



**U.S. EMBASSY KABUL
COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM
ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT 2013**

Program Description

The U.S. State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Kabul are pleased to announce that the Embassy is currently accepting applications for its Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Local Grants Program.

The CVE Local Grants Program is a U.S. Government initiative created in 2008 and previously known as the “Ambassador’s Fund for Counterterrorism.” The CVE program provides flexible, quick-impact grants to organizations to support projects which enhance the capacity of law enforcement personnel to counter violent extremist ideology and recruitment.

Program Objectives

CVE grant proposals should fulfill one or more of the following objectives:

1. Countering violent propaganda and the al-Qaida narrative
2. Creating and providing alternatives to persons at risk of recruitment
3. Improving the capacity of civil society and governments to execute objectives 1 and 2

Ideally, the substantial involvement of host country law enforcement personnel should be present in each phase of a proposed project.

Eligibility Requirements

CVE grants are intended for civil society organizations, including nonprofit organizations (NPOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), educational institutions, and commercial enterprises.

Award Information

- *Funding Instrument Type:* Grant
- *Maximum Amount for a Grant Application:* \$150,000
- *Project and Budget Periods:* Projects must be completed in 24 months or less.

Application Submission and Deadline

- *Application Deadline:* Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis; or until funding is no longer available. Please note that FY 2012 funding for this program must be obligated by September 30, 2013.
- *Submission Method:* Applicants may submit their proposals to the U.S. Embassy Kabul by emailing a completed application to CVELocalGrants@state.gov.

Application Content

Applicants are encouraged to submit their project proposals using the suggested CVE application template however this is not mandatory. The suggested application template can be found on the bottom of this page or requested from CVELocalGrants@state.gov, with an email containing the subject line "Request for Suggested Application Templates".

If not using the suggested application format, the proposal must consist of the following:

- *Project Summary*: Please summarize project context, objectives, activities, and implementing partner background.
- *Description of Proposed Project*: Please provide a detailed description of activities and include a work plan which describes what will be done in what sequence, over what period of time.
- *Project Context/Rationale*: Please describe the violent extremism problem or challenge including: drivers of radicalization/recruitment, geographic areas of concern, and target population/audience that the project seeks to address.
- *Law Enforcement Nexus*: Please explain how this project incorporates building the capacity of local law enforcement.
- *Coordination*: Are other USG entities, donor governments, host government(s), or non-governmental entities implementing similar programming? Briefly describe the relevant donor landscape. How would this project complement ongoing programming? Project proposals that reflect specific lessons learned are especially welcome.
- *Measuring Impact and Effectiveness*: Based on project objectives, what results, indicators, and methods would be used to measure project effectiveness and impact? (Methods include baseline assessments with focus-group discussion with project beneficiaries; post-activity surveys of participants; etc.) What is the plan to evaluate the project at the conclusion of implementation?
- *Sustainability*: Briefly, what is the sustainability plan for this project?
- *Implementation Time Frame*: Proposed period of performance.
- *Project Location(s)*: Neighborhood, city, province, country.
- *Implementer Information*
- *Project Beneficiaries*

Award Selection Criteria & Priorities

- The application addresses one or more of the program priorities listed above.
- Applications which meet the eligibility requirements will be evaluated by a selection committee in Kabul on a quarterly basis. The program officer in Washington D.C. will make the final determination based on recommendations from the Kabul committee.

- The project must contain a clear plan with tangible and measurable outcomes.
- Preference will be given to projects which focus on developing trust and communication between law enforcement and youth and/or civil society.
- The organization has demonstrated that they have the technical capacity, organizational capability, and leadership to carry out the project.
- The costs are reasonable, allowable, and allocable.

Contact Information

Please email CVELocalGrants@state.gov for more information or check back on the U.S. Embassy Kabul website for updates, http://kabul.usembassy.gov/call_for_proposals.html.

CVE PROGRAM PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Project Owner(s):

Post/USG Agency: U.S. Embassy Kabul Name: Kerry O'Brien

Email: CVELocalGrants@state.gov

2. Proposal Title: Countering Violent Extremism

3. Project Summary – Please summarize project context, objectives, activities, and implementing partner background (1000 characters):

4. Description of Project Proposed – Please provide a detailed description of activities and include a work plan which describes what will be done in what sequence, over what period of time. (4000 characters):

5. Project Context/Rationale – Please describe the violent extremism problem or challenge – including: drivers of radicalization/recruitment, geographic areas of concern, and target population/audience that the project seeks to address. For Posts/USG agencies: How would this project support U.S. national-security or foreign-policy goals? (1000 characters) –

6. Law Enforcement Nexus *NADR funding only* (500 characters):

7. Coordination – Are other USG entities, donor governments, host government(s), or non-governmental entities implementing similar programming? Briefly describe the relevant donor landscape. How would this project complement ongoing programming? Project proposals that reflect specific lessons learned are especially welcome. (4000 characters):

8. Measuring Impact and Effectiveness - Based on project objectives, what results, indicators, and methods would be used to measure project effectiveness and impact? (Methods include baseline assessments with focus-group discussion with project beneficiaries; post-activity surveys of participants; etc.) What is the plan to evaluate the project at the conclusion of implementation? (4000 characters):

9. Sustainability – Briefly, what is the sustainability plan for this project? (4000 characters):

10. Implementation Time Frame:

From:

To:

11. Project Location(s) (i.e., neighborhood, city, province, country):

12. Implementer Information:

Organization: POC Name: POC Email: POC Phone

13. Project Audience:

14. Funding Request: \$

15. Funding breakdown – *Please include a detailed budget, itemized by category (e.g., travel, supplies, salaries, partner contribution, etc.):* Detailed budget attached.

16. Obligation Mechanism: Grant to implementing partner

17. Primary Objective –

18. Secondary Objective -

19. Funding Source – NADR

20. Fiscal Year – FY 2012