

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, have implemented new social protection programming designed to safeguard the FSM's citizens against the detrimental economic impact resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Amongst other initiatives, the community-based COVID-19 awareness grant is intended to strengthen awareness of COVID-19, inclusive of education on handwashing and social distancing, distribution of soaps, masks, and informational materials, and piloting a gender-based violence hotline in Pohnpei State. Approximately two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is scheduled for this purpose, and it is the intention of the Government to begin rolling out this social protection program by April 2021. The bulk of these expanded social protection programs are funded in part by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), through ADB's COVID-19 Pandemic Response Option (CPRO) under the ADB's Countercyclical Support Facility.

President Panuelo said in a statement, "...These social protection programs will help mitigate the economic effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on our most vulnerable citizens, by decreasing familial poverty, increasing food security, and helping our stranded citizens abroad."

The FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs is now accepting applications/ proposals from groups with good track record:

- Local non-government organizations (NGOs), youth groups, schools, churches, women's group..

Proposals will be assessed with criteria relating to gender equality and activities that would benefit the entire community. Maximum Value of Grant: \$50,000. Payment for administration cost should not be more than 10%. Proposals should be in line with COVID-19 response and mitigation plans such as community awareness and education, risk communication, activities to increase vaccination coverage, procurement of essential supplies, personal protective equipments (PPE), and Gender Based Violation prevention activities.

### Estimated Number of Beneficiaries (CSO/NGO Coverage)

Chuuk: 15

Kosrae: 5

Pohnpei: 15

Yap: 5

A copy of the application can be obtained from the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs and FSM Department of Finance. For more information, please call 320-2619 or email [health@fsmhealth.fm](mailto:health@fsmhealth.fm) or [social@dofa.gov.fm](mailto:social@dofa.gov.fm). The FSM Government reserves the right to decide what groups and the amount to be awarded based on the proposals.