Request for Applications

Reproductive Health Advocacy Partnership

About PAI

PAI champions policies that put women in charge of their reproductive health. We envision a world where every person has access to high-quality, effective and affordable family planning and reproductive health services. To achieve this ultimate outcome, we work with policymakers in Washington and our network of partners in developing countries to remove roadblocks between women and the services and supplies they need.

For over 50 years, we’ve helped women succeed by upholding their basic rights. We know that ensuring these rights not only gives women full control over their reproductive and sexual health, but also has multiplier effects of reducing poverty, increasing education levels, adapting to the effects of a changing environment and defending against other global health concerns.

PAI partners with local organizations to carry out projects in a collaborative fashion because we believe in building indigenous movements. We recognize that our partners’ rich knowledge of local context and priorities make them best positioned to monitor and identify opportunities for change. CSOs are also the most capable of identifying their needs as advocates—whether as individuals, as organizations, or as a movement—to determine where they need assistance and support. Access to high-quality, effective and affordable family planning and reproductive health services cannot be accomplished without a strong and vibrant civil society that can influence SRHR funding and policy decisions at the district, national and international levels.

About the Reproductive Health Advocacy Partnership (RHAP)

PAI is launching a multi-year imitative with the goal of building stronger advocacy institutions that can effectively influence funding and policy decisions on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) at the district, national and/or international level. The Reproductive Health Advocacy Partnership (RHAP) seeks to partner with local organizations in Malawi and Zambia to identify:

1. Opportunities to strengthen institutional effectiveness; and
2. Priority issues that can improve SRHR in Malawi and Zambia.

Funding for six months will be provided to selected organizations to complete an analysis identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats within their organization and within the area of SRHR in their countries. Organizations will create a two year plan that identifies activities and milestones.
leading to policy advocacy that is locally driven, strategic and sustainable. Following the initial six month period, organizations will be invited to submit two-year plans to be funded by PAI.

Grant Details:
There are two grants available in each country (two in Malawi and two in Zambia) for a total of four grants. Each grant will be for a maximum of USD $15,000 and conclude in May 2017. Awards will be made in December 2016 for a grant period of six months. Following this grant period, additional funding will be made available to fund the two-year strategic vision of selected grantees.

Administrative or overhead costs must not exceed 15%. All activities must be fully budgeted. Miscellaneous budget lines will not be accepted for funded.

Eligibility:
- Organizations in Malawi and Zambia
- Organization registered as a non-governmental or non-profit organization in the eligible country
- Dedicated bank account in the name of the organization
- Organization audited by an accredited external entity for the last two consecutive years
- Demonstrated commitment to SRHR

Grants will not be awarded to:
- Individuals
- Doctoral or purely academic research
- Fund scholarships or school fees
- Organizations that discriminate against people because of religion, sex, race, disability or sexual orientation
- Organizations outside of Zambia or Malawi
- Mass awareness-raising campaigns – if a project includes public awareness-raising pieces, you must demonstrate how that public awareness will lead to policy change
- International NGOs

Application Requirements, Selection Criteria and Timeline

To be considered, a completed application must be submitted by 5:00pm EDT on Friday, September 23, 2016. All applications should be submitted to RHAP@PAI.org. All applications must be written in English, and all budget figures should be in the local currency and USD. Be sure to specify the exchange rate and date of exchange rate being used.

Application Checklist:
- Responses to the application questions regarding
  o organizational information and structure;
  o description of organizational activities;
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- Financial information; and
- Two letters of reference from external colleagues that can speak about the work of the organization. References can be former staff members, partner organizations or donors;
- Project budget and narrative (please use attached template);
- The organization’s year-end financial statement for the previous fiscal year. This should include the balance sheet and the revenue and expense statement;
- The organization’s budget for the current fiscal year;
- The organization’s certificate of registration or incorporation; and
- If the organization is exempt from taxation, please attach a copy of your country’s tax exemption law/rule/act and any documentation you have showing exempt status.

Selection Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated and partners selected based on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of and experience working in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights;
- Knowledge of the policy environment at district, national and global levels;
- History working with ministry officials at national and subnational levels;
- Capacity to effectively communicate and disseminate information to key audiences;
- Skill at promoting changes to existing laws and policies;
- Technical capacity to engage in Skype calls with PAI staff;
- Adherence to the requirements and guidelines of the RFA;
- The stability and capacity of the organization.