



## FUNDER INFORMATION NOTE: 2019

### FUNDER: OPEN SOCIETY INITIATIVE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

<b>SECTOR</b>	Public
<b>SUB-SECTORS</b>	Grant making Advocacy
<b>FUNDER WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://osisa.org/">https://osisa.org/</a>
<b>FUNDER STRATEGY</b>	<p>OSISA is a grant making and advocacy foundation that is part of the Open Society Foundations network. OSISA promotes open society values by working towards building vibrant and tolerant democracies across the Southern African region, through our various thematic and country programmes.</p> <p>OSISA's strategic goals are to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro-democracy voices, processes, organisations and movements that work to promote inclusion and protect people from the abuses and excesses of the state and corporate sector in southern Africa;</li> <li>• People facing discrimination, injustice and human rights abuse on account of their identity, beliefs and opinions to know, understand, and fight for their rights;</li> <li>• People to hold governments to account in delivering more equitable economic opportunities, reducing poverty, and providing more equitable health, education and other basic services.</li> </ul>
<b>FOCUS AREAS</b>	<p>OSISA has four funding programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Economic and Social Cluster.</li> <li>2. Governance and Democracy Cluster.</li> <li>3. Human Rights Education, Rule of Law and Access to Justice Cluster.</li> <li>4. Women's Rights Programme.</li> </ol>
<b>KEY PRIORITIES</b>	<p>OSISA works in the following thematic areas/clusters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Democracy and governance, economic and social justice.</li> <li>2. Human rights, rule of law and access to justice.</li> <li>3. Women's Rights.</li> </ol>
<b>NON-NEGOTIABLES</b>	<p>OSISA does not fund the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research and book publishing projects that are not tied to a broader advocacy strategy.</li> </ol>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Capital for start-up income generating projects outside of a broader capacity enhancement framework.</li> <li>3. Individuals' initiatives and travel for conferences outside of a broader well-articulated strategy.</li> <li>4. Projects outside of its geographical mandate (OSISA works in Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe).</li> <li>5. Political parties or candidates.</li> </ol>
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Regularly updated on website.
<b>METHOD OF APPLICATION</b>	Online application.
<b>GENERAL OBSERVATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to grant making and advocacy, OSISA provides support to civil society mobilisation and social movements.</li> <li>• OSISA also supports investigative journalism and work that promotes transparency and accountability in natural resource governance.</li> <li>• Calls for concept notes and project budgets are regularly uploaded on the Grants page of the website.</li> <li>• The website provides step-by-step instructions on how to submit an application.</li> <li>• Concept notes and budgets that are shortlisted are invited to submit full proposals.</li> <li>• Waiting time to review an application varies, can take up to three months from time of application.</li> </ul>