

Criteria for evaluation of project proposals

Purpose

The National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC) in accordance with the Telecommunications Act 31 of 2000 is responsible for the management of the Universal Service Fund (USF) to support the development of the telecommunications sector in Grenada in the interest of social, educational and economic development.

In accordance with the Section (17) of the Telecommunications (Universal Service Fund) Regulations SRO. 21 of 2009, Proposals for Fund Projects, “A person may submit a proposal for a Fund project, according to procedures and formats to be set forth by the Commission in the Guidelines.” The purpose of the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) is to invite interested applicants to submit project proposals for consideration for funding under the Universal Service Fund.

Eligibility status

The invitation to submit project proposals is open to the general public, including telecommunication providers, government ministries, and various non-government organizations

Evaluation criteria

All proposed projects must:

1. fall within the scope of the Universal Service Fund, which includes:
 - Public voice telephony
 - Internet access
 - Telecommunication services to schools, hospitals and similar institution

- Other service by which persons can access an efficient and affordable modern telecommunications network
2. fall within the priority goal of the fund for the operating year 2017,
“expand telecommunication network and services throughout Grenada, with emphasis on unserved and underserved communities, persons with disabilities, organizations serving the public needs.”
 3. address one or more of the following priority areas:
 - Expansion of broadband infrastructure with emphasis on the unserved and underserved communities
 - Promote broadband internet service connectivity and access in the unserved and underserved communities
 - Promote affordable access to individual with special needs, specifically persons with disabilities
 - Promote access to telecommunications services within public institutions (e.g. schools, hospitals)
 4. Be self-sustaining to the greatest extent possible such that it continues to expand access to telecoms on their own initiative, requiring minimum amount of funds to do so

Place of submission:

A copy of the completed application form should be submitted in an envelope clearly marked “Universal Service Fund Project Proposal Application” and addressed to:

National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

P.O. Box 854

St. George’s

Grenada

Or

Dropped off at our office, located at:

National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Maurice Bishop Highway

Grand Anse

St. George

Deadline:

All Universal Service Fund Project Proposal Application forms should be submitted to the NTRC no later than February 9th, 2017.