

8. Follow-On Activities

Proposals should provide a plan for continued follow-on activity (without USIA support) which ensures that USIA supported programs are not isolated events.

9. Evaluation Plan

Proposals should provide a plan for a thorough and objective evaluation of the program/project by the grantee institution.

10. Cost-Effectiveness

The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

11. Cost-Sharing

Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

12. Support of Diversity

Proposal should demonstrate the recipients' commitment to promoting the awareness and understanding of diversity throughout the program. This can be accomplished through documentation (such as a written statement or account) summarizing past and/or on-going activities and efforts that further the principle of diversity within both their organization and their activities.

Notice

The Office of Citizen Exchanges reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase the grant award. The terms and conditions published in the Request For Proposals (RFP) are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative. Explanatory information provided by USIA that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. Final awards cannot be made until funds have been fully appropriated by the Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process on or about April 28, 1995. Awarded grants will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

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Local Government

ACTION: Notice—Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Citizen Exchanges (E/P) announces a competitive grants program for nonprofit organizations in support of projects on the theme of LOCAL GOVERNMENT for audiences in the following geographical areas: Sub-Saharan Africa; American Republics; East Asia (Peoples Republic of China); and Western Europe (Italy). USIA particularly is seeking projects which link American institutions and specialists with partners overseas. New and creative approaches to the issue of local government will be especially welcome. Proposals which request USIA funding of less than \$135,000 and which include significant cost sharing will be deemed more competitive.

Interested applicants are urged to read the complete Federal Register announcement before addressing inquiring to the Office or submitting their proposals.

After the deadline for submitting proposals, USIA officers may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until final decisions are made.

Announcement name and number: All communications concerning this announcement should refer to the Local Government Grant Program, announcement number E/P-95-41. Please refer to title and number in all correspondence or telephone calls to USIA.

DATES: Deadline for Proposals: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, DC time on March 3, 1995. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on March 3, 1995, but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each grant applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Interested organizations/institutions must contact the Office of Citizen Exchanges, E/P, Room 216, United States Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone (202) 619-5326, fax (202) 260-0437 to request detailed application packets, which include award criteria, all application forms, and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Please direct inquiries on programmatic matters to the USIA Officer identified under each geographic heading.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Proposal

Submission Instructions and send only complete applications to: U.S. Information Agency, REF: E/P-95-41 Local Government Grant Competition, Grants Management Division (E/XE), 301 Fourth Street, SW., Room 336, Washington, DC 20547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the legislation authorizing the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including but not limited to race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle.

Overview

The Office of Citizen Exchanges works with U.S. private sector non-profit organizations on cooperative international group projects that introduce American and foreign participants to each others' social, economic, and political structures; and international interests.

Guidelines

Applicants should carefully note the following restrictions and recommendations for proposals in specific geographical areas:

Africa

The Role of Local Government in a Democracy

Proposals are initiated to conduct a program for 3-4 countries in one subregion of Africa (southern, eastern, central, or western) which would promote effective governmental administration and planning at the grassroots level. Issues to be addressed might include local-national government relations, fundraising and budgeting at the local level, methods for assessing local needs and resources, public-private partnerships for local planning and development, services at local level (e.g., water, health, refuse disposal, zoning, community planning, etc) and administrative skills. Participants would include local government administrators and policy makers (e.g., managers, mayors, local council representatives) and persons who liaise between localities and national governments. The program should include at least two phases, one of which would bring Africans to the U.S. and the other of which would send U.S. counterparts to participating