



Embassy of the United States of America
 U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
 Public Affairs Section Small Grants Program
 Request for Proposals



As part of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the United States Embassy’s Public Affairs Section in Maputo administers a small grants program that supports public outreach projects for a 1-year period focused on preventing the transmission of HIV and providing care and support for those affected and infected. The Public Affairs Section is currently soliciting proposals from legally registered community-based, faith-based, non-governmental, and civil society national organizations as well as media institutions working in the response to HIV/AIDS in Mozambique. Interested parties may submit a project proposal accompanied by a one-page summary that includes the following information: (1) name of project and organization, (2) geographic location, (3) key objectives, (4) target group, (5) primary activities, (6) expected results of the project, (7) amount of funding requested and (8) name and contact information of project coordinator. Proposals may be submitted in either English or Portuguese and all pages must be numbered.

All applicants must submit a copy of the organization’s Certificate of Registration with their proposal.

The proposal must be typed, must not exceed ten pages and must include a concise description of: (1) the organization’s history, mission and goals, and past and current programs; (2) the geographic and population coverage of the intervention and statement of needs/problems to be addresses; (3) the project strategies, goals, measurable objectives and expected results/outcomes; (4) the targeted population by age, sex, risk behavior and how they will benefit from the project; (5) the type, mix and frequency (e.g. number of sessions) of intervention for each specific target population, including the basis for selecting these interventions; (6) the project activities and how issues of gender, stigma and discrimination will be addressed within the proposed activities; (7) specific programmatic targets and estimate number of persons to be reached by the project; (8) the sustainability of the project after the grant, community/organization contribution(s) and economic strengthening activities (if any); (9) a monitoring and evaluation plan and how success will be measured; (10) a work plan for implementation of activities, (11) a brief description of management and key staff; (12) a timeline with dates of activities or interventions; (13) information about past and current funding received and description of other partners involved in the project and their roles; (14) a list of previous or current technical partners and description of technical assistance the organization has received; and (15) a comprehensive detailed budget.

Proposals that do not follow the guidelines above or exceed the following funding categories will not be considered as part of this process.

Funding is expected to be allocated through the following three categories; applicants may send a proposal for one:

<p>Increase timely initiation of treatment and retention through community based activities and advocacy.</p> <p>\$ 5,000 to \$ 24,000</p>	<p>Programs should promote activities for HIV-infected adults and their families aimed at extending and optimizing quality of life of HIV-infected clients and their families throughout the continuum of illness through provision of clinical, psychosocial, spiritual, social, and prevention services. Programs will support, encourage and empower people living with HIV through group support activities promoting HIV testing messages, increasing access to treatment, and retention on treatment. Activities should reinforce positive public perceptions of HIV needed to address the cultural and gender norms and stigma barriers that keep people from getting tested, seeking timely treatment and staying on their treatment. Program should help increase awareness of psychosocial care, spiritual support and social support programs already in existence in the community and/or region to help increase use of such services. It is essential that the program focus on investing resources needed to empower people living with the disease who are eager to become an active voice in their community, and passionate about sharing their status and stories. Activities should address programming for both adolescents and adults and promote increase gender equity in access to the continuum of care.</p>
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<p>Increase awareness and access and use of services in GAAC through community based local language Media and Other Communication programs</p> <p>\$ 5,000 to \$ 24,000</p>	<p>Programs (including training) messages that promotes access to partner/couples and family members HIV testing and counseling, risk reduction counseling, adherence counseling and support, family planning counseling, condom provision support timely initiation and maintenance on Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART, HIV/tuberculosis (TB) combined treatment), Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission (PMTCT). Messages will reinforce importance of referrals/accompaniment to clinical treatment, prevention of Opportunistic Infections (OIs), Cotrimoxazole (CTX) and care services and to counseling as well as refer patients into the GAAC program. The communication program will include, but should not be limited to, radio programs, short films, documentaries, magazines, newspapers articles and editorials, comics or other mass media communication materials. The outreach will strengthen community-clinical linkages, and increased adherence and retention of both ART and Pre-ART patients in the health system and advocate for the need of increased coordination and networking between the community, the social and clinic service system. Activities that promote gender equitable principle, address harmful norms related to sex and gender, activities to reduce stigma and discrimination associated with HIV, and prevent gender-based violence will be prioritized.</p>
<p>Youth focused programs to increase demand for and retention in service through youth-friendly activities</p> <p>\$ 5,000 to \$ 24,000</p>	<p>Programs should particularly focus on vulnerable youth populations such as young girls and women, at risk youth, persons living with disabilities, youth who exchange sex for money and/or other goods with multiple or concurrent sex partners, including youth engaged in cross-generational sex, and/or transactional sexual partnerships. The program will engage youth in a positive way through interesting and constructive youth-friendly activities. Activities (including training) should focus on:</p> <p>1) Psychosocial Care and Spiritual Support interventions to include group and individual counseling for positive youth that address the importance of adherence to treatment , promote increase condom availability, improve knowledge, acceptability, and correct and consistent use of condoms, HIV testing and counseling, risk reduction counseling, adherence counseling and support, family planning counseling, and other clinical and community care service. 2) Demand creation activities to increase awareness, uptake and acceptability of youth-friendly clinical services such as voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), HIV care and treatment, and TB testing and treatment. 3) Social support interventions that include vocational training, economic strengthening activities, social and legal protection for girls and young women.</p>

This program does not fund vehicles, construction projects, international travels, miscellaneous expenses (every item has to be listed), representational costs (food and drinks for banquets or luncheons), or operating costs (rent, salaries, and electricity). Travels and transportation costs should not be the majority of the project's funding. The procurement of office furniture or supplies is not a priority of this program. Organizations that already receive direct funding or substantial support from the U.S. Government are ineligible for funding. Large-scale programs requiring more than one-time funding will be disqualified.

Deadline for receipt of proposals is **September 29, 2014**. Please submit proposals to the U.S. Embassy in Maputo, 193, Kenneth Kaunda Avenue, Post Office Box 783 and address them to the attention of: The Public Affairs Section - PEPFAR Coordinator or via fax: 21 49 38 57. Electronic submissions may also be sent to the following e-mail address: MaputoPublicAffairsPEPFAR@State.gov. Please include "Public Affairs PEPFAR Grants" in the subject line. **Applicants should print their name, the name of their organization and contact information on all pages.**

Kindly be advised that due to the large number of proposals, received information regarding the status of the selection process cannot be provided via telephone and only organizations whose proposal has been selected and approved for funding will be contacted.

Thank you in advance for your participation.
Maputo, August 20, 2014

Please note that this Small Grants Program is different from the Political and Economic Section Small Grants Program at the U.S Embassy.