



The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces

The 2013 Investing in Leaders for Strong Communities IREX

Community Solutions Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the Community Solutions Program for 2013. This will be the third round of the [Community Solutions Program](#), a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance & Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women and Gender Issues. Selected candidates will participate in: a four month U.S. fellowship with a local nonprofit organization or government agency; structured virtual learning and networking via the Online Community Leadership Institute; and, the design and implementation of follow-on projects in their home countries. The program will also include a small outbound component that will allow up to five U.S. host representatives to travel overseas for approximately two weeks on projects related to the program themes.

Participant Qualifications

- Candidates must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- The Community Solutions Program is merit-based and open to community leaders, ages 25-38 at the time of application
- Currently living and working in his/her home country
- Currently working on a community project or initiative in his/her home country; and, has at least 2 years of professional experience in this capacity at the time of application
- Able to begin the program in the United States in 2013, and is committed to returning to his/her home country after completion of the program

Important Note:

- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the U.S.
- Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit your APPLICATION by Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

The application and additional information for the 2013 Community Solutions Program is available online at: <http://www.irex.org/project/community-solutions>.

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: Email CV and application to Exchanges@state.gov and copy Miral Siriani, Sirianimy@state.gov; call 02-622-7107 for more information.

Gaza Applicants: Email CV and application to Essam Mattar (emattar@palnet.com); call 08-286-4623 or 059-967-7317 for more information.