



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Karoo Sustainable Landscapes Program
Social Benefit Fund Grant**

Submission Deadline: 26 June 2026



Background

The Sayari Earth Foundation is a mission driven not for profit organization with the mission to partner with people to sustain life on Planet Earth. The Sayari Earth Foundation supports the community development aspects of the Karoo Sustainable Landscapes Program (KSLP), implemented by Sayari Earth, a mission-driven public benefit corporation which the Foundation is associated with. The KSLP works with landholders, communities, and strategic partners to restore ecosystems, strengthen climate resilience, improve rural livelihoods, and support more inclusive rural economies. The KSLP is an improved rangeland management program targeting climate, community, and biodiversity outcomes, and funded through climate finance.

The KSLP is designed not only to deliver environmental outcomes, but also to create direct and measurable social benefits for farm workers, farm worker dependents, commonage farmers, small-scale farmers, and emerging farmers within participating rural communities and Karoo communities as a whole.

To support these objectives, a portion of project benefits will be channelled through the non-profit arm associated with Sayari Earth, which will manage the 'Karoo Carbon Impact Fund' ("The Fund"). The Fund will finance targeted social investment initiatives that strengthen rural resilience, reduce vulnerability, improve livelihoods, and support vulnerable households connected to farming systems and natural resource management.

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Registered NGOs, NPOs, community-based organisations, and social enterprises are invited to submit proposals for grant funding under the Social Benefit Fund.

This funding call seeks practical, community-based initiatives that directly benefit one or more of the following categories:

1. Vulnerable households in rural towns and farming areas.
2. Farm workers and their dependents.
3. Commonage farming communities.
4. Small-scale and emerging farmers.

The geographic focus area for Phase 1 is the region between Beaufort West and Murraysburg, including urban communities including surrounding farms, commonage areas, and rural settlements. Funding allocations will depend on proposal quality, feasibility, and expected social impact.

Purpose of the RFP

The purpose of this RFP is to identify organisations capable of delivering clear, measurable, and practical social benefits to vulnerable rural communities connected to farming systems.

Priority will be given to organisations with:

- Experience in rural implementation.
- Strong community partnerships and trust.
- Ability to monitor and report measurable impact.
- Capacity to scale successful programmes over time.



The Sayari Earth Foundation aims to establish long-term implementation partnerships with organisations that demonstrate strong impact and accountability.

Strategic Focus Areas

1. Support for Farm Worker Households and Rural Families.
2. Projects that improve household wellbeing and resilience through food security, learner support, nutrition, clothing support, family wellbeing, and access to social support services. This can be off-farm in towns where dependents live.
3. Support for Commonage, Emerging and Small-Scale Farmers.
4. Projects that strengthen livelihoods, income generation, organisation, practical farming support, and social stability for commonage and emerging farmers.
5. Youth Employment, Skills Development and Livelihoods.
6. Projects that create meaningful opportunities for rural youth through employment, vocational training, mentorship, leadership development, and livelihood support.
7. Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Child Support.
8. Projects that support vulnerable children through ECD programmes, nutrition and feeding schemes, after-school support, and assistance for boarding school learners from farming communities.
9. Women's Safety, Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Community Leadership.
10. Projects that strengthen community cohesion, leadership, women's safety, GBV prevention, and protection of vulnerable groups including women, children, and the elderly.
11. Social service support to urban communities (water/sanitation, health or education).

Applicants should clearly demonstrate expected beneficiary reach and measurable social outcomes, including impacts on women, youth, vulnerable households, and rural livelihoods.

Expected Outcomes and Reporting Requirements

A key objective of this funding round is to generate measurable social impact. Applicants must therefore clearly demonstrate how impact will be monitored and reported.

All proposals should include realistic projections of:

- Total number of beneficiaries reached.
- Breakdown of beneficiaries by:
 - Male
 - Female
 - Youth
 - Elderly persons
 - Persons with disabilities



- Number of jobs, stipends, or livelihood opportunities created.
- Number of households supported.
- Number of children or youth reached.
- Expected social outcomes and indicators.
- Community participation approach.
- Monitoring and reporting framework.

Preference will be given to organisations that can demonstrate strong impact measurement systems and regular reporting capability.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants include registered NGOs/NPOs/CBOs, including:

- Social enterprises with demonstrated social impact.
- Organisations with experience in rural development, livelihoods, youth development, ECD, food security, GBV prevention, or farmer support.

Applicants must submit:

- Organisation profile and registration documents.
- Relevant implementation experience and references.
- Project proposal and implementation plan (maximum of 10 pages).
- Detailed budget.
- Monitoring and evaluation approach.

Collaborative applications between organisations are encouraged where complementary expertise exists.

Funding and Partnership Approach

Funding allocations will be determined based on proposal scope, expected impact, and available funding within the social benefit fund. We accept separate, smaller applications from different organizations up to the maximum budget of **R600,000**, as an alternative to a single maximum-value application. Sayari Earth Foundation may award this grant to one or more organizations.

This Phase 1 funding round is intended to support practical pilot and scalable initiatives with strong community impact potential. The Foundation aims to build longer-term partnerships with organisations that demonstrate effectiveness, accountability, and meaningful social outcomes over time.

Submission Process

Interested organisations are invited to submit:

1. A proposal (maximum 10 pages).
2. Detailed budget.
3. Organisation registration documents.
4. Relevant references or case studies.
5. Monitoring and evaluation framework.

Submissions must clearly indicate:

- Geographic area of implementation.
- Target beneficiaries.
- Expected social impact.
- Focus area addressed.
- Proposed implementation timeline.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with the Foundation's social impact priorities.
- Potential for direct and measurable social benefit.
- Relevance to rural farming communities.
- Feasibility and sustainability.
- Organisational capability and governance.
- Cost-effectiveness and scalability.

Timeline

RFP Release Date	01 June 2026
Clarification Questions Due	12 June 2026
Proposal Submission Deadline	26 June 2026
Notification of Successful Applicants	14 July 2026
Anticipated Project Start Date	01 August 2026

Contact Information

All submissions and enquiries should be directed to:

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Sayari Earth looks forward to partnering with organisations committed to delivering practical, measurable, and lasting social impact for vulnerable rural communities connected to farming systems within the Central Karoo region.