

Questions & Answers
U.S. Mission to Afghanistan - Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Concept Note
Funding Opportunity Number: PDS-Kabul-AFCP-122022-001

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Note: This is the final Q&A document for this announcement. For the latest copy of this document, please visit [Grants.gov PDS-Kabul-AFCP-122022-001](https://www.grants.gov/PDS-Kabul-AFCP-122022-001)

1. **Question:** If the project is supported by two entities, does only one of them must present all the documents requested as the project leader ? Are there any other documents to be presented by the other partner (SF-424 forms for example) ?

Answer: Correct, only the primary applicant submits the required documents listed in the announcement. The proposed sub-partner entity does not need to submit a separate SF424. However, it is the responsibility of the primary applicant to explain the sub-partner's role and responsibilities in the proposed program as well as it's relationship to the primary applicant.

2. **Question:** Are NGOs eligible for the award or only INGOs can apply?

Answer: Yes, local NGOs are eligible to submit concept note for this opportunity.

3. **Question:** Submission; do we need to submit our concept note online or through the given email address?

Answer: For the purpose of this announcement, all application materials must be submitted electronically via the email address provided within the concept note announcement - KabulPDSProposals@state.gov

4. **Question:** The budget sheet should be part of our concept note or the SF424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs, should be filled in or it should be in separate excel file?

Answer: Applicants are required to submit a detailed project budget in an excel sheet, demarcated in one-year budget periods (2023, 2024, 2025, etc.), that lists all costs in separate categories (Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel [including Per Diem], Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other Direct Costs, Indirect Costs); indicates funds from other sources; and gives a justification for any anticipated international travel costs. Additionally, applicants should submit budget narrative explaining how the costs were estimated (quantity x unit cost, annual salary x percentage of time spent on project, etc.) and any large budget line items. This is in addition to the SF-424A that is required for this concept note.

5. **Question:** Can a university apply for the Cultural Preservation Grants Program?

Answer: As noted in page 3 of this concept note announcement, under eligibility information, both foreign and U.S. based institution of higher educations are eligible to apply. Based on these criteria, yes, a university is eligible to apply for this opportunity.

6. **Question:** Can we also focus on some soft behavioral change activities e.g. sensitization of women, men and youth on cultural preservation along with the preservation of cultural heritage?

Answer: Behavioral change activities can be included if they are appropriately aligned with the overall program intent. We encourage the applicants to review carefully the concept note announcement and make sure the purposed activities support the intended project objectives as listed under Appropriate project activities on page 2. To understand what activities are not permitted, please review the funding restrictions in page 3 of this announcement.