

U.S. Embassy Apia Small Grants Program

The Embassy Apia Small Grants Program is a small competitive program offering grants of up to USD \$5,000 to indigenous non-government organizations to strengthen democracy, engage youth and alumni, promote U.S-Samoa links, address climate change, increase respect for civil society and the rule of law, advance human rights and women's rights.

General Guidelines

- Non-governmental organizations may submit proposals for up to USD \$5,000.
- Grants cannot be made to individuals, but only to non-governmental organizations that demonstrate long-term sustainability beyond the proposed program activity. Third-country organizations and individuals are not eligible.
- Priority is given to grants that advance democratic practices, including development of civil society; foster freedom of information and independent media; support NGO capacity building; advance rule of law and judicial reform; promote civic education; encourage conflict resolution; prioritize human rights; and advocate for equal rights for minorities or women. Grants focused on climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts will also be considered. Grants which engage youth and USG alumni and have a U.S. component are encouraged.
- Priority will be given to proposals with innovative project ideas. Grants will not normally be approved for multi-year projects, but past recipients of Embassy Apia Small Grants will be considered for new one-year projects.
- Small grant proposals may include modest administrative expenses, including honoraria/partial salaries of grant implementers, but only when they are directly linked to the conduct of the specific grant program. General operating expenses, long-term infrastructure costs and undefined miscellaneous or "overhead" expenses are not acceptable.
- Grant funds may not be used to fund travel to international conferences, nor may they be used primarily for food and drink expenses.
- Grant funds may be used to train trainers, but they may not be used to provide direct social services.
- Grant funds may be used for seminars and workshops, but proposals must describe the expected audience, content, and timeframe, and justify the activity in terms of outcome and benefits.
- Grant funds may be used for the publication of materials, but proposals must describe the audience, content and means of distribution.

All applications must be marked "**EAP/PD Small Grants Application**" and sent via email by **July 25, 2015** to TamaaliiDA@state.gov.