



**U.S. Embassy
The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)**

Call For Small Grants Proposals 2014

The U.S. Embassy, with funding from the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR), invites creative proposals that promote HIV/AIDS prevention among youth (ages 10-19 years). This will contribute to Namibia's goal of reducing new HIV infections by 50 percent by 2016/17.

Project proposals are being accepted now through **31 May, 2014**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

PEPFAR-funded grants aim to: educate about HIV/AIDS and thereby prevent its spread; reduce stigma and discrimination about HIV; provide youth with information to make the correct choices and live in a positive way; and encourage people to get tested and, if necessary, seek treatment.

- Grants will cover 12 months of activity.
- Budget requests should be between \$5,000 and \$25,000 U.S. dollars.
- Grantees are encouraged to use an evidence-based, age-appropriate HIV prevention curriculum.
- Grantees must target the same group of beneficiaries multiple times, using at minimum the package of HIV prevention discussion topics (detailed below).*
- Grants may be used to fund equipment only if doing so would further project objectives.
- Grant funds may not be used to purchase alcohol and other restrictions may also apply.
- Grantees must submit mid-term and final financial and programmatic reports.
- Applicants should be community-based organizations, faith-based organizations or learning institutions which are legally registered in Namibia.
- Applicants must have access to a bank account, as funding will be dispersed to grantees in installments by electronic bank transfer.
- No grants will be awarded to former PEPFAR grantees, unless there are no other organizations that can fulfill the program's goals.
- Applicants proposing to work in schools should include in their proposal a demonstrated relationship with the school and a letter of support from the relevant school(s). All other applicants should provide a letter of support from a relevant ministry and community organization.

- Selection criteria for the grants will be based on the following:
 - *Creative* projects or programs (For example, programs that incorporate skill-building, sports, information technology or performing arts activities to capture the audience)
 - Organization's past performance based on submitted references and market research conducted by Small Grants Coordinator
 - Prioritizes high prevalence populations with areas where there is low coverage of HIV prevention activities
 - Proposed project addresses the key drivers of the epidemic in Namibia
 - Overall feasibility of implementation
 - Organizational capacity
 - Includes age-appropriate interventions and proposed linkage to local HIV, health and social services.

Applicants must meet the above criteria to be considered for an award. All proposals must use the 2014 PEPFAR Small Grants Program Application template which can be accessed on [google drive](#).

Please submit proposals (electronic copies are preferred if possible) to:

U.S. Embassy PEPFAR Coordination Office
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 Windhoek, Namibia
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 (061 295 8520)

*The minimum required package of discussion topics are:

1. Discuss HIV risks (i.e. alcohol prevention); reject myths about HIV transmission
2. Encourage safer-sex strategies for sexually active youth
3. Discuss HIV testing and counseling and link to locally available HIV counseling and testing. For minors, the caregiver should be provided information on locally available HIV services.
4. Discuss with parents and communities strategies to raise awareness about HIV risks for youth and improve adult-child communication about sexuality
5. Discuss voluntary medical male circumcision, HIV care and treatment and TB testing and treatment
6. Promote condoms: how to use them correctly and consistently, how to negotiate using them, where to get them, and improve access to them
7. Discuss harmful norms related to sex and gender; reduce stigma and discrimination associated with HIV and prevent gender-based violence; promote gender equity.