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Background Information

For a School-Based

Computer Lab and Internet Community Centre (CLICC)

To increase the use of ICTs by students, teachers, school administrators, neighboring residents and businesses in the course of the educational process; and also to enhance their day-to-day social interactions and business activities

The Government of Vanuatu program on Universal Access and Services has been established to provide a second round of funding for school computer labs which will also serve their communities with internet access.

This program is funded by DFAT through its Australia-Vanuatu Governance for Growth (GFG) Program. Policy guidance is provided by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) in the Prime Minister's Office. The implementing agency of the program is the Telecommunications and Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR).

Under the CLICC program, schools throughout Vanuatu may apply for a one-time provision of a computer laboratory and community centre know as a Computer Laboratory and Internet Community Centre (CLICC). The CLICC will be provisioned with computers, a reliable power supply, internet access (subsidized for 2 years) and training for teachers. No further funding will be provided after the CLICC implementation and the expiration of the internet service.

The school and community must ensure the following requirements are met for the success of the CLICC program:

- Set up an active, involved and enthusiastic school and community committee to ensure that the CLICC project works well. The head of this committee and/or the principal of the schools will need to sign a contract acknowledging receipt of the assistance and committing to the project.
- Raise matching funds to cover some of the cost of the project and show that the school and community will commit to the project.
- Be active in the permanent and strong building of the CLICC and provide a suitable (natural disaster proof) school room for the lab at no rental cost to the project (Computers in the school library are acceptable).
- Make sure the CLICC is open to the public after school hours in the evening and during school holidays for use by the community, preferably on a free or low fee basis.

- Provide proof of land ownership and confirmation of no disputes related to the school compound and locations of CLICC.
- Provide a CLICC Business Plan to ensure sustainability of the facility with support from the community.
- Provide volunteer or paid staff to monitor the use of the computer lab during the hours it is open to the public and students.
- Keep accurate records of the equipment and the funding and provide accurate and regular monthly reports to TRR.
- Locate persons who can install, maintain and repair the equipment and run the CLICC Computer
 Lap. These can be teachers, local volunteers, Peace Corps or other IT volunteers, young people
 who know about computers, community members, outside contractors or others. TRR can assist
 with directing you to IT Officers or people.
- Use the Lab and resources to create local content in local languages and Bislama to be used for both teaching and sharing with other schools and communities.
- Report regularly to TRR on the progress of the project, what is working and what did not work and evaluate the successes and failures of the implementation.
- Regular dialogue with TRR on the development stage.

If you are seriously interested in such a CLICC project for your school or community, complete the attached CLICC applications form and send it to TRR at the following contact information by 4:00pm on Friday the 2^{nd} of December, 2016.

Grant Applications Form (UAP)
Telecommunications & Radiocommunications Regulator
P O Box 3547
Port Vila
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Email: <u>bradpartridge@trr.vu</u> or <u>hansonwaki@trr.vu</u>

The applications process for this program will be as follows:

- 1. The Evaluation Committee is an independent committee set up to make sure the selection is transparent and based on the criteria provided;
- 2. TRR will be an observer only in the Committee;
- 3. Proposals will be evaluated for their quality and likelihood of success;
- 4. Applicants rated highest will be asked to discuss and negotiate a final plan and sign a contract covering the project
- 5. Awards will be made and the execution phase will begin
- 6. Applications which are not selected will be kept on file incase additional funds become available in the future

To begin the process please fill out the CLICC Grant Applications Form available via the TRR website or contact the TRR directly.

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The Review committee will evaluate all applications and select successful schools under the CLICC program. Applications will be evaluated based on likelihood of success form assessing the criteria outlined below:

Demonstrated level of commitment from the school and community	20%
Percentage of grant funds matched with local funds and/or "soft matches", such as construction materials, labor equipment	20%
Likelihood of long term, sustainable success	20%
Access to staff trained in computers, power, maintenance and operations	20%
Demonstrated interest in developing local educational and cultural content in local languages and in Bislama	20%
Total	100%

You may contact TRR for assistance with questions and comments on this form, before the deadline.

Thanks and good luck!