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SUBJECT : COMMUNITY GRANT FUND (CGF) IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES AND KEY SCHEDULE FOR CY 2026

DATE : August 3, 2026

In line with the Department's commitment to promoting inclusive, participative, accountable, and transparent local governance, please be informed that the Civil Society Organization / People's Participation Partnership Program Project Management Office (CSO/PPPP PMO) has issued the Implementation Guidelines for the Community Grant Fund (CGF) for CY 2026.

The CGF, formerly known as the DILG Technical Assistance (TA) and Civil Society Participation Fund (CSPF), provides small-grant assistance up to Php 200,000.00 to eligible Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Local Research Institutes (LRIs) to co-implement innovative, evidence-based local governance projects.

PHASE	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Pre-Implementation Phase	Orientation to Regional Focal Persons on the New Guidelines	3rd week of August 2026
	Call and Submission of Proposals	4 th week of August to 3rd week of September 2026
	Evaluation and Selection of Proposals	3rd week of September 2026
	Awarding of Grants	4 th week of September 2026

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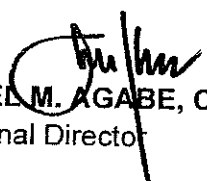
PHASE	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Project Implementation Phase	Project Implementation Period	October 2026 to January 2027
	Submission of Final Project Outputs	January 2027
Monitoring and Evaluation Phase	Conduct of Assessment and Outcome Validation	2nd Quarter of FY 2027

All Provincial/City Directors, and the CLGOO of Ormoc City are hereby directed to immediately relay and cause the widest dissemination of this Advisory and its attached Implementation Guidelines to **all Academes/ Local Research Institutes operating within their respective jurisdictions, as well as to all Civil Society Organizations accredited by their respective LGUs pursuant to DILG MC No. 2025-060 or accredited directly by the DILG pursuant to DILG MC No. 2025-022.**

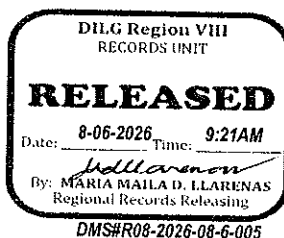
Field offices are further requested to assist prospective applicants in preparing their submission requirements prior to the official call for proposals.

For any inquiries and clarifications, designated CSO Accreditation Focal Persons may reach out to the CSO/PPPP PMO at (02) 8876-3454 local 4205 or via email at csopppp@dilg.gov.ph.

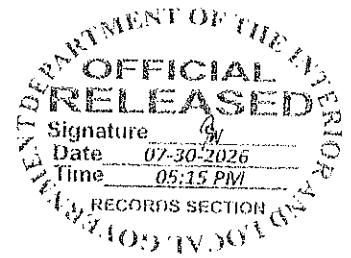
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**ATTENTION : ALL REGIONAL FOCAL PERSONS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
CSO ACCREDITATION - RELATED POLICIES**

**SUBJECT : COMMUNITY GRANT FUND (CGF) IMPLEMENTATION
GUIDELINES FOR CY 2026**

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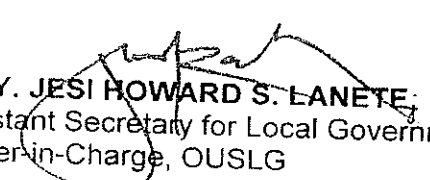
In line with the Department's sustained commitment in promoting inclusive and participatory governance at the local level, please be informed that this Department, through the Civil Society Organization / People's Participation Partnership Program – Project Management Office (CSO/PPPP PMO), will implement the Community Grant Fund, formerly the DILG Technical Assistance (TA) and Civil Society Participation Fund (CSPF), effective CY 2026.

The CGF primarily aims to strengthen the roles and contributions of CSOs and LRIs in participative, inclusive, accountable, and transparent local governance, and to build collaborative partnerships to develop LGU-CSO stakeholder relationships that promote effective and responsive local governance, through the provision of technical and financial assistance to both LRIs and CSOs.

For CY 2026, the CGF shall award funding support to a maximum of ten (10) partners, either Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) or Local Resource Institutes (LRIs). The **CGF Implementation Guidelines for CY 2026** is herewith attached for your reference and guidance.

For further queries or clarifications, please contact the CSO/PPPP PMO at (02) 8876-3454 local 4205 or through the email address: csopppp@dilg.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action.


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COMMUNITY GRANT FUND IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES CY 2026

I. Background

In line with the Department of the Interior and Local Government's commitment to promote inclusive and participatory governance at the local level, and to cultivate the strengthened partnership of Local Government Units (LGUs) with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Local Research Institutes (LRIs), the Department, through the Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS), established the Community Grant Fund (CGF).

The CGF is a small-grants facility for CSOs and LRIs to conceptualize and implement innovative projects that have the potential to develop into sustainable, long-term solutions and address existing public service delivery gaps at the community level.

The Community Grant Fund (CGF) is supported by a budget allocation under the Civil Society Organization / People's Participation Partnership Program (CSO/PPPP) Fund. Since its inception in 2012 and its re-institutionalization in 2021, the grants for CSOs have successfully implemented a total of twenty-five (25) projects. For CGF provided to LRIs, a total of sixty-one (61) projects have been funded since 2015. These initiatives have provided valuable support to LGUs in addressing key service delivery gaps and promoting citizen participation in governance.

II. Core Principles

Community Grant Fund (CGF) implemented projects shall embody the following core principles:

1. **Evidence-Based:** Proposals must be evidence-based and anchored towards the identified needs of their target stakeholders (Local Government Units).
2. **Sustainable and Replicable:** Proposals should demonstrate a long-term commitment and impact to the service area/sector being addressed, with the possibility of creating models or approaches that may be scaled or replicated to other municipalities; and

3. **Innovative:** Proposals should provide possible solutions and interventions to the identified needs of their LGUs, through creative and novel means, which may include new approaches, strategies, and implementation styles.

III. Objectives

The CGF primarily aims to strengthen the roles and contributions of CSOs and LRIs in participative, inclusive, accountable, and transparent local governance, and to build collaborative partnerships to develop LGU-CSO Stakeholder relationships that promote effective and responsive local governance, through the provision of technical and financial assistance to both LRIs and CSOs.

Specifically, the project aims to:

1. The CGF for LRIs seeks to strengthen the capacity of LGUs, partner CSOs, and other stakeholders in formulating strategies to improve local governance significantly.
2. CGF for CSOs enhances local government and civil society collaboration by providing a platform for CSOs to effectively participate in local governance processes, such as public decision-making processes, program planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

IV. Eligibility

1. Eligible Applicants

The following entities are eligible to apply and submit a project proposal to avail the CGF:

- a. Local Research Institutes (LRIs);
- b. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that meet any of the following requirements:
 - i. Accredited by their respective LGUs pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2025-060 on the Accreditation of CSOs and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies (LSBs); or
 - ii. Accredited by the DILG to co-implement Department programs and projects pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2025-022.

2. Call for Proposals

The CSO/PPPP Program Management Office (PMO), in coordination with DILG Regional Offices through their respective CSO Accreditation Focal Persons, shall issue the official Call for Proposals, including: Implementation guidelines, Application procedures, and Timeline of activities.

LGUs are likewise encouraged to facilitate and promote the participation of CSOs and LRIs within their respective jurisdictions.

V. Projects Eligible for Funding

For project implementation, qualified grantees may submit proposals aligned with the CGF's core principles and objectives. The project proposals should take into consideration the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, AmBisyon Natin 2040, and/or the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 during their creation to ensure sustainable, long-term benefits for the LGU. Coverage may include:

1. **Capacity-building for CSOs to enhance and introduce skills and knowledge that are needed to better engage in the inner workings of local governments.** These may involve skills and knowledge on local development planning, budgeting, policy development, project prioritization, and ways to maximize their involvement in the different local special bodies and assemblies of local government units.
2. **Provision of Technical Assistance to LGUs to effectively address identified service delivery gaps.** Technical assistance may involve planning and formulating policies, conducting research and development, and implementing policies, projects, or programs. In cases where interventions already exist, LRIs can leverage their expertise to assist by reassessing them for improvement. This is particularly helpful in-service areas such as Agriculture, Tourism, Education, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management.
 - a. Technical assistance may involve the development of projects or programs and their implementation strategy, as well as the development of a CSO Agenda through which CSOs may advocate plans and budgets for their partner LGUs and/or may be assisted in reviewing and re-assessing existing plans, projects, or programs of the LGU. In cases where LGU interventions already exist, CSOs can still assist by introducing ways to reassess these interventions, using their expert knowledge, to improve them and enhance responsiveness.

3. **Formulation and implementation of Capacity Building Programs for LGUs to refine their fiscal and technical capabilities** and improve their absorptive capacities to deliver devolved duties, given their additional funding and responsibilities brought on by the Supreme Court decision on the Mandanas-Garcia Petition.
4. **Capacity Building Programs for LGUs, which focus on the development and promotion of Governance Innovations in Public Administration**, aligned with the goal of the national administration or Bagong Pilipinas.

VI. Funding Restrictions

The following expenditure items cannot be funded under the CGF, in accordance with existing policies of various agencies:

1. Scholarships, fellowships, formal academic training programs, or research activities;
2. Livelihood programs, microfinance, lending programs, provision of basic services;
3. Construction of physical infrastructure;
4. Support to CSOs and LRIs' regular organizational operations

VII. Amount of Grant

The CGF shall award funding support to a maximum of ten (10) partners, either CSOs or LRIs, for 2026. The maximum grant award per selected project is Two Hundred Thousand Pesos ONLY (Php 200,000.00) to be released in the following tranches:

Tranche	Amount	Condition
First Tranche	90% (Php 180,000.00)	Upon signing of the Partnership Agreement
Final Tranche	10% (Php 20,000.00)	Upon submission of final documentary requirements: 1. Documentation and Implementation Report (Annex E), 2. Liquidation Report (Annex F), and 3. Statement of Expenditure (Annex G)

In case the total of selected proposals from CSOs and LRIs is below the maximum target, the grant amount may increase up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos ONLY (Php 250,000.00).

The grant must be expended within the implementation year it was awarded (e.g., Grant awarded in 2026 must be spent within 2026) as the funds are subject to an observation from the Commission on Audit (COA).

VIII. Implementation Schedule

PRE-IMPLEMENTATION PHASE	
Selection of NPC Members (CSO and Academe)	2 nd week of August 2026
Orientation to the NPC and RFPs on the New Guidelines	3 rd week of August 2026
Call and Submission of Proposals	4 th week of August to 3 rd week of September 2026
Evaluation and Selection of Proposals	3 rd week of September
Awarding of Grants	4 th week of September
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PHASE	
Project Implementation Period	October 2026 to January 2027
Submission of Final Project Outputs	January 2027
MONITORING AND EVALUATION PHASE	
Conduct of Assessment and Outcome Validation	2 nd Quarter of the ensuing year

Upon finalization of the Implementation Guidelines, the CSO/PPPP PMO shall, in coordination with the CSO Accreditation RFPs, issue a Memorandum to call for project proposals for the availment of the CGF. Selected CSOs and LRIs with remarkable and outstanding project implementation and results shall be invited to the CSO/PPPP National Summit that shall be held within December of the following year, to present and share their project implementation experiences and outcomes achieved.

IX. Application Requirements

Eligible CSOs and LRIs can submit their applications through their respective DILG Regional Offices and shall be guided by the following procedure:

1. Upload the following documents:

For CSO Applicants:

- a. Letter of Intent signifying the intention to apply for the CSOs. The letter must be duly signed by the CSO President/Executive Director/Coordinator, addressed to:

TO: ATTY. ROLYNNE A. JAVIER, CESO V
Officer-in-Charge,
Bureau of Local Government Supervision
Department of the Interior and Local Government
25th Floor, DILG-NAPOLCOM Center, EDSA cor.
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- b. **Certificate of Registration** with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), or **Certificate of Accreditation** with any other national government agency or local government that is empowered by law or policy to accredit such organizations, as the case may be, with the date of incorporation and list of officers.
- c. Certified true copies of the most recent **Audited Financial Reports/Statements** as filed with the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
- d. **Original Certification of No Derogatory Record** issued not more than three (3) months before the date of application by the SEC, CDA, DHSUD, or DOLE, as the case may be;
- e. **Certified true copy of Certificate of Affiliation** issued by the responsible officer of any umbrella organization, federation, coalition, to which the CSO may belong, if applicable;
- f. **Annual Report** with a summary of projects handled and CSO Profile logo;
- g. **Certificate of Accreditation from the Sanggunian** in accordance with the DILG MC No. 2025-060, or Accreditation Certificate from the DILG in accordance with DILG MC No. 2025-022

For LRI applicants:

- a. Letter of Intent signifying the intention to apply for the TA Project for LRIs. The letter must be duly signed by the University President/Chancellor/Campus Director/ Dean/ Department Head, addressed to:

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b. A copy of one of the following Certification/s:

- i. Certificate of Membership from the Association of Schools of Public Administration of the Philippines (ASPAP);
- ii. Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC); or
- iii. Any Certificate of Membership from accredited Associations with the same level of authority as the aforementioned Associations (for Private Universities and Colleges)
- iv. A copy of the Level of University (CHED) Certification
- v. List of Government Projects undertaken for the last three (3) years, if applicable;
- vi. List of priority thrusts and projects of the LGU

c. The Regional Focal Person shall conduct an initial review to assess the correctness and completeness of all submitted documents. Once the submitted documents are complete, the RFP shall proceed to the initial evaluation of the received proposals.

- The following criteria shall be used to evaluate all received proposals *(Please refer to the evaluation procedure part for the complete list of the criteria)*:
 - Financial – 20 points
 - Technical – 45 points
 - Innovation and Sustainability – 35 points*(Total of 100 points)*

- d. After the initial evaluation, the respective DILG Regional Office must recommend one (1) CSO applicant and one (1) LRI applicant to the BLGS - CSO/PPPP PMO. The recommendation shall include the official ranking of all submissions received, based on the results of the initial evaluation.
- e. The CSO/PPPP shall collate all recommendations from all DILG Regional Offices and provide a reference number based on the date of the transmission of the project proposal.
 - The PMO will accept recommendations within the prescribed period and shall be closed after the set deadline to prevent any late submissions.

X. Evaluation Procedure

Appraisal of Proposals. Project proposals will undergo a three-stage evaluation process:

1. **Secondary Evaluation:** The PMO will prepare a shortlist from the project proposals recommended by the DILG Regional Offices that have passed the initial evaluation. Applicants who have passed the initial evaluation shall be forwarded to the CGF's National Project Committee (NPC) for input and clarification. The NPC composition is as follows:
 - i. Two (2) representatives from the CSOs
 - ii. Two (2) representatives from the LRIs
 - iii. One (1) representative from the SLGP-PMO
 - iv. One (1) representative from the DILG Central Office (BLGS-CSO/PPPP PMO)
2. **Final Evaluation:** The NPC shall conduct a simultaneous review of the shortlisted submissions and facilitate the final evaluation of the project proposals based on the provided criteria. The NPC shall forward any inputs or clarifications within three (3) working days upon receipt of the Shortlisted Projects.

Shortlisted CSOs and LRIs are allowed three (3) working days after the scheduled interview to address any concerns, corrections, and/or suggestions made by the PMO.

If clarifications or corrections are needed, the NPC may request a Zoom meeting to discuss such concerns. If no corrections are needed, the application shall be processed by the PMO after the Zoom meeting.

Shortlisted applicants shall be evaluated through the following criteria:

CRITERIA	SCORE
Financial	
Consistency of the project budget with the project objectives, theme, output, and activities	5
Efficiency of item costs, given prevailing cost standards for such items (with consideration to regional cost variations)	5
Provision of local counterpart (monetary and in-kind contributions) and other relevant stakeholders	5
Administrative cost is not more than 10% of the total grant	5
Technical	
Cohesiveness and relevance of project objectives to the identified needs of stakeholders	15
Ability to provide a solution to identified local public service delivery gaps	15
Clarity and consistency of project objectives, expected outputs, and project activities	15
Innovation and Sustainability	
Replicability and strategicness of the project	15
Ability to scale up the project and integrate into wider systems	15
Innovativeness and adoption of a new project approach	5
TOTAL	100

The NPC shall accomplish its final evaluation and select a maximum of ten (10) approved project proposals and two (2) alternate project proposals within seven (7) working days after the scheduled Zoom interview by the CSO/PPPP PMO.

The CSO/PPPP PMO shall prepare the Resolution indicating the list of approved proposals duly signed and approved by the members of the NPC within three (3) working days after the final evaluation.

XI. Notification on the Status of Project Proposals

1. An official Letter from the Bureau of Local Government Supervision will be sent to all the CSOs and LRIs that have applied and submitted their

proposals within five (5) days after the issuance of the Resolution, coursed through their respective DILG Regional Offices, indicating the status of their applications:

- a. The CSO/PPPP PMO shall forward a copy of the draft Memorandum of Agreement to the respective DILG Regional Offices three (3) working days after the issuance of the CGF Resolution for review by their respective legal offices.
 - b. The Memorandum of Agreement will stipulate the terms and conditions of the CGF.
 - c. Approved and selected projects shall receive the template for the **Detailed Project Workplan, and access to the Online Monitoring System, together with the Approval Letter**, within five (5) working days after the issuance of the Resolution.
 - i. The Detailed Project Work Plan will indicate the **timeline and schedule of the project implementation, activities, and corresponding budget, and expected outputs, and the Progress Monitoring Form uploaded through the CSO/PPPP portal** will track the actual progress of the project during its implementation.
 - d. Projects from the Selection List that have failed to receive the approval for the grant shall be sent a declination letter via electronic mail within seven (7) working days after the issuance of the Resolution.
2. Within five (5) working days upon receipt of the approval, selected CSOs and LRIs must write a Formal Letter informing the CSO/PPPP PMO, through the DILG Regional Office, of their acceptance and commitment to implement the project fully. The letter must be signed by the CSO President/Executive Director/Coordinator and the LRI University President/Chancellor/Campus Director.
3. The respective DILG Regional Office shall, upon clearance of their respective legal offices, forward a copy of the approved Memorandum of Agreement to the selected grantees for review by their respective legal offices and the CSO/PPPP PMO for reference.
- a. Selected CSOs and LRIs are allotted five (5) working days to review the Memorandum of Agreement.

Any concerns or queries regarding the Memorandum of Agreement must be immediately coordinated with the DILG Regional Office and, subsequently, with the CSO/PPPP PMO.

Should there be no concerns regarding the MOA, the final copy of the form must be forwarded to the respective DILG Regional

Office and the CSO/PPPP PMO for the conduct of the Agreement Signing. It is the discretion of the DILG Regional Office on how the Agreement Signing will be conducted.

Once signed and notarized, a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement must be forwarded through email at csopppp@nilg.gov.ph for the reference of the PMO.

XII. Project Implementation

1. Selected projects shall be implemented within four (4) months upon receipt of the first tranche payment.
2. Grantees must update the Progress Monitoring Report through the CSO/PPPP Portal on a monthly basis. The PMO shall check the Progress Monitoring Form every Friday of the current month during the implementation period.
3. Any immediate queries or concerns of the project proponents may be coursed through the respective CSO Accreditation Focal Persons through email, or the easiest accessible means of communication. Any grave concerns of the project proponents, especially with issues concerning the realignment of funds from the initial proposed Detailed Project Workplan, may be communicated through a formal communication (letter) addressed to their respective DILG Regional Directors.
4. Grantees are allowed a maximum of one (1) month extension from the stipulated implementation duration in the Memorandum of Agreement. Should CSO and LRI grantees need an extension, a formal letter of request must be sent to the respective DILG Regional Office, addressed to the DILG Regional Director, stating their reason/s and the expected date of project completion. It is the discretion of the DILG Regional Office whether the reason/s for extension may be considered. The expected completion date must fall within the maximum allowed extension.

XIII. Submission of Reports

Within thirty (30) days after the completion of the project implementation period, and on the date stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement, the recipients must submit the following documents to their respective Regional Offices:

1. **Final Documentation Report (Annex E)** approved and signed by the CSO President/ Executive Director/ Coordinator Director and LRI's University President/Campus Director, and must be submitted using the template that is provided by the CSO/PPPP PMO. Supporting documents, such as Comprehensive Data Reports, may be provided through the Online Portal.

2. Liquidation Reports (Annex F) and Statement of Expenditure (Annex G) approved by the CSO President/ Executive Director/ Coordinator Director and verified by the CSO and LRIs Accounting Officer. Certified True Copy of the Receipts and other supporting documents must be attached to the Liquidation Report.
3. Write up of the project, which will be included in the Compendium of previous grants / best practices

The Liquidation Report may be submitted directly to the DILG Regional COA for auditing and filing. A digital copy must be forwarded to the Central Office for reference.

Any unutilized funds upon completion of project implementation must be returned to the respective DILG Regional Office. The CSO and LRIs must write a formal letter to the PMO outlining the actual amount and the reason for the unutilized funds. The CSO and LRIs may refer to their Detailed Project Work Plan to specify which activities caused the existing fund balance.

The PMO and DILG Regional Office shall give further instructions should the occasion arise.

The recipients shall send one (1) copy of the aforementioned reports by mail or courier to the official address of the DILG Central Office. Soft copies of both Reports must also be submitted through the CSO/PPPP Portal.

Failure to submit the Final Documentation Report and Fund Utilization Report on the date stipulated in the Partnership Agreement, except due to justifiable reasons, may cause the forfeiture of the remaining 10% of the grant, along with the possible ineligibility to apply for the grant for the succeeding implementation years.

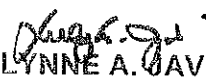
XIV. Project Monitoring and Outcome Evaluation

The CSO/PPPP Program Management Office (PMO), in coordination with the DILG Regional Offices through their respective CSO Accreditation Focal Persons, shall facilitate the project evaluation to all grantees within the second semester of the ensuing year. The evaluation process may require the following:

1. Submission of supplementary reportorial documents, which shall contain project status and immediate outcomes.
2. Conduct of meetings and follow-up interviews with all grantees and other project stakeholders, and feedback on the implementation of CGF.

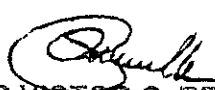
3. Discussions and fora with DILG Regional Offices and other stakeholders on identified project outcomes, and documentation of best practices.
4. Scheduling of potential follow-up visits to the project site and conduct of assessment in terms of project replication, recognition, and potential scaling-up initiatives.

Noted by:


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Officer-in-Charge, Bureau of Local Government Supervision

Recommending approval:


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Assistant Secretary for Local Government
Officer-in-Charge, OUSLG


JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA
Secretary



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Comments from OUSLG	Response
Regarding the funding framework, it is recommended to provide full grant support upon submission of the required documents.	The grant support tranches are adopted from the previous TA-CSPF guidelines. Additionally, the tranches are divided into two to ensure that the CSO/LRI grantee implements the project and complies with the documentary requirements prior to receiving the final tranche (the remaining amount). This safeguards the Department as the implementing agency of the CGF.
Request for clarifications on the exclusion of concerned DILG Regional Offices as part of the NPC.	For the CY 2026 CGF implementation, proposals are submitted through the respective DILG Regional Offices for their initial assessment, as the development of the application website on the CSO/PPPP portal is still ongoing. For CY 2027, CGF will use the portal where CSOs and LRIs can submit their proposals directly for evaluation by the NPC.