



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

Lots going on...

Warmest regards,

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NEWS AND EVENTS

Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development

Procurement reform,

- <http://blog.usaid.gov/2010/12/secretary-clinton-holds-town-hall-meeting-at-usaid-on-the-qddr/>
- <http://www.state.gov/s/dmr/qddr/>

Review (QDDR)

- [Factsheet link](#)
- [Exec summary link? Or just State page on it.](#)
- <http://www.usaid.gov/qddr/>
-

USAID Forward and the Foreign Assistance Dashboard

<http://forward.usaid.gov/>

<http://www.foreignassistance.gov/>

<http://forward.usaid.gov/node/291>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

DIV

<http://www.usaid.gov/div/>

As a part of President Obama's commitment to increase investments and engagement in game-changing innovations, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has announced the launch of Development Innovation Ventures (DIV).

Through DIV, USAID seeks to work with a variety of partners to create innovative scalable solutions to core development challenges. Borrowing from the private venture capital model, DIV will seek, through a competitive process to invest resources in promising high-risk, high-return projects that breakthrough innovations often require, but are often difficult to undertake using traditional agency structures. DIV's goal is to identify and support innovations with a proven, cost-effective impact that can match the scale of microfinance—75 million end users worldwide.

Maura O'Neill, Chief Innovation Officer, and Michael Kremer, a world-renowned economist from Harvard University originally conceived the idea of DIV. Kremer will be joining USAID as the scientific director of the DIV and will help recruit new talent and ideas to the agency.

"We know that great ideas and development breakthroughs come from all

different places – a lab in a university, an indigenous person who has deep local knowledge, or a passionate entrepreneur,” said O’Neill. “Often, it is a combination of different people and organizations working together in new ways to create a way to identify and grow innovative ideas. Our focus is on faster breakthroughs that scale to have global impact.”

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/private_voluntary_cooperation/index.html#dgp

Development Grants Program (DGP)

Current Activities

In Fiscal Year 2011, PVC will be issuing two separate Requests for Applications (RFAs) for the Development Grants Program. We are currently preparing the first RFA which will only cover projects addressing Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). We hope to release the WASH RFA before the end of December, 2010.

The subsequent RFA is expected to support projects in the areas of Microenterprise and Climate Change Adaptation and we hope to release it early in the 2011 calendar year.

Please check this site and www.grants.gov for updates and RFA links. We are currently in discussion with Missions regarding their interest in DGP participation, so if you are interested in working in a particular country, please let the Mission know of your interest in the DGP. Mission contact information can be found here.

To apply for the DGP, US-based NGOs must have 501(c)(3) status and register with the USAID PVO Registration Database. Instructions can be found further down on this webpage. In the normal course, the organization should have been in existence for more than one year. As registration can take a number of weeks, we encourage potential US-based applicants to register before the RFA is released. Local NGO applicants do not need to register with USAID to apply. However, they must be recognized under the laws of the country in which they are domiciled.

Background

The Development Grants Program (DGP) is a competitive small grants program, initiated in 2008, that provides opportunities for U.S. PVOs and local NGOs that have limited or no experience managing direct USAID grants. The DGP was designed to expand the number of direct partnerships USAID has with U.S. PVOs and indigenous, local NGOs and to build the capacity of these organizations to better meet the needs of their constituents. Successful PVO/NGO applicants receive awards for \$2 million or less to implement activities in the field over a three-year period. ODP/PVC provides capacity building support via the Capable Partners (CAP) and/or via local capacity building service providers to both improve grantee award implementation and strengthen their organizational capacity.

Established in 2008 by Section 674 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, the first competitive cycle resulted in 60 awards in 25 countries. The

DGP

DGP provides an opportunity for U.S. PVOs and local NGOs to make contributions to USAID's objectives to address the development challenges of local communities through strengthening civil society organizations.

Objectives

The three objectives of the DGP are:

1. To broaden participation in USAID programs of local NGOs and U.S. PVOs with experience and expertise relevant to priority USAID and partner country development objectives;
2. To expand numbers of local NGOs and U.S. PVOs with planning, management and service delivery systems adequate to implement USAID-funded activities; and
3. To facilitate measurable NGO/PVO contributions to the achievement of the USAID Mission development objectives with emphasis given to those that address Agency priority strategies.

The sectors supported in last year's DGP were microenterprise, water and sanitation, dairy, and adaptation to climate change. These sectors supported Agency priorities at the community level in the areas of economic growth, food security, water and global climate change. Through activities supported under these sectors, the DGP strengthens civil society by promoting transparent and accountable governance and promotes women's leadership capacity in areas such as economic self-reliance and natural resources management.

<http://www.usaid.gov/stayconnected/>

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Airlink

<http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/scmpublicportal/states.aspx?st=airlink>

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

(check out grants.gov for the most up-to-date information on grant and funding opportunities as information does change)

Annual Program Statement (APS)

- An APS is used to generate competition for activities that are complementary to USAID's strategic

USAID/Brasilia - BRAZIL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - The USAID Mission in Brazil is seeking concept papers to create new partnerships to support USAID Brazil Mission priorities in Economic Growth and Investing in People through initiatives in the following areas: 1) Corporate Social Responsibility; 2) Disaster Assistance; 3) Energy – Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency; 4) Environment – Biodiversity; 5) Health – HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis. **The closing date of this announcement is April 13, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID - APS for Biomedical Research for Reproductive Health - The purpose of the APS is to publicize this United States Government's (USG) plan to fund a limited number of awards through USAID/Washington's Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH), and Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA), to address a focused set of family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) issues. **The closing date of this announcement is May 24, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Pretoria - APS: Basic Education with Links to Employment and Vulnerable Children in Angola – The USAID Mission to Angola is seeking applications from local organizations registered to operate in Angola to expand its programming in basic education. This APS invites applications that are innovative and propose to scale up

objectives. They originate from USAID offices and missions around the world and solicit creative approaches and programs that will accomplish defined objectives.

Request for Applications (RFA)

- RFAs invite interested parties to submit competitive applications for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written, and the evaluation criteria to be used.

tested activities taking place in Angola that relate to primary education, learning for out-of-school youth, and adult literacy. Potential applicants must be local organizations registered in Angola. Applications received in response to this APS will be reviewed twice during the period the APS will remain open. **The closing date for Round 1 Application submission was August 20, 2010 and applications for Round 2 should be received no later than June 20, 2011 (1600 hrs Pretoria time).** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID – Initiative for Conservation of the Andean Amazon Phase II - This Annual Program Statement (APS) disseminates information about USAID/LAC Bureau's Phase II Initiative for Conservation in the Andean Amazon (ICAA II) program and provides prospective grantees with an opportunity to develop and submit applications for funding to help meet the objectives of ICAA II Intermediate Result 1 -- Selected Landscapes Managed Sustainably. **The closing date for this announcement is July 9, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID – Development Innovation Ventures - Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) brings together diverse innovators from academia, the private sector and NGOs to identify, develop, and transition to scale promising approaches to pressing development problems around the world. Development Innovation Ventures aims to institutionalize further in USAID the serendipitous process by which great ideas are conceptualized, developed, refined to meet real-world operational challenges, tested, and ultimately scaled up to change the world in fundamental ways. DIV encourages innovation in all sectors that impact the ability of people in developing countries to live healthy and productive lives, from economic growth to agriculture to anti-corruption activities. The following list of potential innovation partners is for illustrative purposes because our eligibility criteria are intentionally wide. We welcome applications from all types of organizations including foundations, U.S. and non-U.S. NGOs, faith-based organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. private businesses, business and trade associations, international organizations, U.S. and non-U.S. colleges and universities, civic groups, regional organizations, etc. **The closing date for this announcement is July 21, 2011, but read the complete solicitation for review deadlines.** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Jakarta - APS IKAT-US: CIVIL SOCIETIES INNOVATING TOGETHER - Indonesian and US NGOs are invited to submit applications which describe proposed approaches that encourage Indonesian NGOs to utilize their expertise and experiences *outside Indonesia* by developing and implementing projects on a range of democracy, governance, and human rights subjects in cooperation with their counterparts in other Southeast Asian countries. **August 2, 2011 is closing date to submit the Second Round of Concept Papers.** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Washington - Support for International Family Planning Organizations (SIFPO) - The USAID Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) within the Global Health Bureau is seeking concept papers from qualified applicants for funding of grants and/or cooperative agreements. The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publicize United States Government (USG) plans to fund a limited number of awards through USAID/Washington to support increased capacity among international family planning (FP) organizations, in order to increase the availability of quality FP services worldwide. **This APS has an open-ended closing date. If this APS becomes irrelevant for any reason or funding is unavailable, USAID reserves the right to close the APS.** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Cairo - Community Livelihoods Project in Yemen - In the near future, USAID Yemen intends to announce a full and open competition to implement the Mission's Community Livelihoods Project (CLP) subject to the availability of funds. This integrated, flexible, multi-sectoral initiative will serve as the flagship project for the Mission's implementation of the 2010-2012 USAID/Yemen Strategy. The project is

intended to mitigate the drivers of instability in some of Yemen's most difficult areas through the facilitation and implementation of quality government service delivery, job creation, responsive local governance, and active civic participation. Please note that the Mission staff will be unable to entertain meetings or respond to queries with prospective implementers at this stage. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/Cairo - National Governance Project in Yemen - In the near future, USAID Yemen intends to announce a full and open competition to implement the Mission's future National Governance Project (NGP) subject to the availability of funds. This integrated, multi-sectoral program will be technically complementary to USAID/Yemen's future flagship project, the Community Livelihoods Project (CLP). NGP will be a key part of the Mission's implementation program under the 2010-2012 USAID Yemen Strategy. NGP is intended to facilitate more equitable socio-economic development by strengthening public policies and institutions that will contribute to mitigating the drivers of instability in Yemen. Please note that the Mission staff will be unable to entertain meetings or respond to queries with prospective implementers at this stage. For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/West Bank – Civic Participation Program - The purpose of the Civic Participation Program is to reinvigorate civic participation in the Palestinian Authority (PA) decision-making process, in the monitoring and oversight of government institutions, and in the broader public sector discourse in order to ensure a more vibrant and robust democratic dialogue between the government and the citizens of the future Palestinian state. **Closing date of the solicitation will be indicated in the full RFA announcement once posted.** For more information, click [here](#).

USAID/West Bank - Palestinian Community Assistance Program - USAID/West Bank and Gaza - Palestinian Community Assistance Program Pre-Solicitation Notice - USAID/West Bank and Gaza will be releasing an RFA that intends to award one Cooperative Agreement to an organization that would manage and oversee humanitarian and recovery sub-grants over a multi-year period. The RFA will fund complex programming in Gaza which promotes long-term food security, safe and secure housing options, improved infrastructure, household-level economic recovery, and other economic recovery opportunities. **The closing date of the solicitation will be stated in the full announcement of the RFA once posted.** For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Open Funding Opportunities for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State can be found at:

<http://exchanges.state.gov/grants/open2.html>. Current opportunities include:

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U.S. Mission to Afghanistan - Afghan Women's Empowerment Grants Program - The Political Section at U.S. Embassy Kabul is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the newly-launched Afghan Women's Empowerment (AWE) Grants Program. The AWE Grants Program provides \$5,000-\$50,000 grants for Afghan-led projects that increase women's participation in the political sphere. **The closing date for this announcement is September 30, 2012.** For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Embassy Kabul - PAS Annual Program Statement - The U.S. Embassy Kabul Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the embassy's Public Diplomacy Grants program. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope, capacity, and participation of civil society in building up the media and communications sectors in Afghanistan, that serve to support and develop Afghan voices and new leaders capable of contradicting

extremism, that support civil society and boost institutional capacity, and that Strengthen people-to-people ties to deepen the partnership between communities within Afghanistan and between Afghanistan and the United States. **The closing date for this announcement is October 1, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).

MEPI Regional Office Annual Program Statement - The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) of the U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce funding is available through the Regional Offices' Local Grants program. Purpose of Grant: Local Grants are intended for local representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and universities. They support projects to expand and develop civil society and encourage indigenous efforts to create societies based on pluralism, participation, and prosperity. Funding is available for projects that increase the scope and capacity and participation of civil society, create new economic opportunities, enhance access to and quality of education systems, and/or empower women. **Applications will be received on a rolling basis and will be reviewed on the basis of their fullness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail.** For more information, click [here](#).