

**FUNDER INFORMATION NOTE: 2019**

**FUNDER: COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION**

<b>SECTOR</b>	Private Funder
<b>SUB-SECTORS</b>	Governance Human rights Gender Social inclusion
<b>FUNDER WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://commonwealthfoundation.com/">https://commonwealthfoundation.com/</a>
<b>FUNDER STRATEGY</b>	The Foundation works across the spectrum of civic voices to strengthen their capacity to engage in governance for sustainable development. The Foundation seeks to ensure that policy and government institutions are more effective contributors to development through the influence of civic voices.
<b>FOCUS AREAS</b>	The Foundation supports projects in the following programme areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity development for constructive engagement.</li> <li>• Creative expression.</li> <li>• Grants.</li> <li>• Gender equality.</li> <li>• Knowledge management and communication.</li> </ul>
<b>KEY PRIORITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory governance.</li> <li>• Strengthen capacity of constructive civic engagement.</li> <li>• Support marginalised voices to contribute to public discourse on development issues.</li> <li>• Gender equality.</li> </ul>
<b>NON-NEGOTIABLES</b>	<i>Not provided</i>
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	-
<b>METHOD OF APPLICATION</b>	Online application, applications must be submitted to <a href="https://commonwealthfoundation.com/submit">commonwealthfoundation.com/submit</a> . Before applications can be



	submitted organisations must download <a href="#">grant guidelines</a> from their website that
<b>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organisations are invited by the Foundation to apply for funding.</li><li>• The Foundation offers grants of up to £200,000 over four years in support of innovative project ideas and approaches that seek to strengthen the ability of civic voices to engage with governments and that have the potential to improve governance and development outcomes through their active participation.</li><li>• Queries related to grants call can be forwarded to: <a href="mailto:cfgrants@commonwealth.int">cfgrants@commonwealth.int</a></li></ul>