Call for Applications: Small Grants Initiative

The Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), in partnership with Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), invites applications for its Small Grants Initiative. This program strengthens youth leadership, knowledge transfer, and community capacity across Africa by supporting participants to replicate and adapt the training in their respective countries.

Replication activities must be grounded in the **Toolkit for Youth on Adaptation & Leadership** and draw on the practical skills developed during the training modules, which covered:

- Proposal writing and grant management
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Communication strategies
- Program design and implementation
- Climate change adaptation
- Peace and conflict transformation
- Event organization and facilitation
- Cross-cutting leadership and sustainability skills

Grant Amount

- Each successful applicant will receive **€2,000**, strictly to be used for the replication of the training.

Objectives of the Grant

- Support country focal points to replicate training aligned to the GCA Toolkit, emphasizing climate adaptation, peacebuilding, and sustainable development.
- Build local capacity in leadership, program management, communication, and resource mobilization.
- Facilitate peer learning and knowledge transfer across African countries, ensuring contextual adaptation and shared best practices.
- Foster sustainability and impact through youth-led initiatives that contribute to climate resilience and social cohesion.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

1. Be a focal point for their country in the program.
2. Have successfully completed the training program.
3. Demonstrate commitment to youth engagement and community capacity building.
4. Propose a feasible replication activity within their country.
5. Be able to implement the activity within one month after receiving the grant.

Expectations of Grantees

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Organize replication sessions using the GCA Toolkit and the training modules listed above.
- Adapt content to local contexts while maintaining alignment with the GCA Toolkit.
- Ensure diverse youth participation with gender balance and inclusivity.
- Document and share outcomes through brief reports, success stories, and peer exchanges.
- Complete a post-replication survey highlighting experiences, lessons learned, and challenges encountered.

Proposal Requirements

- Submit a proposal (maximum **4 pages**) using the provided template (adhere to the word count of each section).

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on (Total = **100 points**; **Pass mark = 80 points**):

- **Eligibility** – Pass/Fail
- **Organizational Profile & Past Projects** – 10 pts
- **Background & Project Description** – 20 pts
- **Objectives & Target Population** – 10 pts
- **Methodology** – 15 pts
- **Activities & Outputs** – 20 pts
- **Team Expertise** – 5 pts
- **Communication Strategy** – 5 pts
- **Budget & Cost-Effectiveness** – 15 pts

Submission Details

- Deadline for submission: [2nd October]
- Send proposals to: nnyandiko@mmust.ac.ke copy: eunodago@gmail.com
- Successful applicants will be notified by: 10th October
- Grant transfer from 15st October

Proposal Template

Please complete the following proposal template. Please be assured that your responses will be considered in every aspect.

1. Describe your eligibility based on the criteria provided.

Eligibility Criteria	Outline Eligibility against Criteria
EC1: Be a focal point in your respective country.	Max 100 words
EC2: Have successfully completed the training program.	Max 100 words
EC3: Demonstrate commitment to youth engagement.	Max 100 words
EC4: Propose a feasible replication activity in your country	Max 100 words
EC5: Demonstrate ability to implement the activity within a month.	Max 100 words

2. Organizational Profile and Experience (Max 150 words)

Who are you, and what relevant experience or past projects show your ability to deliver this replication activity? (150 words)

3. Background and Project description (Max 300 words)

What is the overall idea of your replication activity? Which challenge or gap are you addressing in your community? How does your proposed activity draw on the GCA Youth Toolkit on Adaptation and Leadership and the training modules you completed?

4. Provide examples of similar projects you have successfully implemented, highlighting any challenges faced and how they were overcome. Please use the format provided below. (Max 150 words)

Project	*(name/title a relevant project)*
Objective(s)	(state primary objectives of the project
Thematic scope	*(keywords only)*
Target audience	*(keywords only)*
Location	*(e.g., city, country)*
Language	*(if relevant)*
Duration & Frequency	*(e.g., hours/days, and how many times or how often)*
Budget	*(indicate in your local currency, and its equivalent in Euros)*
Monitoring for Impact	*(briefly explain monitoring and reporting practices)*
Outcomes	*(highlight relevant outcomes from previous projects that show your ability to deliver similar outcomes as mentioned in the call)*
Additional Remarks	*(Highlight unique features, success stories, challenges, and solutions)*

5. Define your Objectives (Max 150 Words)

What do you want to achieve?

6. What is your target population? (Max 100 words)

Who will directly benefit from this activity and Why?

7. Describe the methodology of your project (Max 400 words)

How will you deliver your replication sessions?
How will you use the GCA Toolkit and training modules?
What will this look like in practice?
How you will adapt the content to your country's context?

8. Project Activities (Max 250 words)

What key activities will you carry out, and what concrete outputs will result from them?

- Use the template provided below to outline activities to achieve outputs.

Narrative Summary	Means of Verification (MoV)	Indicators	Responsible Person/ Team	Start Date	End Date
Key activities to be carried out to produce intended output.	MoV provides the evidence or sources to verify whether deliverables have been met.	Indicators set the targets or standards for measuring success.	Responsible person/team to deliver activity.	Anticipated start date of the activity.	Anticipated end date of the activity.
Output 1: .					
Sub-Output 1.1:					
Activity 1.1.1					
Activity 1.1.2:					
Output 1.2:					
Activity 1.2.1:					
Output 2:					
Sub-Output 2.1:					
Activity 2.1.1					
Activity 2.1.2	.				
Output 3:					
Sub output 3.1:					
Activity 3.1.1:					

Activity 3.1.2:			,		

9. Monitoring and Evaluation (Max 200 words)

What is your evaluation strategy and why?

How will you measure success and capture lessons learned from the replication process?

10. Team Expertise (Max 100 words per team member)

- Who is on your team, and what skills or roles will they bring to this project?

Expert Name	
Position on Team	
Thematic Experience	
Training-related Qualifications	
Narrative Short Bio	

11. Communication (Max 150 words)

How will you share the outcomes of your replication (e.g., with peers, communities, GCA/MMUST)?

Proposal Evaluation Metric

Section	Max Words	Max Score	Criteria	Reviewers Score	Reviewers Comments
1. Eligibility Criteria	5 × 100	5	• EC1: Focal point in country (1) • EC2: Completed training (1) • EC3: Commitment to youth engagement (1) • EC4: Feasible replication activity (1) • EC5: Ability to implement within 1 month (1)		
2. Organizational Profile & Experience	150	6	• Clear organizational introduction (2) • Relevant experience/past projects (2) • Systems/capacity to deliver (2)		
3. Relevant Past Projects	150	5	• Relevance of cited projects (2) • Evidence of results/monitoring (2) • Lessons transferable (1)		
4. Background & Project Description	300	10	• Problem/gap clearly stated (3) • Justification & evidence of need (3) • Use of GCA Toolkit & modules (2) • Link to call themes (2)		
5. Similar Project Example (Table)	150	5	• Project described (2) • Clear outcomes (2) • Challenges/solutions (1)		
6. Objectives	150	7	• SMART objectives (3) • Alignment with call themes (2) • Realistic/achievable (2)		
7. Target Population	100	3	• Target group clearly defined (1) • Relevance & appropriateness (1) • Inclusivity (1)		

8. Methodology/Approach	400	15	• Delivery approach clear (5) • Feasibility & local adaptation (5) • Use of toolkit/modules (3) • Monitoring integrated (2)		
9. Project Activities & Outputs	250 + Table	20	• Activities linked to outputs (5) • Indicators & MoV clear (5) • Timeline realistic (5) • Roles/responsibilities (5)		
10. Monitoring & Evaluation	200	7	• Evaluation strategy clear (3) • Methods to measure success (2) • Lessons learned plan (2)		
11. Team Expertise	100/member	5	• Team roles defined (2) • Relevant thematic experience (2) • Qualifications fit needs (1)		
12. Communication	150	5	• Strategy clear (2) • Audience/visibility relevance (2) • Role of communication explained (1)		
13. Budget & Cost-Effectiveness	n/a	7	• Budget realistic & ≤ €2,000 (3) • Costs linked to activities (2) • Cost-effectiveness (2)		
TOTAL	**-**	**100**	**Pass mark = 80 points (80%)**		