Expression of Interest (EoI)

To provide technical support and implementation of Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) in Belauri Municipality.

Working Area: Belauri Municipality
Duration: Until May 2027

1. Background

The **Youth Climate Action Fund**, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, is an initiative designed to provide capital and technical capacity for municipalities to mobilize young residents **aged 15 to 24** in designing and delivering climate solutions aligned with citywide priorities. Several Nepalese municipalities were selected for the fund in 2026, including **Belauri.** Through this program, city halls open innovation competitions to invite youth-led ideas, selecting the strongest proposals to receive micro-grants that address citywide priorities such as those defined in Belauri's LDCRP including reforestation, waste reduction, and climate education. Each project must be led by at least three youth members who participate in decision-making and oversight, supported by dedicated city staff to ensure plans are carried through to completion. Beyond immediate environmental benefits like disaster mitigation and the creation of green spaces, the Fund aims to foster deeper trust and collaboration between local governments and the next generation of civic leaders

8 micro grants will be selected and implemented in the leadership of youths. Here are some examples of the types of eligible projects:

- Climate education and awareness, like courses, experiences, or the arts, school interventions.
- Research and data collection, like mapping environmental health including air pollution.
- Resilience and adaptation, such as addressing water quality or heatwaves
- Green Infrastructure, reforestation, and environmental protection, like creating parks, community gardens, or green roofs for community buildings.
- Promotion and advancement of circular economy, like sustainable fashioner rethinking the use of discarded materials
- Sustainable waste management, like sorting, collection, or cleaning
- Climate governance, like youth councils or consultation of youth for public decisions
- Climate hubs in schools and community buildings, biodiversity conservations.

Each project must include:

- at least one output (a direct deliverable, such as number of events held)
- at least one outcome (the result of those activities)
- a numerical target for both

Example Project (what happens in the project)	Example Output (what are the project activities)	Example Outcome (what happens as a result of those activities)
Organize a series of city park clean-ups	Number of youth-led clean-up events	Number of bags of trash picked up
Start a newsletter on city meetings related to climate	Number of youth registered for the newsletter	Number of youth attending public city government meetings

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2. Context

Geographical and Disaster Context

Belarus is located in the southern Teri region of Kanchanpur district, bordering India to the south and west. Its flat topography and river systems make it highly susceptible to **frequent floods and inundation**, which damage crops, livestock, and infrastructure. Beyond flooding, the municipality faces several other natural and man-made hazards, including:

- **Fire:** Especially high during the dry season for houses with thatched roofs.
- **Wildlife Conflict:** Proximity to Shuklaphanta National Park leads to regular crop destruction and threats to human safety.
- **Extreme Weather:** Cold waves (Sitalhar), heat waves (Luu), windstorms, and hailstorms frequently disrupt local livelihoods.

Climate Change Context

Climate change is exacerbating these traditional risks by increasing the frequency and intensity of extreme events.

- **Temperature Rise:** Average temperatures are projected to increase by 1.5-2.2°C by the 2050s, leading to more frequent heat waves and droughts.
- **Erratic Rainfall:** Historical data shows increasing variability, where short periods of extreme rainfall cause flash floods, followed by prolonged dry spells that threaten food security and water availability.
- **Vulnerability:** Poverty and weak physical structures (such as mud-based houses) increase the vulnerability of marginalized communities, particularly in wards 1, 2, 5, and 9, which are categorized as "very high risk" for floods.

City Priorities and Strategic Goals

The municipality's primary vision is to transform into a **safe, inclusive, and climate-resilient city**. To achieve this, Belauri has established several key priorities:

- **Mainstreaming Resilience:** The city is committed to integrating Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) into its periodic plans, annual budgets, and all sectoral development activities.
- **Risk-Informed Infrastructure:** Ensuring that all new public infrastructure (roads, bridges, and schools) follows "Build Back Better" (BBB) principles and climate-adaptive engineering standards.
- **Early Warning Systems (EWS):** Developing multi-hazard EWS to provide real-time information to citizens, particularly for floods and extreme weather.
- **Inclusive Management:** Prioritizing the safety and needs of the most vulnerable, including children, the elderly, women, and persons with disabilities, in all disaster response plans.
- **Capacity Building:** Enhancing the skills of local volunteers, staff, and wards through regular search and rescue training and disaster drills.

3. Objectives of the Assignment

3.1 Overall objective: Technical support and implementation of Youth Climate Action Fund.

3.2 Specific Objectives: The specific objectives of the assignment are as follows:

- To review and select micro grants
- To support during design phase, launch phase, support phase, and amplify phase and reporting phase of the implementation of YCAF.

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4. Scope of Work

The overall scope of the assignment is to:

- Manage YCAF of 50000 USD for the implementation of the micro grants provided to youth groups.
- Close coordination with municipality, ward offices and youth clubs/groups for the implementation of the program.
- Support administrative processes of procurement of supplies, event management, celebration of completion of project grants
- Provide technical support for the impactful results in all phases of implementation.
- Support municipality for reporting and documentation as required by the YCAF.
- Conduct city pulse check surveys, and prepare disbursement reports with indicators, final grant reports reflecting indicators, outputs and outcomes.

5. Methodology

The detailed methodology will be proposed by the NGO and shall be agreed with Belauri Municipality

1. Review of YCAF charter.
2. Selection of micro grants
3. Support for the Implementation of micro grants
4. Development of log frames, reporting, documentation.

6. Expected Outputs

The key expected outputs of the task are:

1) 8 micro grants implemented with concrete output and outcomes.
2) at least one event for grantees with the mayor to encourage and support project implementation
3) instructions or training to grantees as needed, including support with financial tracking and reporting provided
4) photographs through the reporting portal submitted upon visiting sites
5) Brief quote about the experience of youths shared and amplified.
6) closing event for youth, partners, city leadership, community, and media organized
7) Reports completed as needed by YCAF: city intake report, youth surveys, city open call report, city disbursement report, micro grant report, final city grant report

7. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE OF CSO REQUIRED.

The civil society organization (CSO- National NGO, companies/foundations registered as not-for-profit sharing organization), and its personnel should meet the following criteria and requirements to qualify for further selection process.

- CSOs registered as non-government organizations and companies registered as not-for-profit sharing companies/foundations registered/renewed/affiliated as per the existing laws and regulations of Government of Nepal and Duly have experience of working with Belauri Municipality.

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- Good understanding and experience of working in Belauri Municipality as familiar with the municipality strategies and areas of work.
- Verified and well recognized professional competencies in the areas of climate actions, early warning system, disaster management
- Strong understanding of planning processes at the communities, wards, local governments, and a strong capacity for working with youths and children.
- Enthusiasm and qualities to demonstrate results with innovative ideas and strategies in climate change.
- At least five years of experience in the Climate change and DRR sector, particularly in areas youth mobilization, climate actions, and innovative digital solutions.

8. Evaluation Criteria

The concept notes received from interested CSOs will be evaluated based on the following three key criteria.

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	SCORE
1. Clarity in scope of the partnership initiative and activities design aligning with the expected outputs	-Clearly mentioned the strategies, course of action, proposed technical staffs, administrative management for the implementation of grants and CSO contribution.	5
2. Micro grant concepts relevant to Belauri Municipality	-8 micro grant concepts relevant for Belauri Municipality as per municipal priority with realistic log frame including indicators, output and outcome.	16
3. Technical expertise and experience in Climate actions	- Technical expertise in design and implementation of climate actions. - Previous experience in disaster management, climate actions engaging youths. - Capacity to coordinate across sectors.	4

Note: 20% of the grant can be utilized for administrative purposes as guided by YCAF charter and upon agreement with Belauri Municipality. Contribution from CSO is highly appreciated.

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