

Basic Education Quality and Access in Lao PDR (BEQUAL)

BEQUAL Education Innovation Fund Call for Applications



The Basic Education Quality and Access in Lao PDR (BEQUAL)

The BEQUAL Program is a collaborative initiative of the Australian government, the European Union (EU) and the Government of Lao PDR with the overall goal of supporting the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) to deliver quality and accessible basic education to more girls and boys.

BEQUAL Education Innovation Fund (BEIF)

Part of BEQUAL provides for the establishment of the BEQUAL Education Innovation Fund (BEIF), to encourage new thinking and new ways of working that can have a positive impact on the delivery of basic education, including improving both access and quality. The BEIF is not designed to provide additional funding for existing programs, plans, innovations or basic activities. The aim of BEIF is to work with the Ministry of Education and Sports and other agencies at the provincial and/or district levels to pilot new approaches to see if they are successful and suitable for scaling up. In this way, a successful innovation or small scale success can be expanded and have a positive impact on more schools and children.

The BEIF fund can award grants to government units, NGO organizations and the private sector, whose proposals for innovative activities are within the BEQUAL mandate. Grants will be awarded using clear guidelines and through a competitive application process.

A broad range of activities that focus on improvement in primary education delivery are eligible for financial support through the BEIF. Proposals for BEIF grants should focus on new approaches and practices to address the challenges in delivering both quality and access to primary-level education for children in disadvantaged communities, focusing on ethnic students.

The BEIF Grant Applications

The grants can range from Australian Dollar AUD 10,000 up to a maximum of AUD 200,000. The BEIF grant application is a competitive process. The maximum time available for any BEIF grant implementation is two years from the date of approval.

Proposals are being requested for Round 1.

Proposals are to be submitted by **COB Wednesday 27th April 2016** via:

Soft copy to:

BEIF@bequal-laos.org

Hard copy to:

Basic Education Quality and Access in Lao PDR
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Funds for the first round of BEIF grants are expected to be approved mid-May 2016 and funds released in late May 2016. BEIF Guidelines and an application for can be downloaded from: www.bequal-laos.org.

Applications for BEIF funding maybe submitted in Laos and English.

Additional information will also be available by emailing BEIF@bequal-laos.org

