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The International Steering Committee (ISC) of the Robert Carr Fund met in Amsterdam on May 15th and approved the decision to launch a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the period of 2019-2021

2018 Request for Proposals

On May 15th, 2018 the International Steering Committee of the Robert Carr Fund approved the decision to launch a Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2019-2021. Therefore the Robert Carr Fund is pleased to announce an upcoming open Request for Proposals due to be launched on the 18th June 2018.

Through this RFP, the Robert Carr Fund will invite proposals from global and regional civil society networks addressing critical factors protecting the rights of inadequately served populations (ISPs)¹; scaling up access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support; and assuring that resources are mobilized and utilized appropriately to respond to the global HIV epidemic. The goal of the Fund is to contribute to improved health, inclusion and social wellbeing for inadequately served populations (ISPs). To reach this goal, the Robert Carr Fund provides core funding to strengthen the institutional and advocacy capacity of regional and global ISP and civil society networks and/or their consortia.

Global and regional networks and consortia of networks, which meet the definitions and criteria set by this RFP, are invited to apply for a grant to support core funding and/or activity needs of the networks and/or consortia for up to three years (2019-2021). The deadline for submission of proposals is August 13, 2018 at 12:00 (noon) CET.

Proposals will be reviewed during September-October, 2018 by expert peer reviewers and the Program Advisory Panel (PAP). As previously, eligible applicants will have an opportunity to provide responses to the expert reviews through a rebuttal process prior to the final consideration of proposals by the PAP. The ISC will then discuss the PAP's funding recommendations, ratify funding decisions, and authorize the Secretariat to proceed with funding notifications and awards. Funding decisions will tentatively be made public by 10 December 2018.

Robert Carr Fund RFP Timeline	
18 June 2018	Publication of RFP
1 August 2018	Deadline for questions as part of the Fund's Q&A
August 13, 2018 at 12:00 (noon) CET	Deadline for submitting proposals
September 2018	Proposals reviewed by independent experts-peer reviewers, anonymous review results shared with applicants for a rebuttal.
October 8, 2018 at 12:00 (noon) CET	Deadline for rebuttal by applicants
October-November 2018	Program Advisory Panel (PAP) review. Funding advice to the ISC by the PAP, based on applications, reviews and rebuttals
November 2018	ISC meeting and funding decision
November/December 2018	Funding decisions communicated to grantees
By 10 December 2018	Funding decision made public by the ISC
1 January 2019	Start of the funding

¹ ISPs are groups or persons that face a higher HIV risk, mortality and/or morbidity when compared to the general population, and have, at the same time, less access to information and services. They include people living with HIV, gay men and other men who have sex with men, people who use drugs, prisoners, sex workers and transgender persons, but depending on the dynamic of the epidemic and the legal status of these populations may also include women and girls, youth, migrants, and people living in rural areas.

The request for proposals is to be announced on the website of the Robert Carr Fund
<http://www.robertcarrfund.org/>

Members of the International Steering Committee are: Sigrun Møgedal (Chair), Craig McClure (vice-chair), Anne Skjelmerud, Erika Arthun, Will Niblett, Sandy Thurman, Kwaku Adomako, Frika Chia Iskandar, Midnight Poonkasetwattana, Marvelous Muchenje, Christoforos Mallouris (observer), Kate Thomson (observer).

Members of the Program Advisory Panel are: Sam Avrett, Jennifer Ho, Susan Paxton, Khalid Tinasti, Nadine Ferris France, Tendayi Mharadze, Liz Tremlett, Brian Ssensalire, Oswaldo Rada.

Representatives of the Fund Management Agent and Robert Carr Fund Secretariat are: Louise van Deth, Irene Keizer, Sergey Votyagov, Maria Phelan, Nathaniel Miller, Gabriel Sevilla, Tess Kirby.