The U.S. Embassy in Belmopan, Belize announces a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) to strengthen citizen security by focusing on job creation and providing alternative activities and better education for youth at higher risk of gang affiliation and/or engaging in criminal activity. Please go to www.grants.gov and search for "Belize" or this grant opportunity number: BH200-15-GR-200-WHA-031615. All grant proposals must be submitted on the grants.gov website.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and quality of proposals, U.S. Embassy Belmopan intends to issue three to five awards in an amount not to exceed $900,000 in total funding. Each award will be for an amount between $100,000 and $400,000. Project periods should not exceed two years, and the anticipated start date for successful proposals is September 30, 2015.

This funding will support U.S. Government objectives under the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) to target the underlying factors contributing to violence and crime in Belize. Project proposals should address at least one of the following project objectives:
1) Providing job creation opportunities for youth and marginalized communities as an alternative to crime and violence;
2) Providing youth and marginalized communities with productive alternative activities that increase education and leadership opportunities;
3) Improving the educational quality or curriculum for high school youth in Belize, especially those in underserved communities.

Please view the full announcement under the "Related Documents" tab on the grants.gov website for more details. If you or your organization has a proposal that might meet the requirements of this NOFO, we encourage you to apply!