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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

1. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

Funding Opportunity Title	**Kenya Catalytic Jobs Fund (KCJF)**
Announcement Type	Request for Proposal (RFP)
Funding Opportunity Number	RFP KCJF-26-001
Issuance Date	November 19th 2026

2. GRANT AMOUNT AND BUDGET CEILINGS

The FCDO Kenya Catalytic Jobs Fund (KCJF) project, through the ISAAA-led consortium, will provide tailored technical assistance and investor-readiness support to **64** selected enterprises to strengthen their business models, improve operational and financial performance, and enhance their capacity to attract investment and scale their operations.

From this cohort, at least **24** high-potential enterprises will be competitively selected to receive catalytic grants from a total direct grant funding envelope of GBP 287000 (KES 49,349,375). And direct technical assistance of GBP 304,598 (KES 52,284,247)

Individual grant awards will be for innovative & commercial facing venture and funding will be in the range of GBP,3600 (KES 617,940) to GBP 25,000 (KES 4,291,250) per enterprise, depending on the assessed financing needs, business viability, growth potential, expected job creation, development impact, and the proposed use of funds.

Grant awards will be determined through a competitive assessment and due diligence process. The final amount awarded to each successful applicant will be based on the strength of the proposal, demonstrated financing requirements, achievement of agreed eligibility criteria, and proposed performance milestones.

3. IMPORTANT DATES AND SUBMISSION DETAILS

Interested Applicant Conference – Virtual	November 26th , 2026; 9:00–11:00 a.m. EAT (join link referenced in the original announcement)
Deadline for Questions	November 30th , 2026; 5:00 p.m. EAT
Application Submission Date	December 2nd ,2026 11.59PM
Final Closing Date	December 18th ,2026
Submit Applications To	**kcjfgrants@gmail.com**

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To Interested Applicants:

The Kenya Catalytic Jobs Fund (KCJF), with funding from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Implemented by MAWAZO led consortium and the ISAAA AfriCenter as the consortium lead under this call for application with support from respective workstream leads; Nairobi Circle Innovations Consulting Ltd (CI) Workstream 1 (WS1) , Imperial College of London Workstream 2 (WS2), E&K Consulting Workstream 3 (WS3) , Smart Regional Consultants Limited Workstream 4 (WS4) and AV Ventures LLC the overall grant administrator and investment partner, invites eligible enterprises, innovators and organizations to submit applications for funding and business support under this Request for Proposals (RFP).

Through this call, KCJF seeks to identify and support innovative, growth-oriented ventures with the potential to strengthen Kenya's innovation ecosystem, improve enterprise performance, mobilize private-sector investment and create productive employment opportunities, particularly for young people. Applications should demonstrate alignment with the objectives and eligibility requirements of the relevant KCJF workstream, as detailed in this RFP.

Application Period and Evaluation Process Applicants are encouraged to apply by 2nd December 2026 as the initial review of the application will be conducted after the lapse of the first two weeks following the release of the RFP. The RFP will remain open up to December 18th, 2026, 11.59 PM EAT and the review of applications received after 2nd December will be subject to the volume and quality of applications received under the initial application period. December 2nd, 2026, **East Africa Time (11.59 PM EAT)**. of funds. . Applicants are therefore encouraged to submit their applications early rather than wait until the closing date.

The number of awards and the amount of funding available under this RFP will depend on the quality and eligibility of applications received, the availability of funds and KCJF programme priorities. Submission of an application does not guarantee selection or funding. KCJF reserves the right to accept or reject any application, make partial or no awards, modify the available funding allocation, or cancel this solicitation, in accordance with its programme requirements and applicable procedures.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be legally registered in Kenya and must meet the specific eligibility requirements outlined under the relevant workstream in this RFP. Applicants will be required to provide supporting documentation to demonstrate their legal registration and eligibility.

Applicants who submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) will be included in the distribution list for any clarifications, addenda, amendments or other communications relating to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of each prospective applicant to ensure that their EOI is submitted correctly and that they receive acknowledgement of receipt. KCJF and AV Ventures will not be responsible for any applicant who fails to receive important communications because they did not submit an EOI or provided incorrect contact details.

Expression of Interest and Communications

Please use the relevant workstream application form to respond to this RFP. Applications will remain open until December **18th 2026** and will be reviewed and evaluated on a rolling basis.

Awards will be made on a competitive basis, and submission of an application does not guarantee selection or funding. The number of awards and the amount of funding available are subject to change, and KCJF reserves the right to make no awards under this RFP.

SECTION I- AWARD INFORMATION

The Kenya Catalytic Jobs Fund (KCJF), with funding from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) implemented by ISAAA AfriCenter the consortium lead, Nairobi Circle Innovations Consulting Ltd (CI) WS1 lead , Imperial College of London WS2 lead, E&K Consulting WS3 Lead, Smart Regional Consultants Limited WS4 lead and AV Ventures LLC the overall grant administrator and investment partner, invites eligible enterprises, innovators and organizations to submit applications for funding and business support under this Request for Proposals (RFP).

KCJF grants pool managed by AV Ventures on behalf of FCDO and the consortium lead anticipates awarding Fixed Amount Awards (FAA) – Payment for completion of specific, well-defined milestones harmonized with the grantee's program description and KCJF program objectives as defined in the respective call for application.

KCJF may choose to fully fund or incrementally fund the chosen applications. The number of awards and amount of available funding is subject to change.

SECTION I - FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

(1) Description of the Proposed Program

Background

Kenya has a strong and growing innovation ecosystem supported by universities, research institutions, technology hubs, startups, private-sector actors and public investment in science, technology and innovation. However, significant barriers continue to limit the translation of innovation into commercial outcomes, investment and jobs. The barriers include;

- Fragmented pathways between research, innovation and commercialization.
- Limited access to early-stage, validation and commercialization finance.
- Weak linkages between innovators, industry, customers and investors.
- Limited adoption and scale-up pathways for emerging technologies.

- Underrepresentation of women at critical stages of innovation, commercialization and investment.
- Insufficient coordination among ecosystem actors and limited conversion of partnerships into sustained outcomes.

KCJF is designed to address these constraints through complementary interventions that strengthen innovation pipelines, improve commercialization pathways, support adoption of emerging technologies, mobilize private investment and foster collaboration across Kenyan and UK innovation ecosystems.

The programme's overarching impact is increased income for poor young men and women through productive employment opportunities. KCJF seeks to contribute to this impact by expanding innovative and disruptive technologies, increasing private-sector investment, improving enterprise performance and increasing employment opportunities for young people.

PURPOSE OF THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

KCJF support seeks to enable a focused cohort of high-quality ventures to make demonstrable progress towards commercialization and investment readiness. The purpose of this RFP is to identify and support high-potential innovations and ventures that can progress towards validation, adoption, commercialization, investment readiness and scale. KCJF expects supported applicants to use funding for clearly defined activities and deliverables, with measurable milestones and credible pathways to commercial, development and employment outcomes.

Depending on the workstream and approved award arrangements, support may include catalytic grant funding, technical assistance, business development support, commercialization planning, investment-readiness support, market linkages and introductions to strategic partners or potential investors.

Objective 1 Scaling Innovative Tech and Digital Startups (TISPP)

Under this workstream, KCJF aims to support innovative technology and digital startups to progress beyond the minimum viable product (MVP) and early traction stages towards market expansion, commercial partnerships, investment readiness and scale. Support will focus on ventures with innovative technology-based solutions solving climate-related challenges, demonstrated market potential and credible pathways to business growth, investment mobilization and job creation. Under this WS1 KCJF is interested in ventures that can demonstrate:

- A differentiated technology or digital product, service or business model that addresses a clearly defined problem.
- A credible stage of development, such as a prototype, MVP, pilot or early market traction, with a realistic plan for progression.
- Evidence of customer, user or market demand, or a well-supported plan to validate demand.
- Potential to access new markets, build corporate or institutional partnerships and scale.
- A credible pathway to revenue growth, follow-on investment and productive job creation.

Potential support activities may include product refinement and validation, customer discovery, pilot implementation, market entry, corporate partnerships, commercialization, investment readiness, investor engagement and cross-border market linkages. Final activities will be agreed with selected applicants.

Objective 2: AI Innovation– Validation, Adoption and Market Readiness

This workstream seeks to accelerate the development, adaptation, validation and deployment of innovative artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled solutions addressing economic, social and public-sector challenges in Kenya. It will support promising AI innovations to progress from proof-of-concept and prototype stages towards operational validation, adoption and market readiness, with emphasis on responsible and ethical AI development and deployment.

KCJF will support AI ventures and use cases to progress from proof-of-concept to scalable, market-ready AI innovations in priority sectors identified in the Kenya AI Strategy 2025–2030. The workstream seeks to accelerate validation, adoption and market readiness while promoting responsible and ethical AI development and deployment.

Eligible AI solutions must demonstrate:

- A clear and meaningful application of AI to an identified economic, social or climate related challenges in Kenya.
- Innovation, local value addition or a novel application or adaptation of AI technology.
- A credible pathway to validation, adoption, deployment or commercial application.
- A defined use case, target users or adopting organization, and a practical validation or deployment plan.
- Consideration of responsible AI, including relevant risks relating to privacy, data protection, bias, transparency, safety and accountability.

Relevant technologies may include machine learning, computer vision, natural language processing, predictive analytics and intelligent automation. The call is open to individuals, MSMEs, research institutions, private-sector organizations and civil-society organizations developing or validating eligible AI-enabled solutions.

KCJF will not support AI awareness campaigns, general training programmes, prompt-engineering initiatives or routine use of existing off-the-shelf AI tools without significant innovation or local adaptation.

The programme anticipates that at least 50% of supported AI use cases will be women-led. This is a target programme; applicants should provide accurate information on leadership and ownership.

Objective 3: Cluster Development Support: Bioscience Innovation and Bio-entrepreneurship as Flagship

Workstream 3 aims to accelerate the commercialization and market uptake of bioscience and bioeconomy innovations in Kenya by supporting ventures with technologies at TRL 7–9, in line with KeNIA's Localized Technology Readiness Levels Framework. Through targeted venture support,

catalytic funding and strategic partnerships, the workstream will help ventures progress from demonstrated prototypes towards fully qualified products and technologies, successful operational deployment and commercial scale. Support will focus on addressing critical barriers to commercialization, including product validation, regulatory readiness, manufacturing and operational capacity, market access and investment readiness, while strengthening linkages between research institutions, enterprises, industry and investors.

KCJF is interested in bioscience and bioeconomy innovations that:

- Are grounded in a scientific, biological or bioscience-based innovation or application.
- Address a defined market, industry, public sector or societal need.
- Have a credible pathway from research, laboratory development or pilot towards product development, validation or market application.
- Demonstrate potential for commercial viability, productivity improvement, import substitution, new products or services, or job creation.
- Can benefit from collaboration with research institutions, industry, investors or technical partners.

Relevant areas may include applied bioscience, bio-entrepreneurship, biomanufacturing, genomics and related bioeconomy applications. Support may include validation, venture-building, commercialization planning, access to technical capabilities, partnerships, investor engagement and market access.

Objective 4: Women in Science Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship

Workstream 4 aims to support women-led science and technology innovations to overcome the barriers that often prevent promising research outputs from progressing into viable innovations, products, enterprises and public-sector applications. It seeks to strengthen the pathway from research and innovation to commercialization, investment and economic growth by providing targeted support to competitively selected women-led innovations.

The workstream will focus on identifying high-potential research translation opportunities and supporting women innovators to develop and refine their innovations, strengthen commercialization plans and improve investment readiness. Support may include access to catalytic challenge and validation funding, research translation support, business development, partnerships with research institutions and industry, and linkages to potential investors.

KCJF WS4 will Support competitively selected women-led science and technology innovations to overcome the gap between innovation and commercialization, and demonstrate scalable pathways from research to innovation, investment, commercialization and economic growth.

This workstream will prioritize women-led science and technology innovations with potential to:

- Translate research outputs, scientific knowledge or technical innovations into products, services, ventures or applications.
- Address a clearly defined market, industry, public sector or societal challenge.
- Progress through validation, proof-of-concept, prototype development, commercialization planning

or investment readiness.

- Build partnerships between researchers, industry, investors and other relevant ecosystem actors.
- Generate commercial, economic or social value and contribute to productive employment.

Potential support may include research translation support, commercialization planning, investment-readiness assistance, catalytic challenge or validation funding, milestone-based support and facilitation of partnerships between researchers, industry and investors. The workstream will also seek to address barriers affecting women innovators, including access to markets and finance, entrepreneurial capability and digital safety, including technology-facilitated violence against women and girls.

Applicants must explain how the innovation is women-led and provide information on the role of women in its ownership, leadership, technical development or commercialization.

Cross-Cutting Venture selection criteria

Across the four workstreams, KCJF seeks to support innovations and ventures that contribute to:

- Expansion of innovative and disruptive technologies and solutions.
- Increased private sector investment, co-investment and follow-on financing.
- Improved enterprise performance, competitiveness, market access and commercial outcomes.
- Productive employment and income-generation opportunities, particularly for young people.
- Stronger innovation-to-investment pathways, including links to relevant investment platforms where appropriate.
- Inclusive innovation, including women's participation and leadership.
- Responsible innovation, safeguarding, environmental and social risk management, and learning.
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- Ventures that demonstrate,
  - A clear business case with a defined societal impact and strong potential for commercialization and scale.
  - Investable commercial solutions aligned to UK–Kenya priorities that can attract support from Forge Africa or other co-investment routes.
  - Meaningful contribution to gender equality target and job creation for women and girls
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SECTION III- ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

(1) Types of Entities that May Apply

This RFP issued as a public notice to ensure that all interested and qualified organizations have a fair opportunity to submit applications for funding. Applicants must meet the common requirements below and the specific requirements of the selected workstream. KCJF will assess eligibility before undertaking the full technical assessment. The common eligibility will include:

- The proposed innovation or venture must be relevant to one of the four workstreams described in this RFP.
- The proposed innovation or venture may submit applications for multiple workstreams, but **only one of the four workstreams** as described in the RFP will be considered. Applicants must be legally registered to operate in Kenya. Organizational applicants must provide evidence of legal registration and authority to operate in Kenya, as applicable.
- Applicants must disclose ownership, leadership, key personnel, related parties and any actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- Applicants must demonstrate capacity to implement the proposed activities and manage any funding awarded.
- Applicants must agree to proportionate financial, technical, monitoring, safeguarding, due diligence and reporting requirements.
- Applicants must disclose material litigation, insolvency, fraud, corruption, sanctions, debarment or other matters relevant to grant eligibility.

Ineligible applicants:

- Organizations without legal recognition under Kenyan law.
- Any entity listed in the FCDO government Excluded Parties list.
- Costs or activities fully funded elsewhere, where additional funding would duplicate existing financing.
- Any entity affiliated with directors, officers or employees of either KCJF partners (both ISAAA and Mawazo-led consortiums, and within the ISAAA Africentre-led consortium or AV Ventures.
- Any project involving involuntary resettlement, child labour or significant environmental impacts.
- Any venture that fails to meet the requirements for its selected workstream, as set out in the workstream-specific links in this RFP.
- AI awareness campaigns, general AI training, prompt-engineering initiatives and routine use of off-the-shelf AI tools that involve no significant innovation or local adaptation.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS

Applicants must link each requested cost to a specific activity, output or milestone in the proposed workplan. Final eligibility of costs will be determined during assessment, due diligence and award negotiation.

Potentially eligible costs, where necessary, reasonable, directly attributable and approved, may include:

- Product, prototype, MVP or solution development and refinement.
- Testing, validation, technical verification and user testing.
- Specialist technical services, laboratory services, data services or equipment access directly required for the innovation.

- Market research, customer validation, commercialization planning and market-entry activities.
- Regulatory, standards, certification, intellectual property or other technical advisory support where relevant.
- Investment-readiness support and development of credible business or commercial plans.
- Direct project personnel costs proportionate to approved activities.
- Eligible asset-in-kind contributions may include equipment, software, technical expertise, and other non-cash resources directly attributable to the approved project activities, provided they are necessary, appropriately valued, documented, and verifiable.
- Travel and stakeholder engagement directly required for approved project delivery, subject to applicable limits and related to the UK twinning.

SECTION IV- APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

(1) Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to apply by December 2nd ,2026 11.59PM EAT. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early submission is strongly encouraged. Applications should be concise, evidence-based and consistent across the narrative, workplan and budget. Below is a list of documents that must be submitted for an application to be considered for further review.

1. Fully completed technical application based on the workstream
2. Budget
3. Proof of Business registration in Kenya.

Application and Submission process/Links

Applications must be submitted using the relevant KCJF workstream application form(s). Incomplete, late or incorrectly submitted applications may be rejected. To access the application form, please click on the links in the table below to access workstream specific application forms:

Workstream Number	Application Link
WS1	Scaling Innovative Tech and Digital Startups (TISPP)
WS2	AI Innovation– Validation, Adoption and Market Readiness
WS3	Cluster Development Support: Bioscience Innovation and Bio-entrepreneurship as Flagship
WS4	Women in Science Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship

All questions must be submitted in writing to kcjfgrants@gmail.com no later than December 30th 2026 5.00 PM. Responses to material questions may be shared with all prospective applicants through an addendum or consolidated clarification notice, without identifying the applicant who raised the question.

Evaluation and Selection Process

KCJF will apply a documented, fair and transparent assessment process. Applications will be assessed against the eligibility requirements and the approved technical and financial criteria for the relevant workstream.

Stage 1: Administrative and eligibility screening

Applications will be checked for timely submission, completeness, correct workstream selection, required declarations and compliance with eligibility requirements. Applications that fail mandatory eligibility requirements may not proceed to technical assessment.

Stage 2: Technical assessment

Eligible applications will be assessed on criteria that may include:

- Relevance to the objectives and priorities of the selected workstream.
- Strength and distinctiveness of the innovation and the problem being addressed.
- Technical feasibility and stage-appropriate validation plan.
- Market demand, adoption potential and commercial viability.
- Capacity and experience of the applicant and team.
- Potential to improve enterprise performance, mobilize investment and create productive employment.
- Inclusion, gender responsiveness and, where relevant, women's leadership.
- Quality, feasibility and value for money of the proposed workplan and budget.
- Risk management, safeguarding, responsible innovation and sustainability.

Stage 3: Due diligence and verification

Applicants shortlisted for potential awards may be required to undergo organizational, financial, technical, ownership, sanctions, fraud and corruption, conflict-of-interest, safeguarding, environmental and social, data protection and other proportionate due diligence. KCJF may request clarifications, supporting evidence, references, demonstrations, interviews or site visits. Due diligence does not guarantee an award.

Stage 4: Award recommendation and FCDO approval

AV Ventures will submit the recommended ventures to FCDO for initial Forge Fit screening and award recommendations will be reviewed and approved through KCJF's authorized governance and approval arrangements. This would test commercial potential, likely financing requirements and whether there is a credible pathway towards institutional investment. AV Ventures will administer this screening on behalf of FCDO and submit the results to KCJF steering team (Forge rep, KCJF leads, Mawazo lead, ISAAA lead) to be convened monthly or on demand for approval and official communication back to partner. KCJF may negotiate the scope, budget, milestones, payment schedule or risk controls before an award agreement is issued. No funding commitment exists until the award agreement has been signed by the authorized parties.

Applications may be assessed on a rolling basis. KCJF may close the workstream early if the available allocation is committed, subject to the published rules and any applicable notice.

AWARD CONDITIONS AND GRANTEE OBLIGATIONS

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Sign and comply with a grant or funding agreement before receiving funds.
- Use funding only for approved activities and budget lines.
- Deliver agreed milestones, outputs and outcomes within the approved implementation period.
- Maintain accurate financial and project records and provide supporting documentation.
- Submit progress, financial and final reports in the formats and at the intervals specified by KCJF.
- Provide access to relevant records, personnel, project sites and evidence for monitoring, verification and audit, subject to the award agreement.
- Disclose material changes to ownership, leadership, project scope, budget, delivery arrangements or risk profile.
- Obtain prior written approval for material budget reallocations, changes to activities, extensions or other controlled changes.
- Comply with applicable Kenyan laws, relevant regulatory and sector requirements, and the award agreement.
- Maintain appropriate safeguarding, prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, fraud prevention, anti-bribery, conflict-of-interest, whistleblowing and complaints arrangements.
- Protect personal data and confidential information and apply responsible innovation principles, including responsible AI safeguards where relevant.
- Acknowledge KCJF and FCDO support in communications and materials in accordance with approved visibility guidance.

Payments may be made in tranches and may be conditional on verification of agreed milestones, satisfactory reporting and compliance with the award agreement. KCJF may suspend payments, require corrective action or recover funds in cases of misuse, material misrepresentation, fraud, non-delivery or other breaches, as set out in the agreement.

MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING

Applicants must propose measurable outputs and outcomes and explain how progress will be tracked. KCJF may require baseline information, periodic progress updates, milestone evidence, beneficiary or customer data, employment data, investment information and other proportionate evidence.

Monitoring may cover:

- Progression of innovations from research, ideas, prototype, MVP or pilot towards validation, adoption or commercialization.
- Enterprise performance, market access, revenue potential, productivity and partnerships.

- Investment readiness, follow-on finance and private sector investment mobilized.
- Jobs created or sustained, with appropriate disaggregation where feasible.
- Participation and leadership of women and young people.
- Responsible innovation, safeguarding, risk management and lessons learned.

Applicants should avoid attributing all jobs, investment or market outcomes solely to KCJF where other factors or partners contribute. Reporting should explain KCJF's contribution and provide credible supporting evidence.

SAFEGUARDING, INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION

KCJF is committed to responsible, inclusive and accountable programme delivery. Applicants must identify material risks associated with their proposed innovation and activities and propose proportionate mitigation.

- Safeguarding and prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, where relevant to activities and beneficiaries.
- Fraud, bribery, corruption, conflicts of interest and misuse of funds.
- Data protection, privacy, cybersecurity and responsible use of data.
- Responsible AI and technology risks, including bias, explainability, human oversight and safety, where relevant.
- Environmental, health and safety, biosecurity, biosafety and regulatory risks relevant to bioscience activities.
- Digital safety and technology-facilitated violence risks, particularly for women innovators and users.
- Accessible feedback, complaints and incident reporting channels.

Selected applicants must promptly report serious incidents, suspected fraud, safeguarding concerns or material risks in accordance with the procedures and timelines set out in the award agreement.

General Terms and Reservation of Rights

- KCJF may amend this RFP by issuing a written addendum. Applicants are responsible for checking communications issued through the designated channel.
- KCJF may seek clarification from an applicant but is not obliged to do so. Clarifications must not materially change the substance of an application after the deadline unless KCJF expressly permits this under the published process.
- All costs incurred in preparing and submitting an application are the responsibility of the applicant.
- KCJF is not obliged to select the lowest-cost application or to make an award in every workstream.
- KCJF may make partial awards, negotiate adjustments or make no awards, subject to the published rules and applicable approvals.
- Applicants must disclose actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest. Failure to disclose may result in disqualification or termination of an award.
- Information submitted may be used for assessment, due diligence, programme monitoring and reporting, subject to applicable confidentiality and data protection requirements. Both the Procuring Entity and the Applicant shall comply with the Kenya Data Protection Act, 2019, and its subsidiary

regulations. Any personal data provided in this Expression of Interest (EOI)—including names, contact details, and professional profiles—will be processed solely for the purposes of evaluating, shortlisting, and communicating during this pre-qualification process. The Applicant warrants that it has obtained all necessary authority and consent from its personnel or references prior to disclosing their data. The Procuring Entity shall implement appropriate technical safeguards to maintain strict confidentiality and protect the data from unauthorized access, and all data belonging to unsuccessful applicants will be securely destroyed or archived upon the conclusion of the procurement process in line with statutory retention timelines.

- The final award is subject to satisfactory due diligence, availability of funds, internal approvals and execution of an award agreement.

CONTACT AND SUBMISSION DETAILS

All applications, Expressions of Interest and clarification questions should be directed to:

KCJF Email address: **kcjfgrants@gmail.com** or on Telephone number +254796971607 and respective application links

Applicants should use the relevant workstream name and RFP reference in all correspondence. Only communications issued through the designated KCJF channel should be treated as official.

SECTION V – APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

(1) Evaluation Criteria for Full Application

An award will be made to the applicant whose application offers the best value to the KCJF considering both technical and cost factors. Applicants should note that these criteria: (1) serve as the standard against which all applications will be evaluated, and (2) serve to identify the significant matters that recipients should address in their applications.

The technical applications will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set below;

Criteria	Marks
1. Relevance, Innovation & Technical Merit	25
2. Market, Commercialization & Investment Potential	20
3. Impact, Inclusion & Sustainability	20
4. Applicant Capacity & Past Performance	15
5. Scale & Growth Potential	10
6. Implementation Approach, Milestones & Value for Money	5
7. Risk, Safeguarding & Responsible Innovation	5
Total Score	100

Costs will be reviewed based on cost effectiveness, reasonableness, allocability, and allowability. Costs that do not meet the criteria below will be deemed non-responsive.

Are costs effective? Will proposed costs provide a good value in achieving desired outcomes at a relatively low cost or becoming more cost-effective over time?

- **Are costs reasonable?** Are proposed costs generally recognized as ordinary and necessary and would they be incurred by a prudent person in the conduct of normal business?
- **Are costs allocable**? Do proposed costs have a legitimate justification for the funding amount requested and is the cost clearly captured in the budget and application?
- **Are costs allowable?** Are proposed costs strictly for the achievement of the partnership and are they free of any restrictions or limitations, such as vehicles, alcohol, luxury goods, agricultural commodities, etc.?

SECTION VI – AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

(1) Post- Selection Information

Following selection of an awardee, KCJF will inform the successful applicant concerning the award and request any additional back-up documentation or technical edits needed. A notice of award signed by KCJF Senior Advisor is the official authorization document, which KCJF will provide either electronically or in hard copy to the successful applicant's main point of contact.

KCJF will also notify unsuccessful applicants concerning their status after selection has been

made.

(2) General Information on Reporting Requirements

Program implementation reporting will be determined based on the outcome of the collaborative finalization of the planned program and the delineation of roles and responsibilities.

SECTION VII- PROJECT CONTACTS

Applicants who have a question **should send an email to kcjfgrants@gmail.com** by the deadlines listed on the cover page to allow a reply to reach all prospective applicants before the submission of their applications. Oral explanations or instructions given before award of a grant will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective applicant concerning this RFP will be furnished promptly to all other prospective applicants as an amendment of this RFP, if that information is necessary in submitting applications or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective applicants.

SECTION VIII - OTHER INFORMATION

Issuance of this RFP does not constitute an award or commitment on the part of KCJF Project or AV Ventures, nor does it commit KCJF or AV Ventures to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application.

KCJF/AV Ventures reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. Further, KCJF / AV Ventures reserves the right to make no awards as a result of this RFP.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) Supporting Documentation

1. Applicants may be requested to submit additional evidence of responsibility for KCJF/AV Ventures staff to make a determination of responsibility. The information submitted must substantiate that the Applicant:
   a. has adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain such resources as required during the performance of the award.
   b. has the ability to comply with the award conditions, taking into account all existing and currently prospective commitments of the applicant - nongovernmental and governmental.
   c. has a satisfactory record of performance. Past relevant unsatisfactory performance is ordinarily sufficient to justify a finding of non-responsibility, unless there is clear evidence of subsequent satisfactory performance.
   d. has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics.
   e. is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive a grant under applicable laws and regulations (e.g., EEO); and

The Applicant is reminded that UK Executive Orders and UK law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations listed in the UK Sanctions List. It is the legal responsibility of the Applicant/Recipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws. This provision must be included in all subcontracts/sub-awards issued under this contract/agreement.