

## DFOP0009889 Questions & Answers – 4/2/24

**Q:** Would CT consider awarding funds via an IAA for ideas related to this NOFO and others?

**A:** This funding opportunity is available via a Cooperative Agreement.

**Q:** Noting that region priority is set as “Global”, are there any current US-funded projects on the same topic with regional focus?

**A:** The Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism supports numerous anti-money laundering/countering the finance of terror (AML/CFT) initiatives and capacity building efforts worldwide. The intention of this funding opportunity, however, is to initiate new programming to specifically address gaps and challenges related to the use of crowdfunding platforms to fundraise and finance terror organizations. Programming should be complementary to existing international AML/CFT activities.

As a global program, applicants should propose activities and technical assistance that will be delivered to multiple countries, either separately or in tandem. The Department recommends that applicants: 1) propose specific beneficiary countries with justifications for the recommendation of such countries based on the applicant’s knowledge of high-risk countries, gaps, absorption capacity, political will, and other relevant factors; or 2) propose a selection method as part of the project to identify beneficiary countries with specific criteria, metrics, methodology, and timelines.

**Q:** Is a broader focused proposal better for submission? For example, should proposals focus on more traditional areas of training (i.e., workshops, study visits, development of knowledge products) or are more innovative solutions better suited?

**A:** The Department is most interested in effective and sustainable proposals but welcomes creative and innovative programming submissions. Applicants should demonstrate through the narrative proposal that proposed activities are realistically achievable within the period of performance and available budget and will lead to tangible and sustainable gains in capacity for beneficiary countries.

**Q:** Would State/CT consider revising the NOFO to allow for profit entities to bid, allowing greater competition?

**A:** For profit organizations are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

**Q:** Could State/CT confirm that there are no regional preferences or priorities potential bidders should focus on?

**A:** As a global program, applicants may focus on countries in any region which would satisfy the criteria for this program. The Department of State Bureau of Counterterrorism is looking for applicants to: 1) identify countries that have a specific terrorism financing risk related to crowdfunding or propose a selection method for identifying potential beneficiary countries; and 2) to propose a realistic and effective program with lasting impact to address that risk.

**Q:** Given the length of the Logic Model template provided, can the Logic Model be included as a separate attachment, rather than be part of the 10-page "Proposal" document?

**A: The Logic Model should be completed in a separate document from the proposal. Therefore, it does not count towards the 10-page limit proposal document.**

**Q: Do applicants need to address all four program objectives listed in the NOFO? If so, can applicants suggest different program objectives to structure their activities, as long as they cover the four program objectives listed in the NOFO?**

**A: The proposal must address all four program objectives listed in the NOFO on page 2. Applicants may suggest different activity-based program objectives in the proposal narrative (as described on page 4) as long as they support the overall NOFO objectives.**

**Q: Does the separate gender analysis document count towards the 10-page limit of the proposal document?**

**A: No, the separate gender analysis document does not count toward the 10-page limit of the proposal.**

**Q: Is a Performance Monitoring Plan with indicators and targets required as part of the proposal submission?**

**A: A Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) that addresses performance indicators and targets is a required part of all proposal submissions.**

**Q: Could you advise if there is a particular template we should follow for the PMP, and if so, please share said template with us?**

**A: There is no set template for the Performance Monitoring Plan. Applicants may use whichever format they choose.**