



Call for Consultant: external review and options appraisal for the Global Fund for Community Foundations

Background

Over the last six years, the Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF) has evolved from a pilot project, housed in Brussels at the European Foundation Centre and hosted by WINGS (Worldwide Initiative on Grantmaker Support) in the Philippines, to a fully-fledged independent legal entity, registered in the UK and South Africa and based in Johannesburg. As a small “hub” institution serving the needs of the fast-growing and still evolving field of global community philanthropy, it has also been through an important process of learning and experimentation around its grantmaking, field-building and knowledge management strategies. While the GFCF has been constrained by some external challenges – around resources and capacities, in particular – these have also been important in shaping its philosophy and its way of working.

The GFCF’s current strategic plan will end in 2013. As the board and management look ahead to a new strategic plan, it will be important to reflect on the institution’s journey as a new institution and the learning that has been derived in order to establish a clear direction in terms of the Fund’s long-term strategy and niche.

As part of this process, the GFCF is seeking an external consultant to work with its stakeholders (board, staff, partners, funders etc.) on key questions regarding the future direction and development of the organization.

Objectives

To conduct an external review and options appraisal to support the next phase of the GFCF’s development as an essential piece of the infrastructure for the global community philanthropy field.

Scope of work

The specific activities for this consultancy will include:

- An **external review** of the evolution of the GFCF from its inception as a pilot project in 2005 to date. This report, which will be published and disseminated, will identify key turning points along the way, including the factors that drove them, as well as an overview of the current landscape for global community philanthropy; it will also identify current and future needs and ways in which the GFCF, and other supporters and networks, can continue to support and lead its further development;
- An **options appraisal** to be presented for discussion along with the external review at a face-to-face meeting of the board, which focus on strategy, including the future positioning of the organization, its structure(s) and a long-term funding model;

It is envisaged that the process itself, and the two specific outputs (the external review and the options appraisal), will serve as an exercise in consolidation and development for the GFCF. Specifically, it will serve to:

- Clarify for external and internal stakeholders the GFCF’s development objectives, its constituency and its strategies;
- Clarify internally what resources (financial, human etc.), structures and funding model will be required to advance its agenda;



- Identify key goals and outcomes that the GFCF will work to in the next strategic plan.

Duration and location of Assignment

End of November 2012 – April 2013, 20-25 days (exact dates to be agreed between the consultant and the GFCF). Consultant can be based anywhere but must be prepared to travel to Johannesburg, South Africa (1-2 times).

Expertise and qualifications

The GFCF is looking to identify a consultant through an open tender process: as the global community philanthropy field is not so established as an area of development practice, it will be essential to find an individual who understands the work and the development agenda.

Preference will be given to candidates who can demonstrate some of the following:

- Knowledge and understanding of the field of global community philanthropy (preferably with some experience of / familiarity with the issues facing emerging philanthropic institutions in low and middle income countries);
- Experience of strategy development for global grantmaking organizations (working across many contexts and cultures);
- An interest in and understanding of the objectives and values of the GFCF and its partners worldwide;
- Excellent interpersonal and writing skills (in English)

To apply for this consultancy please provide:

1. A proposal showing your understanding of the task and outlining how you would approach the work, timeline and budget (inclusive of all fees, costs and taxes).
2. A detailed resume.

Please send this information to info@globalfundcf.org by November 2nd 2012. Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

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