



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Annual Program Statement Number: Economic support funds to promote countering violent extremism objectives in the West Africa/Sahel region

Opportunity Number: DOS-ESF-TSCTP-15-001

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number: 19.040

Announcement issuance date: November 20, 2015

Concept note submission deadline: December 20, 2015

Full Text of Notice of Funding Opportunity

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. Summary:

This solicitation is a two-part process: (1) Concept Note Submission; (2) Full Proposal Submission. After the review of submitted concept notes, selected applicants will be invited to expand their submissions into full proposals. Selected applicants will have **10 business days** after they are notified of their selection to complete their full proposals. **Because most local applicants may have limited information technology resources, concept notes, proposals and questions about this funding opportunity can be forwarded via email to the contact email address listed for that country in Section D, 3 in this document.**

2. Current Funding Priorities for Countering the Spread of Violent Extremism:

The Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP) is the U.S. Government's primary multi-year interagency vehicle for cooperation with partner countries in the Sahel and the Maghreb to strengthen civilian, military, law enforcement capacity to counter terrorism and the spread of violent extremism. Priority will be given to projects that address one or more of the following themes:

- Increasing collaboration and connectivity between local and national government officials and communities at risk of recruitment and radicalization to violence;
- Enhancing the capacity of local and national government entities (e.g., Ministry of Information) to develop and implement countering violent extremism (CVE) strategies and messaging;
- Encouraging defections from violent extremist groups and supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of demobilized/disengaged fighters;
- Providing positive alternatives to communities, especially youth, most at risk of recruitment and radicalization to violence (e.g., political, economic, and social inclusion opportunities);
- Strengthening resilience among refugees and internally displaced persons (IDP) at risk of recruitment and radicalization to violence;
- Promoting conflict mitigation and reconciliation among communities at risk of recruitment and radicalization to violence; and
- Building cross-border linkages and networks that can identify and mitigate recruitment and radicalization to violence.

The above list is not exhaustive, but rather meant to be illustrative of the kinds of challenges and needs to address in this notice of funding opportunity. Whether addressing one of the above or a self-identified challenge, all concept notes should clearly and succinctly explain the challenge the project would address and how the proposed project **would help counter the spread of violent extremism**. Concept notes may address more than one challenge, but should be focused enough to achieve concrete results in a **12-24 month** period.

B. FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

1. **Proposed program implementation start date: April 2016**
2. **Duration of Activity:** Concept notes for **12-or 24** months will be considered.
3. **Funding Limits:** Funding requests can be \$50,000 and up to \$2 million per concept note. **Remember to relate period of concept note activity to the amount of funding you are requesting. For example: \$xx to fund xx program for 12 months; \$xx to fund xx program for 18 months; etc.**

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. **Eligible Applicants:** (1) Local nonprofit organizations in the West Africa/Sahel region; (2) U.S. nonprofit organizations having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; and (3) institutions of higher education in the West Africa/Sahel region

2. **Cost Sharing or Matching:** Cost sharing, matching, or cost participation is encouraged to complement this funding.
3. **Consortia:** Organizations may apply to this call as individual organizations or consortia; however, one organization must be designated as the lead applicant at both the concept note and full proposal stage. If the applicant is applying as a consortium or partnership, a brief description of how the partnership will be organized should be included.

D. APPLICATION, SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEADLINES

1. Application for the Concept Note:

The application package can be downloaded from the website - www.Grants.gov. Search for Opportunity Number: **DOS-ESF-TSCTP-15-001**

The following documents make up the complete package:

- 1) This Full Announcement document(for reference)
- 2) TSCTP Concept Note Template
- 3) SF-424
- 4) TSCTP Quarterly Report Template

2. **All organizations selected for funding must acquire a DUNS number and complete SAMs registration.**

How to obtain Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM)

(i) DUNS number is a unique nine-digit identification number. DUNS Number assignment is free for organizations required to register with the federal government for grants. To get DUNS number, go to:

<https://iupdate.dnb.com/iUpdate/viewiUpdateHome.htm>

(ii) For SAMs registration, go to: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/>

3. **Submission of Concept Notes, Proposals and Questions for this Funding:**

Domestic NGOs should submit concept notes, proposals and questions to the U.S. Mission of their respective country. International NGOs should submit concept notes, proposals and questions to the Department of State in Washington, DC. **A list of e-mail address for submission of concept notes, proposals and questions is provided below.** Applications are accepted in English only. Final grant agreements will be concluded in English.

International Applicants	<u>ChouleninaAP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Nigeria	<u>NigeriaTSCTP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Chad	<u>ChadTSCTP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Niger	<u>NigerTSCTP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Cameroon	<u>CameroonTSCTP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Mali	<u>MaliTSCTP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Burkina Faso	<u>BurkinaFasoTSCTP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Senegal	<u>SenegalTSCTP@state.gov</u>
Applicants in Mauritania	<u>MauritaniaTSCTP@state.gov</u>

4. The deadline for the submission of concept notes is December 20, 2015.

5. Form of Application and Content:

(a) Use the **TSCTP Concept Template**. Remember to articulate:

- (i) A problem statement identifying a violent extremism challenge to be addressed and any existing efforts locally and otherwise to address the problem to date
- (ii) Project description and objectives,
- (iii) Proposed methodology, locations and timeline
- (iv) Summary of the organization(s), experience doing similar work, and description of how any partnership will be organized

(b) **Summary budget must be attached to the concept note.** Summary budgets must include the following categories, as applicable:

- (i) Personnel allowances
- (ii) Benefits
- (iii) Travel
- (iv) Program equipment
- (v) Supplies
- (vi) Contractual
- (vii) Other direct costs
- (viii) Indirect costs
- (ix) Total amount requested

(c) **Completed SF424 form** (also known as “Application for Federal Assistance SF-424). This is a standard form required for use as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications and applications and related information on grant applications. **There should be no other attachments, aside from the budget and SF-424 form, to the initial concept note submission.**

(d) To be considered for this funding, organizations must submit a complete application package including:

- Concept note;
- Budget for the program period; and
- Signed completed SF-424.

E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. **Criteria:** Eligible submissions will be those that comply with the criteria and requirements included in this announcement. In addition, the review panel will evaluate the concept notes based on the following criteria:

- (i) Quality of program idea
- (ii) Project design – is the plan sound, feasible, likely to meet objectives?
- (iii) Organization’s/Consortium’s experience and capacity
- (iv) Cost effectiveness

2. After reviewing the concept notes, selected organizations will be invited to submit full proposals. Selected organizations will have **10 days** from notification to submit full proposals, with detailed budgets, and attachments as applicable.

F. FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. **Federal Award Administration:** A successful applicant can expect to receive a separate notice that their application has been selected. That notice is not an authorization to begin performance. Only the notice of award signed by the grants

officer is the authorizing document. **Unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.**

2. **Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** This award is made consistent with the following provisions in the following order of precedence: (a) applicable laws and statutes of the United States, including any specific legislative provisions mandated in the statutory authority for the award; (b) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); (c) Department of State Standard Terms and Conditions of the award; (d) the award's specific requirements; and (e) other documents and attachments to the award.

G. REPROTING

Funded applicants will be required to submit:

- (a) **Program Reports:** These are reports describing and analyzing the results of activities undertaken during the validity period of the agreement. A program report is required within thirty (30) days following the end of each three month period of performance during the validity period of the agreement. The final program report is due ninety (90) days following the end of the agreement. The submission dates for program reports will be written into the grant agreement. Grantees receiving multi-year awards should follow this same reporting schedule and should still submit a final program report at the end of each year that summarizes the NGO's performance during the previous year.
- (b) **Financial Reports:** Financial reports are required within thirty (30) days following the end of each quarter during the validity period of the agreement. The final financial report covering the entire period of the agreement is required within ninety (90) days after the expiration date of the agreement.