

Scatec Solutions Broad-Based Trust

NATIONAL SOUTH AFRICAN CALL

Community-Led Initiatives Enabler

Request for Proposals | Practical community-led public benefit interventions

Apply online:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/Scatec1/SolutionsTrustCommunityLedInitiativesEnabler>

Deadline: Full applications must be submitted by 11 December 2026. No extensions will be granted.

For inquiries contact: communityinvestments@scatec.com

Q&A session dates will be announced on Scatec's LinkedIn and website. Please keep an eye on both for updates.

**At a glance**

This pathway is for credible, locally rooted organisations and community-led initiatives responding to evidenced community needs and creating practical, durable public benefit. It is intentionally welcoming, but it still includes governance, due-diligence and evidence requirements.

1. Purpose of the call



The Solutions Trust seeks to create access for CBOs, NPOs, NGOs, community associations, qualifying social enterprises and other community-serving organisations that may not be suited to a larger institutional RFP.

Applicants must demonstrate a real community need, BDP alignment, a defined intervention, delivery capacity, identifiable beneficiaries and measurable benefit.

2. Illustrative response areas

Area	Examples of possible interventions
Community wellbeing, care & resilience	Community-based care, dignity, food security, safety/wellbeing and practical responses to evidenced vulnerability or service gaps. Boundary: not unrestricted relief or generic activity without a clear community outcome.
Community Social Enterprise & Livelihood Models	Locally rooted productive or social-enterprise models where community/public benefit is primary and the model contributes to services, productive activity or livelihoods. Boundary: not conventional private enterprise grants/incubation; public/community benefit must be explicit.
CBO/NGO Capacity Building	Governance, financial management, compliance, safeguarding, M&E, fundraising, programme design, reporting or implementation support that transfers practical capability. Boundary: not generic consultancy; must transfer practical capability to a defined CBO/NGO cohort.
Access to Services & Community Resilience	Non-capital interventions improving information access, referral pathways, digital inclusion, local coordination, health/wellbeing access and service navigation. Boundary: no major infrastructure, building works or public-asset upgrades.
Other BDP-aligned community-led intervention	Other credible community interventions may apply if they demonstrate community need, BDP alignment, public benefit and measurable outcomes.

3. Funding tiers

Tier	Funding range	Definition
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Community Action Grant	R150,000- R349,999	Smaller, focused community interventions responding to a clearly evidenced local need. Suitable for discrete projects, early expansion or practical short-term initiatives with defined beneficiaries, achievable outputs and measurable public benefit.
Community Strengthening Grant	R350,000- R749,999	More established interventions with broader scope, longer delivery period or stronger organisational capacity. Suitable for programmes serving multiple beneficiary groups or locations, organisation strengthening, access to services, or livelihood/social-enterprise models.
Anchor / Collaborative Grant	R750,000- R1,200,000	Larger, more complex or collaborative interventions with sustained community benefit. Suitable for established organisations, partnerships or multi-stakeholder initiatives addressing systemic or cross-community needs.

4. Important boundaries

- This pathway will not fund unrestricted organisational funding with no defined project or outcome.
- It will not fund major infrastructure, buildings or civil works.
- It will not fund political party or party-political activity, impermissible private benefit, historic debt/business rescue, indefinite operating subsidy or generic activity without measurable public benefit.
- Youth, women, disability and other priority groups are cross-cutting inclusion lenses, not standalone reasons for funding.
- Skills-to-income is not a standalone funding category, but an otherwise eligible intervention with a credible pathway into work, income or livelihood opportunity may receive an additional screening point.

5. Definitions for applicants

Term	Meaning in this application
Safeguarding arrangements	Measures to protect children, vulnerable adults or other at-risk beneficiaries, such as safeguarding policies, codes of conduct, staff screening, reporting/referral processes, consent and supervision.

Skills-to-income pathway	A clear link between skills, training or support and a realistic opportunity to access employment, self-employment, income-generating work or sustainable livelihood activity.
Related party	A person or organisation connected to the applicant, directors, trustees, office bearers, senior staff or decision-makers in a way that could create a real or perceived conflict of interest.

6. Assessment criteria

Criterion	Indicative weighting
Community need, evidence and BDP alignment	20%
Intervention clarity, public benefit and measurable outcome	20%
Community legitimacy, participation and local relevance	15%
Delivery capacity, governance, financial/admin controls and risk management	15%
Beneficiary inclusion and selection approach	10%
Monitoring, feedback, sustainability or exit arrangements	10%
Budget, cash flow and value for money	10%
Optional value-add: credible skills-to-income pathway	+1 screening point

7. Supporting documents

- Registered applicants: B-BBEE certificate/affidavit; organisation profile; registration certificate; governing document; bank confirmation letter; SARS tax compliance certificate/PIN; latest available financial statements or management accounts.
- All applicants: project budget, cash flow, examples of previous work or references, key personnel information/organogram and conflict/related-party disclosure.
- Conditional where relevant: Letter of Good Standing for South African organisations with 10+ employees; safeguarding policy; partner/referral letters; licences/accreditations; fiscal sponsor letter and fiscal sponsor compliance documents.
- Smaller organisations may explain unavailable non-essential governance/financial documents. Essential legal registration or contracting requirements may still be required.



8. How to apply

Complete the online application form here:

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Applicants should prepare all supporting documents before starting the form. The form may be saved and completed later if needed.

Q&A sessions

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/scatec/> | Website: <https://www.scatec.com/>

9. Not the right call?

If your proposal is a proven or emerging-proven economic model seeking R1m–R4m to expand, replicate or scale pathways into employment, livelihoods or income, consider the Economic Opportunity Innovation Challenge.

Economic Opportunity application link:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/Scatec1/ScatecSolutionsBroadBasedTrustEconomicOpportunityInnovationChallenge>