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KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
A statutory and autonomous body, Government of Kerala

KSBB/149/2025-CA

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NOTIFICATION FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) invites proposals from eligible institutions for implementing the project "*Empowering Custodian Farmers for Agrobiodiversity Conservation*" in the districts of Kottayam, Kollam, Kozhikode, Thiruvananthapuram, Kannur, and Kasargod.

A. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Duration: 1 Year

Objectives:

1. To enhance agrobiodiversity in the farm lands of custodian farmers
-through bioresources rejuvenation and enrichment of Genetic materials
2. Empower custodian farmers as 'Local Genome Saviours'
-through survey of genetic materials, training and capacity building
3. Documenting the agrobiodiversity of the custodian farmers
-through data collection of the crops, breeds, birds and associated flora, fauna and Traditional knowledge
4. Organize one District Seed fest and capacity building of 10 farm schools per district
-through knowledge sharing and material transfer and insitu onfarm conservation
5. Document best practices for policy adoption and wider replication.

B. OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

- A minimum of 30 trained custodian farmers with equitable distribution of women per district with enhanced agrobiodiversity and regular Knowledge sharing opportunities with the community
- A minimum of 10 functional farm schools per district with records of farmers visits and meetings
- A district-level Seed Fest and awareness campaign promoting agrobiodiversity
- Comprehensive report of the socio-economic aspects of the farm and

- information on the existing situation of agrobiodiversity of the district
- Policy-level recommendations for sustainable agrobiodiversity management
- DPR for a larger Agrobiodiversity conservation project for the respective district.

C. PROPOSAL CONDITIONS

Budget: Max. ₹7,64,000/- per institution per district (Detailed breakdown included along with application form; *no overhead charges permitted*).

Who can apply?: Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Regional Agricultural Research Stations, Agriculture Universities, and other R&D Centres.

Submission Limit: Only one proposal per institution will be considered.

District Focus: Proposals must target one of the six specified districts.

D. MANDATORY COMPONENTS

Proposal components to be addressed along with one year time frame:

1. Identification & Documentation of custodian farmers :

- Selection of 30 custodian farmers per district based on existing richness of agrobiodiversity
- Documentation of existing agrobiodiversity and associated traditional knowledge with the selected farmers in stipulated format (KSBB will provide the format, If selected).
- Provision of incentives to farmers for native seed procurement, labor, setting farm school etc.

2. Farm Schools:

- Establishment of 10 farm schools per district (from the selected 30 farmers) as practical learning hubs.

3. Seed Fest & Awareness :

- Organization of one district-level Seed Fest for knowledge sharing and material transfer.

4. Time Frame and Budget breakdown

5. Deliverables

- Comprehensive report (both hard and soft copies) describing all the six outputs and outcomes along with the documented details on the flora, fauna, and traditional practices prevailing in the district.
- Farm Maps with GPS-coordinates
- An Economic Analysis of the Farm
- Expenditure (SE) and Utilization Certificate (UC)
- Photographs of genetic diversity of all varieties and traditional farming methods and Videos showcasing innovative traditional farm practices

E.APPLICATION PROCESS

Deadline: 1 month from the date of this notification. Late submissions will not be considered.

How to Apply:

Hard Copy (Mandatory): Submit via proper channel to:

The Member Secretary,
Kerala State Biodiversity Board,
Kailasam, T.C. 4/1679(I), No. 43,
Belhaven Gardens, Kowdiar P.O.,
Thiruvananthapuram – 695003.

Soft Copy: Email scanned application
to keralabiodiversity@gmail.com

Download Application Form: Visit www.keralabiodiversity.org.

F. SELECTION & IMPLEMENTATION

a. Proposals will undergo screening, followed by presentations by shortlisted Principal Investigators.

b. Final selection by KSBB Expert Committee.

c. Work order and agreement executed upon selection.

Project Deadline: 1 year after fund disbursement.

Final Report: 1 hard + 1 soft copy (including SE/UC) submitted to KSBB.

For queries, contact KSBB at keralabiodiversity@gmail.com

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Member Secretary