

Invitation of Proposal for Empanelment as Implementing Agency under “Project on Financial Support for Development of Accessible Learning Materials”:

The eligible organisations may apply for being an implementing agency for the production of either-or multiple formats of accessible learning material. If any organization wishes to become an implementing agency under the project, they should have to fulfil the essential criteria as specified below:

Essential Criteria/Eligibility Condition for Implementing Agency:

States/UTs or their agencies working in this area are eligible to apply for the Project. Or, The Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) must be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), or any relevant Act of the State/Union Territory; or the trust must be registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882. The organization must be registered either under the erstwhile Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 or the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) must be registered under the Darpan Portal of NITI Aayog (NGO Portal) and possess a unique ID of NGO Darpan. Renewal/validity of registration as of the date of application will be mandatory as per the extant norms as applicable for the concerned State.

Additional Criteria for Braille Press

- There should be no high-speed computerized Braille press in the concerned State/UT. However, this condition can be relaxed in the case of large states.
- For the Braille press setup, a minimum of exclusive 1500 square feet of the built-up area should be available for the establishment of the Braille press along with an additional built-up area of at least 400 Square feet for the exclusive storage of Braille paper and Braille books;

Additional Criteria for E-Pub/Digital Book Production

- There should be no E-Pub/digital book production Centre/implementing agency in the concerned State/UT already established under the project. However, this condition can be relaxed in the case of large states.
- A minimum of exclusive 500 square feet of the built-up area should be available for the establishment of the E-Pub/digital book production centre;

Additional Criteria for Human-Narrated Talking Book Production

- Organization should have Human-Narrated Talking Book Production facilities.
- There should be no other implementing agency in the concerned State/UT already established under the project.

□ A minimum of exclusive 1000 square feet of built-up area should be available for the establishment of the Human-Narrated Talking Book Production Centre.

Additional Criteria for Large Print Book Production

□ There should be no Large Print Book Production Centre/implementing agency in the concerned State/UT already established under the project. However, this condition can be relaxed in the case of large states.

□ A minimum of exclusive 1000 square feet of built-up area should be available for the establishment of the Large Print Book Production Centre.

Additional Criteria for all Format Accessible Learning Material Production

□ There should be no “all Format Accessible Learning Production” Centre/Implementing agency in the concerned State/UT already established under the project. However, this condition can be relaxed in the case of large states.

□ A minimum of exclusive 4000 square feet of built-up area should be available for the establishment of the all Format Accessible Learning Material Production Centre.

Note: -Criteria may be relaxed for government bodies/agencies. In the case of the application originating from a voluntary organization, the applicant should have been in existence as a registered organization for the last five years and should be running educational programs for persons with visual impairment continuously for the last five years; and there should be a proper system of auditing of accounts in case of NGOs. Bank guarantee will be required in case of non-government organizations compulsory as per guidelines of govt. of India.

For more details, please refer to the project guidelines.(Link)

The Proposal should consist following information:

1. Name of the Organization:
2. Address/Contact Details:
3. Details of the Organization with Registration Number (in case of NGO):
4. Registration in the NGO portal of Niti Ayog: If yes Registration no. and Date of registration
5. State Government recommendation:
6. Date since running the Braille Press/Large Print/E-Pub/Talking Book
7. Resources available for the Braille Press/Large Print/E-Pub/Talking Book (Equipment and Human Resources)
8. Details of Braille production/Large Print Production/E-Pub Production/Talking Book Production over last two years
9. Brief profile of Beneficiaries: