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## Request for Proposals: Being (March 2026)

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PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE APPLICATION DEADLINE - FOR DETAILS REFER TO THE [RFP](#)

- Google Chrome is the recommended browser.
- You can Save your work at any time and return to it later by logging into your account and clicking on Drafts, then clicking on Edit.
- When you are done editing, click the Submit button. Once you submit, you will no longer be able to edit, so please take care when completing the form.
- You **MUST** complete your application by clicking the Submit button within the application form before the deadline posted above.
- There may be a delay while your application is saving/submitting. Please **DO NOT** refresh this page while saving or submitting.
- If you are unable to submit your application, you may be missing critical information. Before contacting technical support, ensure you have answered all application questions.

For more information about the Being initiative, please visit [www.beinginitiative.org](http://www.beinginitiative.org). For questions related to the content of this RFP, please visit the [Apply for Funding page](#) on our website for: 1) Information about our Applicant Information Webinar, 2) Guidance on How to Apply, 3) Guiding Principles & Highlighted Policies, and 4) Innovator Resources. For anything not addressed through the RFP or webinar, reach out to

[OpenCompetitions@grandchallenges.ca](mailto:OpenCompetitions@grandchallenges.ca) For technical issues related to the Fluxx portal, please review the Fluxx Reference Guide and, if needed, reach out to [fluxxsupport@grandchallenges.ca](mailto:fluxxsupport@grandchallenges.ca)

## **Proposed Investment Details**

Please note: An application's Project Lead must be formally affiliated with the applicant organization. The Project Lead should be a key member of the project team. A Project Lead can only be listed on one (1) application.

- ❑ I, [Project Lead], certify that I am the person submitting this application on behalf of [Organisation name], to which I am formally affiliated. I confirm that my serving as Project Lead for this application aligns with the requirements of the RFP (summarized in the note above). I also confirm that I will monitor [PL email] as a channel for communications by GCC (via email or notification through the Fluxx) for the duration of the application and review process.

Project Title [100 characters]

Create a clear and concise project title. There is a 100-character limit for the title.

Amount Requested (CAD)

Applicants can request between \$300,000 to \$1,500,000 CAD. Applications requesting larger amounts will not be reviewed.

Project Duration (in months)

The investment period available is up to a maximum of 24 months. Start and end dates will be confirmed should the proposal be selected for funding.

Please note: The requested funding amount and duration will be reassessed according to GCC's TTS phasing framework during the Due Diligence stage, should you be selected to proceed through the funding consideration process.

Select the scaling readiness of your innovation

- I have an innovation that has achieved proof of concept. I now need to develop a plan for scale and/or generate evidence needed for next phase
- I need to validate the viability and scalability of business/scaling plan and address gaps
- I need to further improve and iterate upon business/ scaling plan, based on lessons learned
- None of the above

## Collaborators (Optional)

List any additional project collaborators/partner organisations. Include a very brief note about how they will contribute to the proposed innovation, whether it be as a research or implementation partner, a key service provider, etc.

The country of incorporation is where your organization was legally formed and officially recognized as a legal entity. While your organization may be registered in a different country for operational or tax purposes, the country of incorporation refers specifically to the country listed in your incorporation documents.

The country of incorporation that we have on file for your organization, as provided during registration, is: [Organisation incorporation country]

Confirm this is the country where the applicant organization is legally incorporated:

- Yes, this is correct
- No, this is not correct
  - Provide the organization's correct country of incorporation and we will update our records accordingly.

To be eligible for this funding opportunity, the applicant organization must be a legally formed and incorporated entity. For clarification on institutional eligibility criteria, consult Section 1 of the Request for Proposals. Documentation to validate legal incorporation, including the certificate of incorporation or equivalent legal documents, will be requested should your application be successful.

The legal entity type that we have on file for your organization is: [Organisation entity type]

Confirm this is the legal entity type of the application organization:

- Yes, this is correct
- No, this is not correct
  - Provide the organization's correct legal entity type and we will update our records accordingly.

- I will ensure that our organization will supply the necessary documentation upon request at the relevant point in the application process, though it is not required at this stage.

Please indicate the country/countries where you will be implementing your project. Projects must be implemented in one of the 12 countries of focus: Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam. Projects not meeting this criterion will be deemed ineligible.

Highlight your selections in the Available Fields list box (left), click the button to move your selections to the Selected Fields list box (right).

### Country(ies) of Implementation

While we can consider applications for innovations implemented in more than one country of focus, we encourage applicants to consider the feasibility of maintaining quality and progressing towards sustainable scale while addressing multiple country-specific areas of focus.

Select the most applicable description of your organization's connection to the target community:

- Community owned - leadership team from and based in affected/target community
- Community led - leadership team from but not based in affected/target community OR members of management team from and based in affected/target community
- Community partnered - local presence and collaborative or consultative engagement with affected/target community / community organisation(s)
- Community linked - local presence and affected/target community informed OR no local presence, but partnership with affected/target community organisation(s)
- Not meaningfully connected to community

Select the country specific area of focus to which you are applying (refer to Section 2 of the RFP):

- Colombia - Strengthening family functioning
- Ecuador - Improve the physical and emotional safety of young people
- Ghana - Prevent bullying in schools
- India - Strengthening family functioning
- Indonesia - Prevent adverse childhood experiences of violence
- Morocco - Create positive school environments
- Pakistan - Strengthening family functioning

- Romania - Prevent bullying and cyberbullying
- Senegal - Reduce stigma related to mental health
- Sierra Leone - Reduce and prevent substance use among young people
- Tanzania - Reduce stigma related to mental health
- Vietnam - Strengthening family functioning

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Which of the following best describes your implementation region(s)? Please select all that apply.

- Urban
- Peri-urban
- Rural

Is your organization youth-led? Youth-led organizations are defined as organizations in which 50% or more of the individuals in key leadership positions (such as senior management, Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, etc.) are 35 years of age or under.

- Yes
- No

Is your project youth-led? Youth-led projects are defined as projects in which 50% or more of key staff are youth 35 years of age or under.

- Yes
- No

- I confirm I am submitting my application in either English or French language. (Applications submitted in any other language will be deemed ineligible.)

## **Proposed Investment**

### ***Important: Read Before Proceeding***

- *Applications must include all required information and respond to all questions. Only complete applications, submitted in English or French, will be considered for review.*

*Note that we aim to accommodate applicants who are not native or fluent in English or French. We will not penalize applicants for grammar issues or unconventional phrasing.*

- *Character counts (not word counts) will be used for responses to the application questions. A character count refers to the number of letters and spaces within a written passage. As you type your answer, the field will automatically display the remaining characters available. This ensures you stay within the character limit for each question.*

## **Stage 1 - Innovation Overview**

1. What is the specific gap or problem addressed by your innovation? [1,500 characters]
  - Please include details about the specific context and population focus.
2. What is your innovation and how does it address the gap or problem outlined in Q1? [1,500 characters]
  - Please ensure you clearly outline how this aligns with the country-specific area of focus / priority outcome(s). Detail innovative elements or activities that make up your approach, such as tools, technologies, partnerships, or delivery mechanisms.
3. What makes your solution innovative and how is it a better option than current approaches in your target setting? [1,500 characters]
4. Describe your innovation's population focus. How will they be engaged in the design, implementation and evaluation of the innovation? [1,500 characters]
  - Please specifically address if, how and why you will meaningfully engage young people and young people with lived experiences.
5. Describe the project team and collaborators' connection to and/or lived experience in the implementation context, population of focus and the issues your innovation seeks to address. [1,500 characters]
  - Please note that in GCC's assessment of connection to community, we consider the following:
    - i. Do key members of the innovation team identify as being part of the affected local community?

- ii. Are key members of the innovation team based in or around the affected local community/region?
- iii. What role(s) in the organisation is/are held by any local staff?
- iv. Does the implementing organisation have an active local presence in the affected community?
- v. Does the organisation partner with the affected community and/or with local community organisation(s)?
  - If so, is this an active and established engagement or a new partnership?
  - Is this partnership equitable, collaborative, and/or consultative?

6. Provide a brief and succinct summary of your innovation's Proof of Concept results. [2,500 characters]

- Present sufficient and credible evidence - particularly, quantitative results - to substantiate that your innovative idea has demonstrated improved priority outcome(s) and/or the reduction of significant barrier(s), as well as demand for the solution. Outline the results achieved to date, including those aligned with priority outcomes (Section 2 of the RFP), and include the methodologies, sample size, and measurement tools used to obtain and analyze those results.

7. What are your organizational plans and priorities to enable the scale of your innovation over the next 24 months? [2,000 characters]

- Scale refers to expanding an innovation so that it reaches a significant share of the need, demand, or problem it aims to address. In practice, it includes extending an innovation to more users or regions, embedding the solution within policy or government systems, hiring a new team, or testing and validating a new business model.
- Describe the channels/partnerships through which your innovation will be readily deployed. Outline how this plan will position your innovation for sustainable scale over the longer-term.

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