

SMALL FARMERS WELFARE FUND

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Subsidy on Private Veterinary Services Scheme (SPVSS)

1. The **Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF)** is a parastatal organisation established under the Act No 12 of 2002 and working under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security to promote the economic and social welfare of small farmers and their families in Mauritius and Rodrigues.
2. The SFWF will be operating a **Subsidy on Private Veterinary Services Scheme (SPVSS)** under which subsidies as given below, will be provided to small livestock breeders registered with the SFWF, for the treatment of their animals by private veterinary surgeons.

SN	Subsidy to be provided to breeders
1	Rs 1000 twice i.e Rs 2000 in a year per breeder

- (i) A small farmer, as legally defined in the Act of the Small Farmers Welfare Fund includes 'Small breeder' who is **registered with the Fund** as breeder raising such number of animals as below:

Animals	Number
Cattle	not exceeding 40 heads
Deer	not less than 5 or more than 100 heads
Fattening pigs	not less than 5 or more than 100 heads
Goats or sheep	not less than 5 or more than 100 heads
Honeybees	not exceeding 20 hives
Poultry	not less than 25 but not exceeding 15,000 heads
Rabbits	Not less than 10 nor more than 300 heads
Sows	not exceeding 20 heads

3. **The Fund is subsequently inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Private Veterinary Surgeons to provide veterinary health care under the SPVSS to small livestock breeders registered with the SFWF for the treatment of their animals.**
4. **The Objectives:**

The purpose of this EOI is to establish a list of private veterinary surgeons who would be dispensing veterinary health care to livestock of small registered breeders under the SPVSS in Mauritius and Rodrigues.

Potential Bidders are therefore requested to quote for the items mentioned at Section I.

5. The Operational Modalities of the Scheme:

- (i) The SFWF will select through the Expression of Interest exercise, a list of Private Veterinary Surgeons with whom the SFWF will work under the SPVSS.
- (ii) The Established list of selected Veterinary Surgeons together with the type of intervention and their corresponding rates will be made available to small registered breeders (through brochure and website).
- (iii) Breeders to request for the intervention/s of private Veterinary Surgeons from the above list provided by the SFWF under the SPVSS for their animals and pay the full cost to the said Veterinary Surgeons /s.
- (iv) The breeders to thereon apply for the subsidy under the SPVSS at the SFWF.
- (v) Breeders to submit duly signed/stamped corresponding invoice and report including medical report/s on the said animal/s as provided by the Private Veterinary Surgeons and the corresponding costs to the SFWF.
- (vi) After necessary verifications, the SFWF will issue a bank transfer/cheque to the breeder representing the quantum of subsidy he would qualify for.
- (vii) A maximum of two (2) visits per year will be allowed, on a first come first serve basis, for each breeder upto depletion of fund.
- (viii) Prices quoted shall remain fixed during the contract period.
- (ix) If any supplier has been found tampering with the system set by the SFWF, the concerned supplier would be disqualified.

6. The duration of project

It is estimated that the duration of this project shall be for a period of 1 year.

7. Validity of EOI

The EOI validity period shall be **90 days** from the date of submission deadline.

8. Eligibility

In order to be eligible, the Private Veterinary Surgeons must

- a) be duly registered with the Veterinary Council of Mauritius;
- b) produce their valid:
 - (i) Certificate of Registration from Veterinary Council.

- (ii) profile of the Veterinary Surgeons/Veterinary Company (where applicable)
- (iii) Experience in the provision of services in the livestock sector
- (iv) Qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed for the contract
- (v) Business Registration Certificate
- (vi) Certificate of Incorporation (In case of company)
- (vii) Audited Yearly Accounts or MRA Tax Return for the last two years

9. Potential Private Veterinary Surgeons who do not possess the documents at Section 8 above may do needful to avail for the same and register themselves at a later stage with the SFWF within the duration of this project, after obtaining the necessary documents.

10. A Pre Bid meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday 14th December 2023 at 10.30 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Small Farmers Welfare Fund, 2nd Floor, MCIA Building, St Pierre.** Interested parties may choose to attend.

11. **Submission of the EOI**

Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked **SFWF/Veterinary Services/01/23/EOI** addressed to the **Manager, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, MCIA Building, 2nd Floor, St Pierre** and should be deposited in the Tender Box on or before **Wednesday 10 January 2024 up to 3.00 p.m (local time) at latest.**

12. **Opening of EOI**

EOI will be opened by the “Public body” at the **Small Farmers Welfare Fund, 2nd Floor, MCIA (Ex-FSC) Building, St Pierre at 3.15 p.m on Wednesday 10 January 2024.** Bidders or their representatives may attend the Bid Opening if they choose to do so.

13. **Queries**

Any clarifications sought by any bidder in respect of the EOI shall be addressed in writing to the **Manager, Small Farmers Welfare Fund, Fax No. 433 3249** so as to reach him at least seven (7) days before the deadline for the submission of the application.

The SFWF reserves the right to accept or reject any interest expressed and to annul the whole Expression of Interest exercise without hereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any participant.

SECTION I: PRICED ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Procurement Reference Number: **SFWF/Veterinary Services/01/23/EOI**

Prices quoted shall be fixed and in Mauritian Rupees

Item No	Brief Description of Services	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price (Rs)	Total Price (Rs)
1	Veterinary Health Care ¹ Fee				
2	Transport Fee				
				Subtotal	
				VAT @ %	
				Total	

¹Veterinary Surgeon may attach list/s comprising full details of Veterinary Health Care offered as per above table accordingly.

Priced Activity Schedule Authorised By:

Name:		Signature:	
Position:		Date:	