

## Supporting Vulnerable Women and Families in the International Protection Process Guidelines for Strand 1 Grant Applicants 2023

**This is a guiding document outlining the criteria and sample application questions for the grant programme. SSGT grant applications are accepted through an online process only and links to the online application forms are included in this document.**

### Background

As part of SSGT's strategic goal to support people in the international protection (IP) process to become full members of Irish society through the creation of a more humane asylum system, we are launching a new funding programme in 2023 that targets the situation for the most vulnerable women and families in the IP process.

The focus of the programme will be on lone parents, families with children who have additional needs, women and children who have survived abuse, victims of sex trafficking and families with deportation orders who do not have access to adequate financial or social supports. Due to the complexity of their experiences, the needs of these families are greater and more nuanced than many other IP applicants, exposing them to greater risk of exploitation and of falling between the gaps when it comes to accessing the services and supports needed to ensure that their experience of the IP system is humane and affords them every opportunity to become full members of Irish society.

The aim will be to contribute learning to the systems change needed for the needs of vulnerable families to be taken into account in the international protection process.

The programme will include two funding strands and will support work in Ireland and in Northern Ireland. In **Strand 1**, one-year grants of between €5,000 (£4,500) and €8,000 (£7,500) will be offered to local groups working to improve the living conditions and pathways to support for the target beneficiaries. **Strand 2** will welcome applications for up to €20,000 (£17,500) per annum for up to three years from groups working strategically to improve the situation of vulnerable women and families in the long-term.

Details of Strand 1, including guiding application questions are provided below. If you are part of group who is currently working to improve conditions and access to supports for vulnerable women and families in the international protection system and have any queries about the programme or its application process, please contact our Grants and Development Manager Sara Stokes at [sara@ssgt.ie](mailto:sara@ssgt.ie).

<b>Timeline for Strand 1</b>	
Opens for application	16 February 2023
Deadline for receipt of all applications	16 March 2023
Decisions communicated to all applicants	Late April 2023
Funded work can begin	May 2023
Outcome report due	April 2024
Peer learning and networking event	May 2024

### **Guidelines for Strand 1**

Grants averaging between 5,000 (£4,500) and €8,000 (£7,500) will be made available to local groups in Ireland and Northern Ireland who are working to provide better pathways to support for vulnerable women and families in the IP system. Applications will be made via a one-step online process and grants will support activities that are working towards one or more of the following outcomes for such families:

- Increased and improved access to local social and community services
- Better access to information in relation to the supports available to them
- Greater community connection to and improved conditions in accommodation centres
- Lack of specialist supports, and services is highlighted

Grants in Strand 1 will be offered on a one-off basis and will prioritise proposals that aim to build a greater understanding among authorities and those with power of the issues facing vulnerable women and families. The inclusion of people with direct experience of the IP process in the design and delivery of activities is essential.

Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation will be proportionate to the level of funding granted. Reporting will include details of grant spend, activities and outcomes and grantees will be invited to participate in an online or hybrid peer event to share learnings, experiences, highlights and challenges from the funded work.

### **Who can apply?**

SSGT ordinarily funds registered charities but local, community organisations that are not-for-profit may apply where they have a demonstrable track record of working with vulnerable women and families in the International Protection process, including at least one of the following cohorts: lone parents, families with children who have additional needs, women and children who have survived abuse, victims of sex trafficking and families with deportation orders.

Larger specialist organisations e.g. groups that support children with additional needs or who work with victims of abuse may apply for projects happening at local or community level.

Priority will be given to applications that can demonstrate the positive impact that the work will have on the lives of vulnerable women and families in the International Protection system.

**What we will not fund:**

SSGT does not fund ongoing service provision. However, where an applicant meets the other criteria for the fund and is working towards at least one of the outcomes listed above, we may consider applications for the delivery of direct supports or services where no such service currently exists. These applications must make a case for why the services or supports are needed to improve conditions for the target beneficiaries.

Applications that are primarily focussed on beneficiaries other than the groups of vulnerable women and families listed in the criteria will not be considered.

**Sample Application Questions for Strand 1**

<p><b>THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FORM – IT IS FOR GUIDANCE</b>  <b>APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE ONLINE FORM AVAILABLE <a href="#">HERE</a></b>          Questions marked with an asterix ( *) on the online form have to be answered</p>	
<b>PART 1: ORGANISATION DETAILS</b>	
Organisation Name	
Are you a registered charity	
Charity Number	
Website/Social Media	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	
City	
County	
Postcode	
Is this a collaborative proposal	
(If yes) Name of other partners	
Please describe the role of each partner in the project	
<b>Contact Details</b>	
First name	
Last name	
Role at organisation	
Email	
Telephone	
<b>Your Organisation</b>	
Outline the main activities of your organisation, its day-to-day work including type and level of activity. If your organisation is involved in working with vulnerable women and families in the International Protection process, please give details	
<b>PART 2: PROJECT DETAILS</b>	
Project Name	
What do you want to do with the funding applied for? Describe the main grant activities and timeframe. Are they part of a wider project or programme – if so set out how this grant will add value to current activities.	
How do you think this work contributes to the outcomes of this programme as set out in our guidelines?	
What will be the result of the proposed activities? Focus on outputs rather than longer term impact	
What do you expect to happen in the medium term as a result of these activities and outputs and how will you know you have been successful?	
What are the risks or challenges associated with the work and how do you expect to address them?	
Do you have Garda vetting procedures for staff and volunteers?	

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Does your organisation provide training to staff and volunteers in safeguarding?
Who is the Designated Safeguarding Officer in your organisation?
<b>BUDGET</b>
In which currency are you requesting funding? € or £
What is the total cost? Amount requested from SSGT? Please attach an estimate of the total project costs. You can upload your own budget here or you can download our template and then upload it with your application
<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
You can include details here of the other funding you are receiving for the activities. We can contact you to discuss this if we have any queries. If you are not a registered charity, you can upload your Constitution here. Is there additional information you would like to include for which you have not had an opportunity above? You can also upload any supporting documents here, media reports, leaflets or other.

### Sample Budget Template for Strand 1

You can use this template or upload your own. Set out the estimated total costs of the proposed activities, including the amounts funded by other sources.

Detail	Cost
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b>	
Please add up the cost of <u>all project activities</u> and insert the total here:	
<b>Amount from other sources:</b>	
If relevant, insert the amount you have received/will receive from other sources here and tell us the source of the funding	
<b>Amount being requested from SSGT</b>	
This amount should not exceed €8,000 (£7,500)	

A link to the Strand 1 application form can be found [here](#). **The deadline for submission of applications is 16 March 2023 at 17:00**

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