



### **Alumni Mega-Events Mini-Grants Contest**

#### **Instructions:**

Alumni of U.S. Government-sponsored Educational Programs from the **Rio de Janeiro Consular District (States of Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais)** are invited to submit proposals for grants related to projects that complement preparations for the major events Brazil will host in the upcoming years. The focus of the projects should be on the following subtopics:

- Economic Development of Underserved Communities;
- Social Inclusion in Regions affected by the World Cup and Olympic Games;
- Youth and Women's Empowerment.

Grants of up to USD 8,000 will be awarded in these areas. Please note that grants for projects that are purely research and/or book publishing are not eligible for this competition.

Projects must: demonstrate how participating alumni will use their exchange experience to benefit others in Brazil; explain how the project will enhance alumni professional development; show how the project will be evaluated by project participants; and demonstrate sustainability once funding for the project ends.

Applications are due to the U.S. Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro no later than **September 06, 2013** and should be sent to the e-mail [PopeRC@state.gov](mailto:PopeRC@state.gov) (please write "Mega-Event Mini-Grant" in the email subject line). Applications received after this date will NOT be considered. Incomplete applications will also not be considered.

Proposals must include both narrative text and a detailed budget, (budgets must include cost-sharing and may only include allowable costs). At least one alumni involved in the project must have participated in a State Department/Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA)-sponsored program, though alumni of exchange programs sponsored by USAID and other US Government (non- STATE/ECA) departments and agencies are also welcome to participate. Proposals must be submitted by Brazilian alumni of U.S. Government-funded programs, who reside in the States of Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Espírito Santo or Minas Gerais, Brazil.

American alumni of U.S. Government-funded programs residing or developing projects in Brazil can participate in a project, but proposals must bring together Brazilian alumni living in the above mentioned states and must be led by a Brazilian alumnus. Applications must come from Brazilian alumni and will not be accepted from alumni with US or other citizenship.

Winners will be notified by **September 20, 2013**, and projects should be completed between October, 2013 and June, 2014.