

Alumni Small Grants program 2016

The U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus would like to announce an opportunity for alumni of U.S. government-sponsored programs and alumni organizations of U.S. higher educational institutions across Cyprus to apply for funds to undertake community projects and/or activities in Cyprus!

Grants from \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000 USD will be awarded for projects that dovetail with our Embassy's priorities in Cyprus

Grants will be made to teams which include no less than 2 alumni of U.S. government sponsored programs (CASP, Fulbright, youth camp, Bold Leaders, IVLP, etc.). Teams must include at least 2 U.S. Government sponsored exchange alumni. Collaborative proposals that seek to partner with an existing, active alumni organization with active alumni of U.S. education or U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs will be given priority. Bicommunal projects are also encouraged.

Successful projects should identify and work with appropriate partner institutions that will be an integral part of the project. Partner institutions can be engaged to provide expertise as well as potentially cost-share activities. Cost-sharing (financial and/or in kind) is encouraged for a competitive grant. Each project will be considered for its potential sustainability; projects that demonstrate sustainability will be given preference.

Possible projects must fall under the following categories:

- Supporting economic prosperity in Cyprus;
- Green initiatives (development of a diverse and green environment);
- Encouraging youth and/or women's economic, civic, and/or social advancement;
- Entrepreneurship;
- Alumni network building

Projects that have either a large target audience or have the potential to reach many people over the course of the grant period are encouraged.

Proposals should include:

- Project title and short summary (3-5 lines maximum)
- A clearly thought out narrative project description, including the goals, objectives and expected impact of the project (maximum 3 pages total).

- Specific information of the U.S. Government-funded alumni involved (U.S. alumni club? Fulbright? IVLP?) (The organization does not need to be comprised of all USG-funded alumni).
- A timeline of major action steps, beginning as early as September 2016 and not extending beyond August 2017.
- Partner institutions (or potential partners) including their role in the project.
- Ways of measuring/evaluating success: (Number of people expected to be reached? Cities/regions to be reached?)
- Applicant's contact information, including:
 - Names of the individuals, group or organization
 - Names of the contact persons and positions held
 - Contact address, phone and email
- Budget
 - Please provide a detailed budget and estimated costs in USD. Please indicate if other resources will be used (this can include both in-kind support as well as cash). The U.S. Embassy reserves the right to request revised prospective budgets to ensure they are in line with U.S. government regulations and competitive for funding.
 - Costs that are **not supported** include:
 - Airfare
 - Salaries
 - purchase of computers or large items
 - purchase of alcoholic beverages
 - Administration costs above 20% of grant
 - **Supported** expenses may include costs related to venues, promotional items, meals and beverages related to the grant activity, speaker fees, lodging and per diem, in-country travel, and supplies, materials and equipment (within reason and directly relevant to grant activities).

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Current grantees should not apply. Successful grantees should be prepared to share their grant activities, whenever appropriate, through photos and short descriptions on our social media.

Submission: Proposals should be submitted by email using the criteria above, to FulbrightCy@state.gov.

Deadline: 12 noon on Thursday, September 1, 2016. Proposals submitted after this time will not be accepted.