



## **U.S. EMBASSY KABUL COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

### **“Countering Violent Extremism” Local Grants Program**

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.

### **What is the “Countering Violent Extremism” 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.

### **What kind of grant proposals can be supported?**

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

Additionally, due to the funding source for the CVE local grants program, each project should contain a law enforcement nexus. Ideally, the substantial involvement of host country law enforcement personnel should be present in each phase of a proposed project. There remains the possibility to fund projects lacking a law enforcement nexus, but preference will go to projects with a clear nexus.

### **Who can apply for a grant?**

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

### **Key Facts for grant applications:**

- The project should supports one or more of the objectives outlined above;
- Each application will be evaluated by a selection committee;

- Preference will be given to projects which focus on developing trust and communication between law enforcement and youth and/or civil society;
- Applicants can request up to \$100,000 to support programs lasting up to 24 months (typically, funded projects have been between \$25,000 and \$75,000 and lasted 1 year);
- There is no specific deadline for applications, but note that as funding is from FY 2011 money, funds must be obligated by 30 September 2012;
- The project must contain a clear plan with tangible and measurable outcome;
- 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;

**How to apply for a CVE Local grant:**

Applicants may submit their proposals to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan by emailing a completed application to [CVELocalGrants@state.gov](mailto:CVELocalGrants@state.gov). Applications in English and Dari are accepted, though English is strongly preferred. The grant application form can be found [here](#).