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U.S. Embassy Honors 13 Small Grants Recipients Working to Promote Civic Engagement and Women's Empowerment

On August 23, **the U.S. Embassy** awarded small grants to thirteen civil society organizations working to foster democracy and civic engagement and promote women's empowerment **in local communities**. Charge d'affaires Virginia Murray offered congratulatory remarks to the grantees and highlighted the importance of civil society in building a more democratic, equitable, and open Burma. The Embassy's Small Grants Program was established in 2005 to support grassroots initiatives that promote free and fair elections, democratic and political party development, ethnic states and peoples' empowerment, civil society community building, and women's empowerment across **the country**. Since its establishment, the program has provided over 200 grants, which have supported projects in all 14 states and divisions.

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