**Guidelines for AP-S COPE Proposals**

**AP-S COPE aim to fund projects that:**

* Provide good use of IEEE expertise -shows the best of what IEEE can offer the community (technological component is strong)
* Clear engagement with the community, indicating that the proposed solution is both desired and feasible
* Established relationships, ideally documented, with stakeholders who will be involved in project implementation
* Clear, detailed, and credible Project Assessment Matrix, Project Implementation Plan, and Budget
* Team has the combined experience to credibly execute the project
* Identifies and addresses potential risk
* Project will have real, tangible impact

*If a proposal is missing the mark on two or more of these areas, it might not be ready for funding.*

**Areas of Focus**

AP-S COPE is prioritizing immediate impact on poverty mitigation and inequality reduction through the following project areas:

*• Upgradation of marginalized population*

*• STEM education for marginalized population*

*• Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the underserved population*

*• Sustainable Power Sources for the underserved population*

*• Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for the underserved population*

* Projects must be successfully completed and submitted to the AP-Society through final reporting indicating the status of the project and utilization of funds at the end of each calendar year. *Expense vouchers should be submitted as supporting documents for audit.*
* A spreadsheet “APS COPE Project Budget Template 2021” should be submitted for budget proposal during application and as expense report on completion of project. Fund utilization should be clearly indicated
* Each AP-S Chapter/Jt. Chapter/ SBC may submit multiple proposals. Proposals are subject to review and scrutiny and the total project funding will not exceed US$ 3000 for any calendar year.