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## **Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation 2013** **Call for Proposals**

The U.S Embassy is accepting project proposals for the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) 2012 Competition. The deadline for submitting proposals is **December 7, 2012.**

### **Background:**

Since 2001, Congress has directed the Department of State to support and implement the U.S. Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP). The Senate report on this bill noted that the preservation of cultural heritage offers an opportunity to show a different American face to the world, one that is non-commercial, non-political, and non-military. The AFCP has supported more than 700 projects to preserve cultural heritage in more than 100 countries around the globe.

Qualified entities are reputable and accountable non-governmental organizations, museums, ministries of culture, or similar institutions that are able to demonstrate that they have the requisite experience and capacity to manage projects to preserve cultural heritage.

### **Project Types:**

AFCP supports projects to preserve cultural heritage in the following three categories:

- **CULTURAL SITES** includes (but is not limited to) historic buildings and sites, sacred places, monuments, and archaeological sites;
- **CULTURAL OBJECTS AND COLLECTIONS** from a museum, site, or similar institution and includes archaeological and ethnographic objects, paintings, sculpture, manuscripts, photographic and film collections, and general museum conservation activities; and,
- **FORMS OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSION** includes traditional music, rituals, knowledge, languages, dance, drama, and crafts.

Please see the Embassy's web page on past AFCP projects in Laos ([http://laos.usembassy.gov/amb\\_fund2.html](http://laos.usembassy.gov/amb_fund2.html)) for information on these projects.

**How to Apply:**

Please download and complete the following required information:

- Suggested Format for Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation 2013 Application
- Application for Federal Assistance
- SF424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs
- SF424B Assurances for Non-Construction Programs
- SF LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Budget for Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation 2013

Applicants must submit complete project proposals to:

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