Small Grant Projects

Before You Apply – Self-Screening Checklist

Please answer the following questions honestly before investing time in a full application. If you answer NO to any of these questions, your project is unlikely to qualify for a small grant from the Embassy.

1. **Is your organisation officially registered?** Only registered Malawian organisations, NGOs, associations, or organised community groups are eligible. Individuals may not apply.

2. **Does the project directly and primarily benefit a defined community rather than individuals?** Grants are for community-level interventions. Projects that benefit a single person or a small privileged group will not be considered.

3. **Will the project produce a tangible, lasting physical or economic output?** We fund concrete outputs such as infrastructure, equipment for community use, or productive assets. We do not fund workshops, training events, awareness campaigns, or recurrent activities.

4**. Can the project sustain itself for at least two years after completion without further external funding?** If the project requires ongoing financial support to remain operational, it does not meet our sustainability criterion.

5. **Can your organisation make an own contribution, however small?** This can be community labour, locally sourced materials, or a cash contribution. An own contribution is mandatory.

6. **Is your total budget at or below EUR 10,000 (approx. 20 million MWK)?** Applications exceeding this ceiling cannot be considered.

7. **Can the project be fully implemented and all financial reporting completed within this calendar year?** Grants cannot carry over into the following year.

8. **Can your organisation provide complete, itemised, and verifiable proof of how every Kwacha of the grant was spent?** Full financial accountability and transparency is a strict condition of receiving a grant.

> **If you answered YES to all eight questions, your project may be eligible. Please proceed to complete the application form and gather all required documents listed above.**