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Request for Application for

Improving Monitoring of Abuse of State Resources in Fiji

Questions and Answers

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Q1: There are no clear guidelines on the duration of the project and the amount we can ask for. Is it possible to get some insights on this?

A1: Project activities are expected to start on or around May 30, 2022, and finish no later than December 31, 2022, and the cost should remain within USD 15,000 and USD 25,000 range. Only project reporting and project close-out costs will be allowed after December 31, 2022.

Q2: Can you share a web link to your financial manual/guidelines for grantees?

A2: All applicants are requested to use the budget template provided in Attachment B of the RFQ and also available on [rfa-22-050 budget template.xlsx \(live.com\)](#). The budget should reflect all cost associated with technical activities and deliverables and clearly identify all applicable taxes. It should be United States Dollars.

Q3: Is it possible to share some examples of projects of Improving Monitoring of Abuse of State Resources. This will help us not to waste time spending endless hours putting together a proposal only to find it is not the thematic area you are looking for?) I checked through your website and could not find anything)

A3: Following IFES publications provide information and tools on the abuse of state resources and can help identify priority issues and vulnerabilities that partner organizations can use in developing their strategy for monitoring, addressing, and/or advocating for measures to mitigate the abuse of state resources.

[Unfair Advantage: The Abuse of State Resources in Elections](#)

The White Paper is a part of broader legal research project focused on addressing the use and misuse of state resources and it contributes to an ongoing global conversation on this subject. The paper identifies examples of interventions that have achieved some success in addressing this issue within their respective legal and regulatory frameworks.

[Abuse of State Resources Research and Assessment Framework: Guidelines for the Democracy and Governance Community of Practice](#)

This publication provides key definitions and the tools to evaluate abuses of state resources in election campaigns for which there are recognized international standards. It is intended for international and citizen (domestic) civil society actors, implementers, and advocates to use in conducting an initial assessment of the effectiveness of the ASR legal framework in a given country.

Q4. Can we use consultants with expertise in National Elections monitoring of state abuse from say Transparency PNG or NZ?

A4. Prospective partner organizations are required to provide a hiring plan for full and part-time positions, including consultants. Experts who may be hired as consultants for the purpose of the project can be members of other organizations.

End of Questions and Answers