



CALLS FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES' SMALL GRANTS INITIATIVE

The Embassy of the United States of America in Apia is pleased to announce the U.S. Department of State's Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) launch of its first small grants initiative designed to fund worthy projects that promote women's political, economic and social advancement in developing countries. Project proposals should not exceed \$100,000 (USD). The deadline for proposal submission to U.S. Embassy Office, Apia, is February 10, 2010.

Background

The grant is aimed at programs with the goal of advancing women's political, economic and social rights worldwide. To that end, S/GWI works to increase women's and girls' access to education and health care, to combat violence against women and girls in all its forms, and to ensure that women's rights are fully integrated with human rights.

These funds are for the purpose of supporting "programs to improve women's leadership capacity in developing countries and specifically intended "for programs which enhance leadership and economic opportunities for women in developing countries. Funds should also be used to provide technical assistance and capacity building for women's organizations." Funds must be obligated by September 30, 2010.

Guidelines

Within the general scope described above, proposals are encouraged to think creatively to identify and address priority issues facing women in Samoa. Project initiatives through this fund could include, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Education: women's literacy and innovative ways to keep girls in school and help ensure safety while attending school; also, health education initiatives;
- Food security: supporting small holder female farmers through women's leadership and property rights training and land tenure reform advocacy initiatives;
- Climate change: support to women's community groups for training in adaptation and mitigation, and enhanced participation of women in climate change problem solving;
- Gender-based violence (GBV): support to NGOs or community-based resource centers in combating GBV manifesting in practices ranging from honor killings to indentured servitude; support for victims of domestic violence as well as rape as a tool of war, particularly in light of the Secretary's recent visit to the DRC and her focus on this issue;
- Economic opportunity: programs to provide training in business and management through mentoring, and support for women's artisan groups for product design, marketing, and related needs;
- Democracy and political empowerment: political and policy reform and leadership training initiatives;



-- Legal reform: judicial and law enforcement training initiatives; promoting women property rights; and equal access to justice.

Proposals:

Proposals should not exceed six pages in length and must include the following: a statement clearly identifying the problem to be addressed; a summary of the proposed program; a project description, including specific activities, desired outcomes and performance measures; a detailed budget of no more than \$100,000 (USD); and a description of the recipient organization, including their technical and management capacity. The project should not exceed eighteen months in duration. Local organizations may also need to comply with any applicable pre-award financial management control standards for organizations receiving development assistance funds.

Proposal Submission:

All proposals are to be submitted to Embassy Apia no later than February 10, 2010 by electronic copy via email CarterG@state.gov.

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