

oversight. SALGA is a public entity composed and representing the 257 South African local governments/municipalities¹³.

The **aim of the grant** is to support SALGA's mandate, analysis capacities and attempts to offer greener solutions to service delivery problems faced by local and municipal governments on one hand and to support its capacities to effectively share findings and recommendations on the subject with all its members on the other. The **expected result** - building on SALGA's mandate and prioritisation of ICT/innovation; research and knowledge management; strategic partnerships; and strategic profiling – serving as a platform for conversations about local government and educational initiatives - to help local government fulfil their developmental obligations by adopting inclusive, sustainable, greener, digital and smart technology-based service delivery practices and solutions.

Moreover, the nature and the administrative power of the institution in the South African local government sphere are beneficial to the action in accordance with Article 27(3) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation.

Direct award: SA Civil Society Organisation

Under the responsibility of the Commission's authorising officer responsible, a grant may be awarded without a call for proposals to a civil society organisation selected using the following criteria:

- (i) SA established CSO with national and local remit;
- (ii) with a proven track record of ongoing engagement, partnership and work with community organisations, CSOs as well as National and sub-National Governments institutions and bodies;
- (iii) has specific technical expertise and internationally recognised, global, independent, and comparable tool (Open Budget Survey - OBS, Metro OBS) to research and measure government practices in budget transparency, participation, accountability and oversight,
- (iv) which it uses to strengthen citizens and Civil Society Organisation – including Community Based Organisations - skills and capacities to increase public participation; access budget information; advocate for sustainable, transparent, inclusive, and accountable budget processes; monitor the efficient and effective delivery of services to engage authorities for better spending of public resources on basic services in SA; and
- (v) demonstrating sufficient operational, logistical, management and financial capacities, with experience in sub-granting to CSOs;

The **objective of the grant** under Outcome 3 is to, on the one hand, ensure that budget processes in the selected municipalities increase access to services for all (including women and vulnerable groups) and, on the other, that the beneficiary communities are empowered to measure and/or monitor the service delivery performance and engage in a dialogue with the authorities. The **expected result** is increased oversight over the selected municipalities performance and governance that enhance transparency and accountability and improved service delivery.

Under the responsibility of the Commission's authorising officer responsible, the recourse to an award of a grant without a call for proposals is justified for activities with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence and/or its high degree of specialisation (Article 195 (f) FR).

4.3.2 Direct Management (Procurement)

O1: To improve/enhance the performance/effectiveness and resilience of municipalities

Procurement will contribute to the achievement of the specific objectives of the action. A technical assistance facility may be procured through a service contract to enable progress towards the action's Outcome 1 - improve/enhance the performance/effectiveness and resilience of municipalities.

¹³ SALGA is also recognised in terms of the Organised Local Government Act, 1997 (Act No. 52 of 1997) and is listed as a Schedule 3A public entity under the Public Finance Management Act of 1999