

# VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND

## Information Brochure

### What is the VTF?

The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), which entered into force on 24 December 2014, regulates the international trade in conventional arms and also seeks to prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in conventional arms and to prevent their diversion.

Article 16(3) of the ATT provides for the establishment of a Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) to support national implementation of the Treaty and encourages all States Parties to contribute resources to the Fund. Voluntary contributions to the VTF can be made throughout the year.

The VTF was established in August 2016 by the Second Conference of States Parties to the ATT to operate under its approved Terms of Reference (ATT/CSP2/2016/WP3/Rev.1).

The VTF will disburse funds to ATT implementation projects according to the provisions of its Terms of Reference and Administrative Rules. Where necessary, OECD DAC guidelines for development cooperation may also apply.

### What are the aims of the VTF?

The VTF aims to assist requesting States requiring international assistance to implement their Treaty obligations, including with respect to 'legal or legislative assistance, institutional capacity building, and technical, material and financial assistance'.

### Who administers the VTF?

The VTF is administered by the ATT Secretariat assisted by the VTF Selection Committee consisting of 13 States Parties appointed by the Second Conference of States Parties, including States that have announced financial contributions to the Fund and ensuring diverse representation.

## ELIGIBILITY

### Who is eligible for VTF funding?

The VTF Terms of Reference pronounce as follows on eligibility:

*'Any **State Party** to the ATT requiring assistance in the implementation of the Treaty may submit a project proposal.*

***Signatory States and other States** having shown clear and unambiguous political commitment to accede to the ATT requiring assistance to implement the Treaty may also submit project proposals.*

*Assistance projects required by requesting States may be implemented by or in conjunction with UN agencies, international or regional organisations, civil society organisations or other competent bodies. Applicant must be the beneficiary country /countries'*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### How does a State apply for VTF funding?

All VTF project proposals should be submitted in the prescribed VTF Grant Application Form, which can be downloaded from the ATT website at: <http://thearmstradetreaty.org/index.php/en/voluntary-trust-fund>. The Grant Application Form is available in English, French and Spanish.

- \* All fields of the Grant Application Form are mandatory and must be completed in full including the Detailed Budget Form.
- \* Any VTF Grant Application submitted in any other form other than the VTF prescribed form shall not be considered.

## Is there a limit on how much money a State can request?

States are encouraged to submit project proposals of any size but are asked to note that a budget cap of **US\$100,000** applies. The VTF is open to co-funding of projects. However, applicants are encouraged to secure a project funding partner prior to applying to the VTF for project co-funding.

Where the project involves more than one State or a group of States, the budget may exceed USD 100,000. There is no specific budget cap for projects where more than one State is applying to the VTF under the same project proposal. However, the VTF Selection Committee will determine what is reasonable on a case-by-case basis

## How long should a project be?

Unless agreed otherwise, all VTF projects shall have an implementation period of one year starting immediately after the signing of a Grant Agreement between the VTF and the grant recipient. Projects of longer duration and later commencement date shall also be considered.

## When can project proposals be submitted?

The VTF is open for project proposals on Treaty implementation **from 09 October 2017 - 08 January 2018**, with grant approvals set for April 2018.

The deadline for submission of VTF project proposals is **08 January 2018** at 24h00 Geneva, Switzerland time.



## Where should a State submit a project proposal for VTF funding?

All VTF project proposals must be submitted by email to: [trustfund@thearmstradetreaty.org](mailto:trustfund@thearmstradetreaty.org). VTF Grant Application Forms that are in French and Spanish must be accompanied by an English translation.

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