

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND LABOUR PROGRAM (ITLP)

### APPLICANT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND FUNDING PRIORITIES GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FOREIGN-BASED COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### ***Is Your Organization Eligible?***

ITLP administrators will assess each applicant's eligibility for funding against the following criteria:

- whether or not the applicant meets the [Terms and Conditions](#) of this grants stream, particularly the section on "Eligible Recipients". (*see below*)

#### ***Eligible Recipients***

*Eligible recipients for ITLP support under this grants stream will be identified from among credible international and domestic organizations providing technical assistance on labour issues. More specifically, ITLP may identify as eligible the following (list is indicative only):*

- *the International Labour Organization (ILO), including its regional offices;*
- *the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO);*
- *the Organization of American States (OAS);*
- *credible, private not-for-profit organizations, to be identified on a case-by-case basis.*

In addition to the above, applicants will be further assessed against ITLP's funding priorities, as outlined below.

#### ***Is Your Project Eligible?***

ITLP administrators will assess each proposed project/activity against the following criteria:

- whether or not the proposal meets the [Terms and Conditions](#) of this grants stream, particularly the section on "Eligible Activities". (*see below*)
- location of the project: acceptable project sites are limited to the 34 countries engaged in the Summit of the Americas process.

#### ***Eligible Activities***

*Activities under this grants stream of ITLP will support credible international and domestic organizations to develop or deliver activities, projects or programs to help improve the capacity of a receiving country or countries to meet their obligations under a given LCA, or other international labour obligations.*

*Activities to this end that ITLP may support include the following (list is indicative only):*

- *capacity-building regarding the modernization and professionalization of labour ministries, administrative systems and structures;*
- *training for inspectors, judges, mediators and other front-line organizations responsible for the application of labour legislation, in order to increase the institutional capacity of labour and labour law administrations;*

- *the promotion of fundamental principles and rights at work as agreed by global consensus through the International Labour Organization, and/or programs that advance these principles and rights, such as the ILO's International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC);*
- *publication and dissemination of information on labour legislation, occupational health and safety, labour relations, and labour markets in LCA partner countries;*
- *capacity-building with respect to the physical infrastructure of labour administrations, including information technology systems;*
- *workshops, meetings, conferences, consultations to facilitate dialogue on LCA and labour issues, encourage networking among stakeholders, increase public understanding of trade and labour issues;*
- *polls and other sociological surveys, conducted by ITLP or its recipients on LCA or other international (trade-related) labour issues in the LCA partner country or countries.*

Note that being deemed eligible for funding is no guarantee of receiving funding. Additional applicant criteria and funding priorities will be applied as follows:

### ***How Will Your Proposal be Rated?***

ITLP administrators will evaluate each proposed project/activity against the following criteria, which ITLP has identified as its funding priorities for **fiscal year 2006-2007**:

- whether or not the proposed project falls into one of the following categories:
  - projects to modernize labour legislation or to improve the effective enforcement of labour legislation in Central America, particularly in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and/or Nicaragua
  - projects to support labour-management relations and collective bargaining procedures in Mexico *or* concerning Mexican legislation relating to the formation and operation of unions, collective bargaining and the resolution of labour disputes, and the implementation of such legislation
  - projects in response to labour priorities identified most recently by the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labour, namely: 1) understanding the impact of hemispheric integration on labour, 2) promoting decent work, as defined by the International Labour Organization, in the context of globalization, and 3) strengthening labour administration/modernization of Labour Ministries in the Americas
  - other projects, to be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- the likelihood that the applicant will be able to deliver the proposed project such that the project outcomes would be realized, as evidenced by:
  - whether or not the applicant has prior experience in delivering labour-related technical assistance, or similar experience
  - whether or not the applicant's previous labour-related technical assistance projects, or similar, have been successful
  - the applicant's financial history, business and labour ethics, and organizational stability
- Applicants intending to deliver all or the majority of the project themselves may be given priority over applicants intending to contract out some or all of the project delivery.

- Applicants participating in the United Nations' *Global Compact*, or in other lateral social responsibility networks, projects, or codes, may be given priority over other applicants.
- Projects to be carried out in countries with which Canada has or is negotiating a Labour Cooperation Agreement (LCA) may be given priority over projects to be carried out in other countries. For a list of current Canadian LCAs, please see [http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/lp/spila/ialc/01International\\_Agreement\\_on\\_Labour\\_Cooperation.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/lp/spila/ialc/01International_Agreement_on_Labour_Cooperation.shtml).
- Projects on subject areas identified in the cooperative activities program of a specific LCA, and supported by that LCA partner country, may be given priority over projects in other subject areas. To view the cooperative activities program of a specific LCA, please use the link above to select the LCA of your choice, then search for the cooperative activities section.
- Projects based on the promotion or implementation of the four fundamental principles and rights at work, as defined by the International Labour Organization, may be given priority over other projects. For a description of the four fundamental principles and rights, please see <http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/lp/spila/ila/04promoting.shtml>.
- Projects contributing directly to the training, professionalization, or other capacity-building of front-line labour administration personnel, and/or social partners (workers and employers organizations) in the project country may be given priority over other projects.
- Projects that include a clearly-defined social dialogue dimension may be given priority over other projects.\* That is, whatever the theme of the project, if it provides a role for government, business and labour to work together on key project activities or to achieve the project's goals, this would be viewed favourably.
- Projects not duplicating or overlapping others already being carried out in the project country or countries will be given priority over other projects.
- Projects whose funding level allows sufficient funds to remain in the grants stream to support other projects in the same year may be given priority over other projects.
- Projects taking into consideration gender issues may be given priority.
- Projects showing evidence of long-term sustainability will be given priority.

The above applicant assessment and funding priorities will be reviewed each year and may be revised to keep pace with ITLP needs and in light of good grants and contribution administration practices, including evaluation practices.