

## **THE DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM**

Historically, the Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF) has been one of a variety of programs the U.S. government (USG) has used to support the process of democratization in Africa.

Individual embassies indicated that the vast majority of activities previously funded under DHRF made a significant local impact and strengthened nascent groups that otherwise would not have received financial or organizational support.

### **What projects are eligible for funding?**

DHRF provides grants to indigenous organizations for small, focused, relatively discrete, high-impact, and short-term (one year) democracy-related activities on Human Rights; i.e. an effective civil society, an independent judiciary, free and fair electoral processes at all levels, and the protection and advocacy of human rights.

### **How much are the grants?**

Activities will be no larger than \$25,000; converted to CFA at the prevailing exchange rate. Projects typically funded are small, in the range of US\$10,000 to \$US15, 000.

### **How are projects selected?**

Post Democracy Team (PDT) meets once a year to decide on funding. Activities should be designed to show some measurable results with an emphasis on change. However, no funds will be used, directly or indirectly, to influence the outcome of any election in any country. Project funding is generally decided in July of each year.

### **How does an organization apply?**

Information and Application forms are available at the U.S. Embassy, through the Development Office. They may be requested by mail or in person. You may also click ([English](#)) ([French](#)) to pick the forms online. The deadline for submission of applications for every fiscal year is December 30 of every ensuing year. Applications can be submitted at any time before that date to the Development Office at the Embassy or by Post.

### **When is the application submission period?**

Applications are accepted through December 31 for financing to occur the next fiscal year. Please send applications to: **U.S. Embassy, Development Office, B.P. 852, Lomé-Togo.**

### **How can you discuss with the program coordinator?**

By arrangement with the Self Help Coordinator you may have an appointment beforehand via email: [sshlome@state.gov](mailto:sshlome@state.gov) or telephone: **261 54 70.**

**Available hours:** Mondays and Thursdays 10:00 – 12:00