

Expression of Interest: EOI 23-311

Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC)

Building positive advocacy capacity to advance human rights in the Pacific.

About HRSD and the PPAC Programme

The Human Rights and Social Development Division (HRSD) of the Pacific Community (SPC) has a vision for just, equitable and resilient Pacific societies and it aims to achieve this by advancing human rights, equality and social inclusion for all Pacific people, grounded in cultural values and principles. HRSD's Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC) programme aims to build advocacy capacity among Pacific Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) engaged with human rights issues, while also advancing those issues by supporting specific campaigns. It does this through a package of assistance that includes **advocacy training workshops**, ongoing **mentoring**, provision of **small grants**, and facilitating **regional dialogue** for advocates.

Small grants

PPAC offers small grants equivalent to EUR 8,000 to support advocacy campaigns. CSOs can apply for a small grant covering a twelve-month period. Grantees may reapply and receive grants over multiple grant rounds. The small grants may be utilised for any advocacy output. Past PPAC-supported organisations have used them for meetings, public events, radio shows, community visits, creating printed materials, and more. There are no specific criteria for supported campaigns in terms of particular human rights issues; although common themes include gender equality, ending violence against women, promoting the rights of people with disabilities, and empowering youth and fostering participation, any campaign with a strong human rights focus may be considered for support.

Currency	Grant Amount
AUD	12,300
SBD	76,000
TOP	21,500
USD	9,500
VUV	1,040,000

Eligibility and selection

Any CSO located in **Kiribati**, the **Federated States of Micronesia**, the **Republic of the Marshall Islands**, **Palau**, **Solomon Islands**, **Tonga**, **Tuvalu** or **Vanuatu** may submit an expression of interest. Your organisation does not need to be formally registered to submit an expression of interest. In shortlisting CSOs for the grant, HRSD considers the change potential for successful campaigns, and the capacity development potential for lead organisations. CSOs that are relatively small, new or inexperienced in advocacy, but have obvious potential and energy to become outstanding human rights advocates, are often successful.

How to submit

Expressions of Interest are to be submitted on the attached form and should be emailed to ppacgrants@spc.int by **28 April 2023 at 4:00pm, Fiji time**.

Based on these Expressions of Interest, a shortlist of CSOs will be invited to submit full proposals for the first tranche, which will be due on 30 June 2023. A second tranche will be invited to submit by 31 July 2023.

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