



THE U.S. EMBASSY IN DUSHANBE REQUESTS PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE 2014 DEMOCRACY OUTREACH / ALUMNI GRANTS PROGRAM

The Embassy of the United States of America is now accepting applications for the 2014 Alumni Grants Program. Alumni of all U.S. Government-funded exchange and training programs are eligible. USG alumni must be registered on the Exchange Alumni website <https://alumni.state.gov> to participate in the 2014 Alumni Grants Program.

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to organizations that have USG alumni as members or to individual alumni for activities that support democratic advancement and economic reform in Tajikistan. The program aims to provide alumni with networking opportunities to further the professional development of alumni and their colleagues and to assist alumni in implementing and disseminating the concepts learned during exchange programs. The amount of grants must not exceed \$5,000 for organizations and \$3,000 for individuals.

Funds may be used for the following:

- To initiate a public or community service program;
- To provide support for alumni association events;
- To organize training programs or conferences for professional colleagues and/or other alumni;
- To provide continued funding for existing alumni centers, and minimal start-up costs for alumni associations;
- To organize and plan networking events;
- To develop and publish curricula, textbooks, or related reference or educational materials;
- To publish public information pamphlets or brochures on topics that further USG assistance goals;
- To conduct other projects that support democratic and economic reform initiatives.

Funds may not be used for the following:

- To support projects requested by non-USG alumni organizations and individuals;
- To support projects relating to political activity, charitable activity and/or humanitarian aid, fund-raising campaigns, commercial projects and those that duplicate existing projects;
- To pay for international travel outside of Tajikistan, including travel to/from the United States;
- To pay for speakers traveling from the United States;
- To pay salaries and honorariums for alumni involved in the project;
- To support organization's expansion or acquisition of equipment;
- To support infrastructural projects;
- Projects with a computer based English translation.

All project activities should start after May 01, 2014.

Application Submission:

Proposals must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**. Proposals and SF form 424 attached separately should be submitted in English to:

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