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### **\$50,000 Awarded for Collaboration in International Development**

The Posner Center for International Development's International Collaboration Fund (ICF) offers support to promising collaborations between organizations in the Posner Center's network. ICF grants enable Colorado-based organizations focused on global poverty alleviation to build capacity, explore new directions, fuel action, and improve their impact.

The Posner Center is pleased to announce the awardees for the third round of ICF grants. These projects are generously supported by Beyond Our Borders, CoBank, Green Fund, Harvey Family Foundation and Leighty Foundation. In addition to the grants listed below, the Posner Center plans to disburse \$5,000 in travel grants later in 2017, for a total of \$50,000 awarded this year.

For information about supporting future rounds of the International Collaboration Fund, contact Meg Sagaria-Barritt, Interim Executive Director, at [meg@posnercenter.org](mailto:meg@posnercenter.org). The winning proposals for 2017 are outlined below.

#### **Field Assessment for Irrigation and Water Access - \$4,531 - Malawi**

Freshwater Project International (FPI) and Engineers Without Borders USA (EWB-USA) will collaborate to address the lack of access to safe water at Maternal Health Facilities in Malawi. Combining EWB-USA's technical expertise with FPI's local knowledge and relationships, they will perform a needs assessment at 20 facilities spread throughout Malawi and design a long-term project to address water access and sanitation challenges.

#### **Planning an Accelerator Bootcamp for Social Enterprises - \$5,000 - Colorado**

The Global Accelerator Network (GAN) and International Development Enterprises (iDE) will plan programming to use GAN's expertise in small business development to support a thorough assessment of iDE's existing social enterprises. The two organizations will work first to define the type of support GAN will provide, identify iDE headquarters' objectives for these enterprises, and develop a detailed plan and funding strategy for continued partnership to accelerate the growth of these businesses.

#### **Feedback Tool for Sustainable Development Goal 5 - \$5,000 - Colorado & Guatemala**

Starfish and EffectX will develop and refine a tool for grassroots programs to measure

progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG 5) - to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The goal is to create a common tool that can be used by all women-focused organizations to monitor and evaluate their own effectiveness towards achieving SDG 5, and to support broader efforts to assess progress in achieving in gender equality. The partners will bring together additional women-focused organizations in the Posner Center network to contextualize and test the tool.

### **Building Capacity of Women's Coops - \$12,000 - Uganda**

Africa Development Promise and Edge of Seven will partner with the Epaphroditus Cooperative Society, a women's agricultural cooperative located in the Wakiso District of Uganda, to co-finance the construction of a resource center. This center will strengthen the capacity of this cooperative by serving as an office for business operations, a permanent facility for educational trainings, and as a warehouse for crop storage.

### **First Aid Training for Disabilities - \$5,000 - South Africa**

emBOLDen Alliances and Uhambo are combining forces to address the importance of supporting individuals with disabilities as a crucial piece of overall community development. Together they will develop a strategy for delivering first aid training to caregivers of individuals with disabilities that also helps raise awareness about disabilities. In addition, they will conduct an assessment to identify pilot sites in South Africa and develop a complete monitoring and evaluation plan. This groundwork will lay the foundation for effective implementation of this model of train-the-trainer first aid education in the future.

### **Organizational Transition Planning and Preparation - \$4,000 - Colorado**

Edge of Seven, Children's Future, and SalusWorld aim to improve the health and operational sustainability of organizations in the Posner Center network. The grantees will assess the current level of preparedness in small and medium-sized organizations to handle executive or key staff transitions. They will use this knowledge to create a transition toolkit to be shared with staff of all organizations in the Posner Center network and create a plan for trainings on transition preparedness to be implemented in 2018.

### **Shared Capacity Building and Grant Writing Services - \$10,000 - Colorado**

Friends of ENCA Farm, Africa Development Promise, Children's Future, Edge of Seven, Hope Shines, and The Women's Bakery will work as a cohort to improve their organizational development strategies and build capacity for fundraising. Utilizing a shared consultant for trainings, the organizations will strengthen their grant readiness and writing skills, fund development planning, and donor engagement strategies. The cohort will consolidate and share their learnings with the broader Posner community to improve overall network capacity.

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#### ***About the Posner Center for International Development***

*The Posner Center is a community of innovators who grow lasting solutions to global poverty, with a goal to be the leader of collaborative international development. To accomplish this, the Center brings together 60 international development-oriented organizations and businesses in a 25,000 square-foot shared space in Denver's Curtis Park neighborhood. Learn more about our space and community at [www.posnercenter.org](http://www.posnercenter.org).*