



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: MSM & TG

Global Fund Grant (GC7) 2025 – 2028

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The Aurum Institute NPC (Aurum) is a proudly African not for profit, public benefit organisation, whose mission is to generate evidence for policy and translate policy into practice to positively impact the health of communities globally. Aurum partners with governments, the private sector and civil society to design and deliver high-quality care and treatment to people in developing communities. Information on Aurum's projects and programmes can be found on Aurum's Website at www.auruminstitute.org.

Aurum has been selected as one of the Principal Recipients that will implement three Programmes addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic among Key and Vulnerable Populations in selected districts of South Africa to be funded under the Global Fund Grant Cycle 7(GC7) during the period of 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2028.

Aurum invites duly registered and suitably experienced South African Non-profit Organisations (NPOs) and Government Departments based in the districts below to submit proposals for participation in the implementation of this Grant as Subrecipients.

PROGRAMMES:

Provision of Comprehensive HIV Prevention Programmes for Men of Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender (TG) People and their Sexual Partners. Further programmatic details are outlined in the RFP.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) DOCUMENTS:

The following RFP documents outlining the requirements, formats and further details are available for download on the Aurum website at <https://www.auruminstitute.org/gf-sr-requestforproposals>:

- Request for Proposals (RFP);
- Application Form;
- Subrecipient Capacity Assessment Tool; and
- Required Documentation Checklist.

BRIEFING SESSION:

- Aurum will convene an online non-compulsory briefing session on **18 August 2025 from 10h00 – 11h30** to provide clarification and additional information to interested Applicants and disseminate information as widely as possible.
- Organisations interested in attending the session should inform Aurum by sending an email to GF-SR-Applications@auruminstitute.org with the Subject line **"RFA/AUR/GF/2025-2028/01 – Briefing Session"**, by no later than **13h00 on 16 August 2025**.
- A return email will be sent with a link to join the online Briefing Session.
- Any additional material, will be made available to interested Applicants on the Aurum Website at <https://www.auruminstitute.org/gf-sr-requestforproposals>.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

All Applicants must be submitted by no later than **13:00 SAST on 1 September 2025**, in accordance with the RFP submission instructions and requirements.

DEADLINE FOR RFP QUESTIONS:

- All questions must be submitted in writing via email to GF-SR-Applications@auruminstitute.org with the Subject line “**RFA/AUR/GF/2025-2028/01 - Questions**”, by no later than **16:00 SAST on 21 August 2025**.
- It will not be possible to engage in telephone enquiries and any questions received after the deadline will not be addressed.
- Questions will be anonymised and published with answers in a Q&A document on the Aurum Website at <https://www.auruminstitute.org/gf-sr-requestforproposals> by no later than **16:00 SAST on 25 August 2025**.

PROGRAMMES – GEOGRAPHY AND OBJECTIVES:

Aurum intends to appoint 3xSRs to implement the MSM & TG programmes as follows:

- MSM & TG - 1xSRs for the districts where MSM & TG are identified in both in the table below, and may include other districts for MSM and TG.
- MSM – 1xSR for the districts where MSM only is identified in the table below.
- TG – 1xSR for the districts where TG only is identified in the table below.

Preference will be given to SRs that can demonstrate a footprint in these districts and are currently implementing, or have previously implemented, similar programmes.

Programme details are summarised below (the RFP documents provide more details):

Programme	Province	Districts	Programme Objectives
Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) and their Sexual Partners	Eastern Cape	OR Tambo	• Reduce HIV Incidence among MSM through targeted case finding, HIV self-testing, and linkage to same-day ART and PrEP initiation. • Expand Access to HIV Prevention and Treatment Services via peer-led outreach, drop-in centres, mobile services, and differentiated service delivery models. • Improve Uptake and Adherence to Biomedical Interventions such as PrEP, ART, STI, TB screening and treatment, and viral load monitoring. • Promote Psychosocial Wellbeing and Adherence through structured peer navigation, mental health support, and risk-reduction counselling. • Address Stigma, Discrimination, and Rights Violations by strengthening human rights advocacy, reporting mechanisms, and sensitization of healthcare providers. • Reach Hidden and Underserved MSM (including “after-niners” and non-gay-identified MSM) using tailored outreach and digital engagement strategies. • Strengthen Health System Responsiveness by building the capacity of health facilities to deliver MSM-competent services through staff training and mentorship. • Support Community Empowerment and Monitoring by funding MSM-led organizations and supporting safe spaces, community dialogues, and feedback loops.
	Free State	Mangaung	
	Gauteng	City of Johannesburg	
	KwaZulu-Natal	King Cetshwayo	
		Ugu	
		uThukela	
	Limpopo	Capricorn	
		Mopani	
		Sekukhune	
		Vhembe	
		Waterberg	
	Mpumalanga	Gert Sibande	

	North West	Bojanala	
	Western Cape	City of Cape Town	
		Garden Route	

Programme	Province	Districts	Programme Objectives
Transgender (TG) People and their Sexual Partners	Free State	Mangaung	• Reduce HIV Incidence among TGP through targeted case finding, HIV self-testing, and linkage to same-day ART and PrEP initiation. • Expand Access to HIV Prevention and Treatment Services via peer-led outreach, drop-in centres, mobile services, and differentiated service delivery models. • Improve Uptake and Adherence to Biomedical Interventions such as PrEP, ART, STI, TB screening and treatment, and viral load monitoring. • Provide gender affirming services by service providers, and train local CBOs and CSOs on GAHC. • Facilitate completion of a bespoke TGP journey program for TGW and TGM. • Promote Psychosocial Wellbeing and Adherence through structured peer navigation, mental health support, and risk-reduction counselling. • Address Stigma, Discrimination, and Rights Violations by strengthening human rights advocacy, reporting mechanisms, and sensitization of healthcare providers. • Reach Hidden and Underserved TGP using tailored outreach and digital engagement strategies. • Strengthen Health System Responsiveness by building the capacity of health facilities to deliver TGP-competent services through staff training and mentorship. • Support Community Empowerment and Monitoring by funding TGP-led organizations and supporting safe spaces, community dialogues, and feedback loops.
	Gauteng	City of Johannesburg	
	Limpopo	Capricorn	
		Vhembe	
	Mpumalanga	Gert Sibande	
	North West	Bojanala	
	Western Cape	City of Cape Town	
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