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ANNOUNCEMENT

American Consulate General in Jerusalem Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Local Grants Informational Sessions

The U.S. Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) will be accepting applications for local grants from November 1st – December 31st, 2014. Local civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities, professional organizations, youth groups, and women's groups, are welcome to apply. Applications will be evaluated through a competitive process. Local grants typically have budgets ranging from \$25,000 –\$75,000 USD, with a maximum of \$100,000, and are up to one year in duration.

MEPI invites you to attend an informational session on the 2014/15 MEPI local grants cycle. NGOs based in Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza are welcome to attend the session detailed below. This informational session will include an overview of the American Consulate in Jerusalem's efforts in the West Bank and Gaza, an explanation of the priorities and objectives of MEPI local grants, and a review of the local grant application process. MEPI staff from the American Consulate General in Jerusalem will conduct the sessions and will be available to answer questions.

The U.S. Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) mission is to create *vibrant partnerships* between America and the citizens of the Middle East and North Africa. MEPI supports citizens' efforts aimed at economic, social, and political empowerment; expanding opportunities for women and youth, and helping communities create positive change throughout the region.

Through local grants, MEPI directly funds local organizations across the West Bank and Gaza at the community level. MEPI local grants promote greater freedom and opportunity for people in the region. Through supporting local partners to implement innovative projects, MEPI provides an opportunity for Palestinian civil society to identify and solve challenges at the local level. Since 2004, MEPI Jerusalem has funded over sixty local partners to implement grants totaling over 4 million USD.

More information can be found at

http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/mepi_local_grants.html

MEPI Jerusalem will be holding Jerusalem informational sessions:

Jerusalem:

Date: Thursday November 20, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: America House - Jerusalem

Nablus Road- Jerusalem

Tel: 02-563-4029

To attend a session, please RSVP via email to: MEPIjerusalem@state.gov.

For more information, please contact the MEPI Jerusalem Office at 02-622-7101.

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