Elsie Initiative Fund
Second Programming Round - Technical Brief
Tuesday 18 May 0900-1030 EDT
Deborah Warren-Smith
Lea Biason
Technical Brief Agenda

- What is the Elsie Initiative Fund?
- Aims of the Fund
- Activities the Fund will support
- Gender Strong Unit (GSU)
- Who can apply to the Fund?
- Proposal amounts
- T/PCC requirements
- How to apply
- Key Dates
What is the Elsie Initiative Fund?

- Developed between Canada, the UN System and member states
- Established within the context of the broader Elsie Initiative and a number of other UN initiatives including the Department of Peace Operations (DPO) Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy (UGPS) 2018-2028
- Rationale:
  - remove financial impediments
  - accelerate progress towards increasing the proportion of women serving in uniformed military and police roles
  - designed to generate a solid evidence base
Primary impact - to accelerate the pace of change towards the increased meaningful deployment of women

- Outcome 1 – expanded country knowledge about barriers
- Outcome 2 – increased meaningful deployment of uniformed women peacekeepers
- Outcome 3 – increased pool of women eligible to deploy as UN peacekeepers
- Outcome 4 – improved working conditions for uniformed women peacekeepers
What activities will the Fund support?

• Barrier assessment
  • Credible methodology that meets the Fund’s minimum criteria (Annex 1 in the Fund’s Terms of Reference)
  • DCAF – Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations (MOWIP) methodology - preferred

• Flexible project funding, for example:
  • Training and mentorship programs for commanders
  • Investment in infrastructure
  • National level recruitment campaign
  • Training to elevate skills of women to deploy

• Gender Strong Unit (GSU) premium
What is a Gender Strong Unit?

- Substantial representation of women overall
- Women are fully integrated into the unit and trained for the roles they perform
- Women in positions of authority
- At a minimum, the % of women must exceed the UGPS target by at least 5%
- Gender-equity training has been provided to all unit members
- The unit has adequate materiel to ensure parity of deployment conditions for women and men peacekeepers
Who can apply to the Fund?

- A current Troop and/or Police Contributing Country (T/PCC) OR a Country with a serious intentions to become a T/PCC
- United Nations Organization

- T/PCC can apply by themselves OR in coordination with a Civil Society Organization (CSO) or a participating UN organization (PUNO)

- Letter of Interest must be signed by a Minister or Chief of Defence, Minister of Interior, Police Commissioner, or equivalent
What is the maximum proposal amount?

- Flexible Project Funding Proposal
  - Minimum USD $100,000
  - Maximum USD $1.5M

- GSU – separate to project funding

- For each T/PCC - a maximum of two proposals can be submitted to the Fund
  - one Military
  - one Police

---

**GSU Premium example**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Military Battalion (approximately 850 personnel)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Year 1: $580,000 USD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL: $2.2M USD</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Formed Police Unit (approximately 160 personnel)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Year 1: $110,000 USD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL: $412,000 USD</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Additional Requirements

• Commit to allow the Fund to use barrier assessment data to compile an anonymized overview report

• Meet the requirements of the UN system wide:
  • Human Rights Due Diligence Policy (HRDDP)
  • Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT) assessment

• Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation
  • Mid term and final monitoring mission
  • Annual reporting
  • Quarterly reporting on indicators
How does a T/PCC or PUNO apply?

All required documents are on our website: https://elsiefund.org/call-for-proposals/

- Application Package
  - Call for Letter of Interest – contains information on Eligibility Criteria
  - Application Guidelines
  - Letter of Interest (LOI) Form
- Video tutorial – how to fill out the LOI
- Questions and answers (Q&A)
- Elsie Secretariat: elsie.mptf@unwomen.org
When do I need to apply?

- **31 July 2021**: Submission of LOI to the EIF
- **September-October 2021**: Technical Committee review and Steering Committee decision
- **December 2021-January 2022**: Submission of detailed proposals to the EIF
- **2nd quarter 2022**: Technical Committee review and Steering Committee decision
- **3rd quarter 2022**: Clearance and funds disbursement
Thank you for your interest in the Fund

Website: https://elsiefund.org/

Further resources: https://elsiefund.org/resources/

Email: elsie.mptf@unwomen.org

Twitter: https://twitter.com/ElsieFund
The Elsie Initiative Fund acknowledges the ongoing generous donor financial and other in-kind support.