

SH2.4B EU DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR GRABS

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Organisations working in digital transformation, education reform, e-governance, cyber security and gender equality now have an opportunity to access new development funding targeting selected African countries, including Uganda, Zambia, Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania.

Through a euro 600,000 (about sh2.43b) development co-operation grant, the European Union – working with Estonia's development co-operation framework – is inviting eligible institutions to submit project proposals that demonstrate tangible and sustainable impact at the community and national levels.

The funding is aimed at supporting initiatives that strengthen public systems, improve service delivery and expand access to technology-driven solutions, particularly in underserved regions.

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APPLICATION

Interested applicants are required to submit their proposals by January 30, this year, through the grants portal. Access to the portal requires prior registration and login via the official platform: <https://tinyurl.com/mrrjn45w>

To qualify, applicants must meet the requirements set out by the foreign affairs ministry on development aid and humanitarian assistance. In addition, all proposed activities must align with the Official Development Assistance eligibility criteria as defined by the

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and be consistent with the Estonia Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Aid Strategy 2023-2030.

Project proposals must clearly outline objectives, expected outcomes and monitoring mechanisms.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate how their interventions will create measurable results and contribute to long-term development goals within the targeted regions.

established for this funding is innovation ecosystems, which supports projects promoting green and digital transitions through collaboration between Estonian institutions and partner organisations in Africa, particularly in Uganda and Zambia.

This theme encourages joint research, technology transfer, start-up incubation and skills development programmes that can stimulate local innovation and enterprise growth.

Other focus areas include education reform, especially digital learning platforms, teacher training in ICT and curriculum innovation; e-governance aimed at improving public administration efficiency and citizen access to services.

Eligible applicants include civil society organisations, academic institutions, technology hubs, public agencies and development-focused private sector entities, provided they meet regulatory and partnership requirements stipulated in the grant guidelines.

Development experts say the funding presents a strategic opportunity for African institutions to scale up locally driven solutions while benefiting from technical partnerships with European counterparts.