the beneficiary and the Fund before disbursement of the grant.

I still have queries. Who should I contact?

If, after reading this FAQ, you still have queries, please direct your queries via email to gbvf@tshikululu.org.za or contact us on 011 544 0300.

FAQ for intermediary applicants

How can I apply as an intermediary?

Applications can be submitted online via Cognito Forms. Please click on this [link](#) to complete your application. Please note that email or hardcopy applications will not be accepted from intermediary applicants.

Who is eligible to apply for the funding for intermediaries?

Applicants must:

- be registered as a Voluntary Association, Non-Profit Company (NPC) or Non-Profit Trust. Registration as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) with the Department of Social Development is not required.
- be registered as a Section 18A Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) with SARS.
- Be able to demonstrate a track record of at least 12 months in implementing GBVF activities AND providing capacity development support to CBOs
- apply to support no fewer than five and no more than 15 CBOs
- be applying to support only CBOs that do not meet the compliance requirements to apply directly, including those that are not yet formally registered
- provide evidence that the proposed intervention is effective OR provide a strong case for the potential impact of the model.

What documents will I need to be able to apply as an intermediary?

- A completed application form
- Founding document (e.g. constitution, memorandum of incorporation, trust deed)
- Proof of registration as a Public Benefit Organisation from SARS (i.e. valid PBO letter)
- Implementation plan and budget for the proposed project
- ITA34 certificate
- B-BBEE Certificate or Affidavit
- Stamped bank letter confirming bank details
- Proof of address for the organisation
- Audited Annual Financial Statements (no more than 18 months since financial year end). If unavailable, please submit your most recent audited AFS with a letter from your auditor to explain why current AFS are not available.

- Management accounts for the past 6 months
Evidence of track record (at least two relevant reports and/or references and/or publications)

What if my audited financial statements are out of date because of the Covid-19 pandemic?

In this case, please submit the most recent audited AFS you have along with a letter from your auditor to confirm why the current AFS are not available.

How much funding is available for intermediaries?

The Fund will award grants for a maximum of a two-year period to successful intermediary organisations providing grants, capacity development and technical support to CBOs. Applicants applying as an intermediary will be able to apply for funding based on the number of CBOs they will support, as follows:

- R50 000 to R100 000 in grant funding per CBO supported per year; plus
- Costs associated with capacity development, grant administration and technical support

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