

U. S. AMBASSADORS FUND FOR CULTURAL PRESERVATION (AFCP) 2011

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR LARGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Deadline for applications is January 10, 2011.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

American Embassy Kyiv is pleased to announce a call for proposals for the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation Large Grants Program. The Fund was established by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in 2001. The purpose of the Ambassadors Fund is to help other countries preserve cultural heritage and demonstrate U.S. respect for other cultures.

Qualified entities may apply for support. As defined by the AFCP program these are reputable and accountable non-governmental organizations, museums, ministries of culture, or similar institutions and organizations that are able to demonstrate that they have the requisite experience and capacity to manage large-scale projects to preserve cultural heritage.

The program supports the preservation of significant cultural and historic sites that are globally or nationally significant, accessible to the public and protected by law. The type of sites include significant:

Archaeological sites,

Historic buildings and Monuments,

Major museum collections.

The Large Grants Program gives top priority to projects that are keeping with international cultural heritage preservation standards.

AFCP DOES NOT SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

(A) Preservation or purchase of privately or commercially owned cultural objects, collections, or real property;

(B) Preservation of intangible heritage;

(C) Preservation of natural heritage (physical, biological, and geological formations, paleontological collections, habitats of threatened species of animals and plants, fossils, etc.);

(D) Preservation of hominid or human remains;

(E) Preservation of news media (newspaper, newsreels, etc.);

(F) Preservation of published materials (books, periodicals, etc.);

(G) Development of curricula or educational materials for classroom use;

(H) Archaeological excavations or surveys for research purposes;

- (I) Historical research, except in cases where historical research is justifiable and integral to the success of the proposed project;
- (J) Acquisition or creation of new collections for new or existing museums;
- (K) Installation of new, or reinstallation of existing museum collections unless part of a larger objects conservation effort;
- (L) Construction of new buildings;
- (M) Commissions of new works of art or performances for commemorative or economic development purposes;
- (N) Creation of replicas or re-creation of cultural objects or sites that no longer exist;
- (O) Relocation of cultural sites from one physical location to another;
- (P) Removal of cultural objects or elements of cultural sites from the country for any reason;
- (Q) Digitization of cultural objects or collections, unless part of a larger, clearly defined conservation effort;
- (R) Conservation plans or other studies, unless they are one component of a larger project to implement the results of those studies;
- (S) Cash reserves, endowments or revolving funds; funds must be expended within the award period and may not be used to create an endowment or revolving fund or otherwise spent over many years;
- (T) Costs of fund-raising campaigns;
- (U) Operating expenses, i.e. expenses incurred during the day-to-day operational activities of an organization, such as office rent, utilities, license fees, and other costs for administrative time, services, or materials not directly related to performing project work;
- (V) Contingency, unforeseen, or miscellaneous fees;
- (W) Costs of work performed prior to announcement of the award;
- (X) International travel, except in cases where travel is justifiable and integral to the success of the proposed project;
- (Y) Individual projects costing less than US \$500,000;
- (Z) Awards to individuals or commercial entities;

As a general rule AFCP does not support independent U.S. projects abroad.

An item with a religious connection may be the subject of a cultural preservation grant if the item is nominated solely on the basis of architectural, artistic, historical or other cultural (not religious) criteria.

FUNDING

The average award amount is \$750,000. AFCP does not require but welcomes cost sharing, contributions and other forms of cost participation.

AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

All the proposals will be rated based on the quality, soundness and comprehensiveness of the project and budget; the urgency of the proposed project; the quality and quantity of supporting materials, such as resumes of the key project participants, images of the resource, and notices of official permission from the responsible resource steward, such as ministry of culture. The best proposals will be recommended by the U.S. embassy in Ukraine for the further stage of the competition and will be forwarded to AFCP for selection of a possible winner.

Application forms should be sent in English and Ukrainian to: KyivAFCP@state.gov

For a sample of application in English please visit:.....

For a sample of budget in English please visit:

For a sample of application in Ukrainian please visit:

For a sample of budget in Ukrainian please visit:

In the subject line of your e-mail message please write: "AFCP-2011 Large Program *and the title of your project*".

Acceptance of your proposal will be confirmed by e-mail by January 12, 2011.

Good Luck!