



# U.S. EMBASSY MOROCCO OPEN GRANTS COMPETITION

## APPLICATION GUIDELINE

### THEME: CIVICS

The purpose of the U.S. Embassy Open Grants Competition is to award small sums of funding for specific projects proposed to support **Civics** in Morocco. The program is intended to foster an active citizenry by helping to inform citizens about their roles and responsibilities as members of a democratic community. Successful projects will strengthen ongoing or new efforts for civic participation, and bolster the link between citizen and government. Grants will also contribute to the strengthening of civil society in Morocco.

In order for a project to be considered, the application must focus on specific activities to support civics in Morocco. Proposals must entail a clear action plan for how the project will be implemented and outline how the activities will bring about the intended results.

Activities can include workshops, trainings, education campaigns, advocacy campaigns, or other activities that directly engage target audiences.

Grants will be awarded to registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Only registered non-governmental organizations will be eligible to receive funding.

#### **Guidelines:**

- The maximum amount of a grant is 50,000 MAD. Proposals requesting more than 50,000 MAD will not be considered.
- U.S. and third-country organizations or nationals are not eligible for grants under this program.
- Funds cannot be used for: partisan political activity, humanitarian aid or charitable contributions, fund-raising campaigns, construction, international trips, or commercial activities.
- All proposals must be submitted to the Embassy by April 11, 2014 – no late proposals will be considered.
- All activities under the proposal must be completed by December 31, 2014.
- Proposals must be submitted via email to: **Rabatopengrants@state.gov**

### **Proposal Format:**

- Proposals should follow the U.S. Embassy Open Grants Proposal Template
- Proposals should not exceed 5 pages
- Proposals should include organization name, address and the contact information for at least one individual from the organization.
- A copy of the registration papers for the organization should be included (and does not count against the length limit for the proposal)
- Proposals should list any previous grants received, including amount and donor

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated according to the relevance of the project proposed to the theme and the linked results or outcomes as part of the project. Added consideration will be given to projects that:

- Focus on target audiences outside of urban centers.
- Demonstrate coordination or cooperation with other entities or organizations

**Any questions can be directed to: [Rabatopengrants@state.gov](mailto:Rabatopengrants@state.gov)**

