



SPARKS!

Announcement Call

Grants for Peer-To-Peer Learning Initiatives

Given the important role of reform and change leaders, there should to be far better opportunities to tap the knowledge of their peers – public sector practitioners who speak from experience. That’s why the EIP has studied Peer Learning and produced the [EIP Peer-to-Peer Learning Guide](#) to help facilitating institutions get new initiatives off the ground.

Do you have an idea for an international peer learning alliance? Let the sparks fly and reach out to other EIP members or new partners to put together your proposal...

The EIP announces the availability of three **SPARKS!** grants that will be made available to the EIP membership for innovative new initiatives, employing the Peer-to-Peer Learning approaches.

The EIP Joint Secretariat will receive proposals from EIP members until 20 January 2017 for review by a panel and confirmation by the EIP Co-Chairs. **SPARKS!** grants (up to USD 20K each) are intended to contribute to the costs concept finalization, first meeting(s) and initial activities (to take place by the end of March 2017), as well as the development of a full-fledged proposal / resource mobilization plan to finance full implementation (1-2 years).

SPARKS! aims to:

- encourage the application of the EIP Peer-to-Peer Learning Guide by members of the platform;
- encourage more member-driven activities and strengthen ownership of EIP's strategic framework;
- apply innovative methods for peer learning, test their usefulness and document lessons learnt.

Potential recipients are EIP members who develop peer-to-peer learning collaborations with other EIP member or/and non-member institutions. During implementation, the EIP Joint Secretariat may provide facilitation and technical support.

Documentation of the initiative needs to cover the following: problem statement, objectives, changes expected, participating agencies/units and their roles in the initiative, strategy, process/steps, challenges and response, results, and lessons learned. A closing narrative and financial report needs to be submitted, at which point a final payment of 25% of the grant value will be released.

SPARKS! results will be reported in the 2017 Annual Meeting by recipients and all activities completed by end June 2017. Follow-up activities on the initial sparks activities should be documented and reported against on request and at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

How to Apply?

EIP members are encouraged to send their proposal to the Joint Secretariat (Ms. Nurina Widagdo (nurina.widagdo@undp.org)) by 20 January 2017. The proposal (max 4 pages) needs to indicate:

- the EIP Member (institution) that will coordinate the initiative and receive the grant;
- the contact person(s) for: programming, financial transactions, and communications (incl. documentation, social media coverage, etc.);
- the participating institutions (EIP members are priority but non-EIP members can also participate) and the rationale for participation;
- the objectives and the challenges (problem statement / background) to address through peer learning;
- any co-funding commitments (incl. in-kind) and potential funding sources that will sustain the initiative;
- the activities, budget and timeline.

Criteria of selection:

- Clarity of purpose / objective / problem statement;
- Ability to implement (ownership, methodology, human resources, co-funding and fundraising potential);
- Extent of engagement of the EIP membership;
- Probability to achieve results and to demonstrate the use of Peer-to-Peer Learning;
- Value for money and sustainability of efforts.

