

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
U.S. EMBASSY MOZAMBIQUE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION
LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Funding Opportunity Title: U.S. Embassy Mozambique PAS Annual Grants Program

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I. Funding Opportunity Description

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy in Mozambique is pleased to request proposals for funding under the Embassy's Public Diplomacy Grants program. Please read and follow all instructions carefully.

Purpose of Grant: Local grants are intended for individuals, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), think tanks, and academic institutions. They support projects that:

1. Strengthen English Language Learning and Access to Quality Education
2. Encourage Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth, particularly among women
3. Build communication capacity of the Mozambican people, media, and government; and,
4. Reinforce the bridge of mutual understanding and shared vision between the U.S. and Mozambique.

Local grant proposals should have a connection to American culture or values or should be directed to increasing understanding in Mozambique of American culture and society. Proposals should also be related to one or more of the following U.S. Embassy priorities:

- 1. Strengthen democratic institutions to attain responsible, transparent, and accountable governance:** This includes programs and projects that strengthen Mozambican civil society institutions and promote more effective civil society participation in governance, and projects that strengthen the capacity of the media. This could also include projects related to civic education among youth. Programs may take into account the presidential election that will take place in the United States during 2016, but do not need to be linked to the election.
- 2. Foster an environment to support more inclusive economic growth, trade, and investment:** This includes programs and projects that are designed to promote broad-based economic growth, including those related to entrepreneurship. This could include projects related to improving the business environment or management of natural resources as well as projects that promote values of entrepreneurship and responsible business to youth.

3. **Provide opportunities for the Mozambican people, including better access to essential services and improved standards of living:** This would include projects to improve education and teacher training, to provide training to better prepare youth to enter the workforce, and programs to address health and healthcare, particularly through a communications focus.

Activities that are typically funded include, but are not limited to:

- media training projects;
- English language programs;
- proposals to expand U.S.-Mozambique exchange programs;
- programs that strengthen government and private sector communications capabilities;
- youth community service projects that practice democratic processes and encourage volunteerism;
- civic education projects that promote democratic processes and human rights;
- education projects that promote critical thinking and entrepreneurship as a means to contribute to society;
- youth leadership and education programs;
- arts and culture programs;
- radio and television programming in support of the outlined priorities;

Activities that are not typically funded include, but are not limited to:

- projects that do not have a clear plan for sustaining the activity or monitoring results;
- providing social welfare services;
- paying to complete activities begun with other funds;
- projects that contain the appearance of partisanship/support to individual or single party electoral campaigns;
- international travel, unless specifically justified within the project;
- U.S. citizen exchange programs with foreign countries;
- projects that include substantial fees for radio or TV broadcast; and,
- projects that are mainly designed to pay organizational salaries or to cover only logistical costs (e.g., room/chair rental, coffee breaks, etc.).

Background Information: The U.S. Embassy in Mozambique Public Affairs Section is soliciting proposals for local grants that fall into the areas specified above from individuals, non-governmental organizations, think tanks, and academic institutions. More information about the U.S. Embassy and the work of the Public Affairs Section can be found at: <http://maputo.usembassy.gov> .

II. Award Information

Funding Instrument Type: Grant or Cooperative Agreement

Floor of Individual Award Amounts: \$500

Ceiling of Individual Award Amounts: \$30,000

Award amounts are more typically between \$3000 and 10,000. The U.S. Embassy Mozambique Public Affairs Section reserves the right to award less or more than the funds described in the

absence of worthy applications or under such other circumstances as it may deem to be in the best interest of the U.S. government.

Project and Budget Periods: Local grants projects must be completed in one year or less. The Public Affairs Section will entertain applications for continuation grants funded under these awards, beyond the initial budget period, on a noncompetitive basis, subject to availability of funds, satisfactory progress of the applicants, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of the United States Government.

III. Eligibility Information: Unrestricted

Applications are encouraged from all sectors: committed and organized civil-society organizations, local representatives of civil society, think tanks, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and individuals. Applicants are encouraged to provide cost-sharing from additional sources in support of proposed projects; applications should explain clearly other likely sources of funding or in-kind participation.

IV. Application Submission and Deadline

Proposals may be submitted via email to the U.S. Embassy in Mozambique Public Affairs Section at the following email address: Proposals will also be accepted in hard copy and should be delivered to:

Public Affairs Section, ATTN: Funding Proposal,
Embassy of the United States of America
Maputo, Mozambique
Av. Kenneth Kaunda, 193
Caixa Postal, 783

Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.

Applications are accepted in English and Portuguese; however final grant agreements will be concluded in English. Please note that we cannot guarantee the return of original documents; copies should be provided, if appropriate.

Applicants must complete and submit a detailed budget.

V. Review and Selection Process

Each application submitted under this announcement will be evaluated and rated on the basis of the evaluation criteria outlined below. The criteria are designed to assess the quality of the proposed project and to determine the likelihood of its success. The criteria are closely related and are considered as a whole in judging the overall quality of an application. Applications will be reviewed on the basis of their completeness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail.

Applicants must submit a full project description, including a detailed narrative that outlines the plan of action, describing the scope of the proposed work and how it will be accomplished. The narrative should be accompanied by a detailed budget that includes all program costs and clearly indicates the proposing organization's cost-share and/or in-kind participation.

Application Evaluation Criteria:

Goals and Objectives – The project is likely to provide maximum impact in achieving the proposed results. The project addresses one or more of the U.S. Embassy Mozambique Public Affairs Section priorities outlined previously.

Strengths and Innovation – Applicant clearly describes how the proposal will address the goals and objectives within the proposed time frame and articulates an innovative strategy or plan.

Organizational Capacity – The organization/individual has expertise demonstrates the ability to perform the proposed activities.

Sustainability – The organization demonstrates a clear plan for sustainable activity or impact of the activity after the grant period of performance.

Budget and Budget Justification – The budget and narrative justification are reasonable in relation to the proposed activities and anticipated results and the plan for services is realistic.

VI. Award Administration

Award Notices: The grant award shall be written, signed, awarded, and administered by the Grants Officer (GO). The Grants Officer (GO) is the U.S. government official delegated the authority by the U.S. Department of State Procurement Executive to write, award, and administer grants. The assistance award agreement is the authorizing document and it will be provided to the recipient. Organizations whose applications will not be funded will also be notified.

Anticipated Time to Award: Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants should expect to be notified of the decision within 30 days after submission.

Reporting Requirements: All awards issued under this announcement will require both program and financial reports on a frequency specified in the award agreement. The disbursement of funds may be tied to submission of these reports in a timely manner. All other details related to award administration will be specified in the award agreement.