

## QAs from our Introduction to Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF) Capacity Development grants webinar

Thank you to those that attended our Introduction to SCCF Capacity Development grants webinar on 11 September 2019. Please find below the questions asked by attendees during the webinar, along with the relevant answers.

Question	Answer
<b>We are a UK based charity. Our partners are based in Libya rather than the UK. Are we eligible?</b>	The SCCF Capacity Development grant is aimed at building the capacity of UK-based organisations. The purpose of the grant is not to support UK-based grant holders to build the capacity of their own downstream partners, but for UK-based grant holders to build the capacity of small British charities who are working in international development.
<b>Is there a DFID-established definition for capacity building or should we define this in our proposal?</b>	There is no DFID-established definition for capacity building. Applicants should be able to demonstrate their ability to deliver capacity building support to small UK-based charities in at least one of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bidding for funding (fundraising)</li> <li>• Value for money</li> <li>• Financial management (including sustainable funding models)</li> <li>• Human resource management</li> <li>• Downstream/local partner management and capacity building</li> <li>• Safeguarding</li> <li>• Beneficiary Feedback Mechanisms</li> <li>• Communications/digital</li> <li>• Engaging the UK public on the case for aid</li> <li>• Donor reporting</li> <li>• Managing risk</li> </ul>
<b>Can travel and subsistence for small NGOs to attend trainings/support be part of the grant budget?</b>	Yes, within reason travel and subsistence for small UK based organisations to attend training sessions or support linked to the specific grant can be budgeted for. Clear justification should be given as to why this budget line is needed, and considerations around value for money principles and alternative modes of training, other than face to face, should also be demonstrated.
<b>Is there a minimum number of NGOs you would like to see helped or is it the quality of</b>	Whilst there is no minimum number of small UK based charities that we want to see supported by a single grant, the quality of capacity development support and

<b>support and other factors that are more important?</b>	considerations around impact and value for money principles will be considered when assessing applications.
<b>Are religious/church affiliated groups who are registered charities applicable as beneficiaries?</b>	Faith-based organisations are applicable as beneficiaries. You will need to show justification in your application for focusing on this group and outline how/why they are a vulnerable and marginalised group.
<b>Could the grant be used to build the capacity of schools and communities in the UK interested in, and working with, partners overseas?</b>	The grant is designed to enable the grant holder to support small British charities who are working in international development. Applicants must clearly outline how the capacity development support is needed, and what impact it will have, particularly in terms of international development.
<b>Would applicants be expected to meet all of DFID's due diligence requirements?</b>	Applicants would need to meet DFID's due diligence requirements, and will undergo a due diligence assessment if shortlisted
<b>Is the primary objective of the capacity development work to ensure small CSOs are ready to engage with DFID and potentially access DFID funding?</b>	The objective of these grants is to build the capacity of small British charities to deliver the development impact. This could involve support to small UK based charities in various topics and categories (as detailed on the website <a href="#">here</a> ).
<b>Is a proposal exclusively focused on safeguarding unlikely to be what the fund is looking for?</b>	If the applicant can demonstrate the need for support to focus on safeguarding, then this would be considered and assessed on merit.
<b>Would organisations that have provided capacity building support in an 'unofficial' or in-kind manner be accepted?</b>	'Unofficial' or 'in kind' previous experience would be considered provided the applicant can demonstrate the impact that this support has had on recipients.
<b>Are you expecting applicants to identify particular NGOs to provide capacity building support to?</b>	We expect the applicant to be able to outline who their target group is, and to have undertaken consultation with stakeholders, partners and proposed beneficiaries when designing the proposed project.
<b>Beyond the core activities that we will deliver, can we use some of the budget to bring in additional experts to support one-off events and trainings?</b>	Yes, experts can be used to support one-off events and training. If applicants plan to use experts and consultants as part of their grant, then clear justification should be given for this in the application and budget.
<b>Is project management an accepted topic to provide capacity building in?</b>	Provided the applicant can demonstrate a clear need for this type of capacity development for their target group, then project management support could be considered.

<b>Will the organisation receiving the capacity building have to pay or will it be free?</b>	Whether the beneficiaries of the capacity development support would be required to pay for the support should be determined by the need and demand of the proposed project. A clear justification should be provided and will be assessed on merit.
<b>Will UK Aid Direct advertise who is providing capacity building, so that small charity recipients can find suitable capacity building training?</b>	The capacity development grants awarded will be announced on the UK Aid Direct website. Please note however that applicants are expected to actively engage small charities during the design process.
<b>What can we do to access these capacity building NGOs if they are not in our geographical location?</b>	The geographic coverage of the capacity development support will be considered during the assessment process. Please note that online and virtual support can also be considered.
<b>Is the grant money spending restricted to being in the UK?</b>	Recipients of the capacity development support must be UK registered organisations and support should be provided to small British charities.
<b>Can the capacity development be between UK organisations and their partners, and thus have some of the spending be abroad?</b>	The SCCF Capacity Development grant is designed to build the capacity of small British charities working in international development.
<b>Should the recipients of the capacity building support have an income of less than £250k?</b>	Yes, organisations who receive the capacity development support should have an income of less than £250,000.