**OSIEA Uganda Program –Safeguarding democratic institutions and legal protections**

**June 2012**

**Name of Organization:**  Street law (Uganda)

**Year of Founding:** 2000

**Grant Title:** Legal aid for indigent victims of political repression in Uganda

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**Grant Period:**  September 01, 2012 – August 30, 2014

**Other Support:**  Global Rights ($10,000), SIDA ($ 150,000), Ford Foundation ($ 100,000)

**Past OSF Support:** 2010- Promotion of human and democratic rights in the run up to the 2011 elections in Uganda (OSIEA) $70,000

2011- Legal aid for indigent victims of current Political Repression in Uganda (OSIEA) $82,000

**Organization Budget:** $406,890

**Amount Requested:** $120,000

**Amount Recommended:** $120,000

**Program/Dept:**  OSIEA Uganda (100%)

**Disbursement(s):**  2

**Description of Organization:**

Street law (Uganda) was founded in 2000 with financial support from Street law Inc. USA. The main activities of Street Law (U) are legal aid, human rights advocacy and education, documentation of human rights abuses, and strategic litigation. Under its advocacy program, the organization conducts workshops, runs paralegal programs, and publishes simplified educational materials on the law. Since the Walk to Work riots in Uganda, Streetlaw has provided free legal representation to 678 victims of the political crackdown who were being held without legal counsel or due process.

**Description of Project for which funding is sought:**

This is a renewal proposal aimed at providing legal and bail support to indigent pro-democracy advocates in Uganda. The state security continues to over react to the Walk to Work and other forms of public demonstration by unleashing police brutality and charging demonstrators with politically motivated offences. The renewal of this project will facilitate the retention of four full time advocates to defend the 148 cases which are currently in court. Streetlaw will also embark on strategic litigation to challenge the proposed Public Order Management Bill, which would prohibit and peaceful gatherings without police permission in violation of the constitution.

**Concerns and Caveats:**

In April 2012 the organization was raided and ransacked by the police. Streetlaw staff later discovered that the police were unhappy with the organization’s legal aid efforts to represent victims of police repression, particularly the effort to sue individual police responsible for the ill treatment or torture of detainees. OSIEA immediately responded by alerting Uganda’s key donor countries to raise concerns. In addition OSIEA has plans to build capacity around security issues. It is also important to note that Street law is a member of the Uganda Law Society and will get some protection from the professional body.

**Sustainability Strategy:**

OSIEA’s initial support to Streetlaw has prompted other donors, such as Global Rights and the US Embassy to support the organization.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Although the political climate in Kampala appears deceptively calm following the government’s banning of the Activists for Change and Walk to Work demonstrations, state repression in Uganda is likely to continue. The impending passage of the Public Order Management Bill will further restrict the rights of peaceful demonstrators. This grant fits the OSIEA objective of safeguarding democratic institutions and legal protections in Uganda.

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**Approved by the OSIEA Regional Board**

**during the 8th OSIEA Regional Board Meeting**

**July26th - 28th 2012, Naivasha, Kenya**

**Grant and Payment Details:**

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| **Date Requested** | | **Begin Date** | | **End Date** | | |
| 05/21/2012 | | 09/01/2012 | | 08/30/2014 | | |
| **Program (%)** | | **Amount ($)** | **Budget** | **T1** | | **T0** |
| OSIEA (100%) | | 120,000 | 5 | 47040 | | B7432 |
| **Monitoring Schedule** | | | **Number of Disbursement(s): 2** | | | |
| **Report** | **Date** | | **Date** | | **Amount $** | |
| Interim | 08/15/2013 | | 09/01/2012 | | $60,000 | |
| Final | 09/15/2014 | | 08/30/2013 | | $60,000 | |

**PROJECT BUDGET:**

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**Grant Period:**  September 01, 2012 – August 30, 2014

**Grant Amount ($US):**  $120,000

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| **Line Item** | **Total Project Amount ($US)** | **Amount requested from OSIEA ($US)** | **OSIEA Recommendation**  **( $US)** | **Other Sources of Support ($US)** |
|  |  |  |  | ***Global Rights*** |
| **Contribution towards staff salaries and benefits** |  |  |  |  |
| 2 advocates each (100% x $1,500 per month x 24 months) | 72,000 | 72,000 | 72,000 |  |
| 1 court clerk each (50% x $400 per month x 24 months | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,800 |  |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***76,800*** | ***76,800*** | ***76,800*** |  |
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| **Program Activities (including travel and meetings** |  |  |  |  |
| Transport for advocates and court clerks per month (24 months @ $1,050) | 25,200 | 24,000 | 24,000 | 1,200 |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***25,200*** | ***24,000*** | ***24,000*** | ***1,200*** |
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| **Contribution to Street law administrative overhead costs** |  |  |  |  |
| Contribution to street law Uganda monthly rent, utilities, and other office running costs (recommended amount is 9% of total grant amount)- 24 months @ $454.54) | 27,181 | 19,200 | 19,200 | 8,800 |
| ***Subtotal*** | ***27,181*** | ***19,200*** | ***19,200*** | ***8,800*** |
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| **GRAND TOTAL** | **129,181** | **120,000** | **120,000** | **10,000** |