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The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane is Accepting Applications for the 2012 Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation

The U.S Embassy Vientiane is accepting project proposals for the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) 2012 Competition. The deadline for submitting proposals is **December 9, 2011**.

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 553 projects to preserve cultural heritage in more than 106 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_fund.html) for information on these projects.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit completed project proposals to:

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