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**USAID/DCHA/CMM and USAID/West Bank/Gaza
Annual Program Statement (APS)
FY 15 Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities
APS # 294-15-000002**

ISSUANCE DATE: April 30, 2015
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: May 23, 2015
CLOSING DATE: June 21, 2015 (Tel Aviv Local Time)

SUBJECT: USAID/West Bank and Gaza Annual Program Statement (APS) for Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) invites applications for funding from the following qualified Potential partners to carry out activities that mitigate conflict and promote reconciliation by bringing together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of national conflict, civil conflict and war: U.S. and non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private voluntary organizations, foundations, colleges and universities, civic groups, faith-based and community institutions, international organizations (PIO or IO), private businesses and associations, regional organizations, philanthropic organizations, and advocacy groups.

For-profit applicants should note that USAID policy prohibits the payment of fee/profit to the prime recipient under grants and Cooperative Agreements. Forgone profit does not qualify as cost-sharing or leveraging. USAID encourages applications from potential new partners and, in particular, Palestinian Organizations.

The authority for this APS is the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. Pursuant to 2 CFR 700, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. Resulting awards to U.S. non-governmental organizations will be administered in accordance with USAID ADS 303, 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 700 and Standard Provisions for U.S. and Non-U.S. Nongovernmental Organizations. Non-U.S organizations, PIOs and IOs will be administered in accordance with the ADS 303, 2 CFR 700 and Standard Provisions incorporated under the awards.

Organizations receiving an award under this APS must comply with all applicable U.S. laws. Failure to comply with applicable U.S. law and regulations may result in forfeiture or termination of the award.

USAID requests summary applications limited to five pages. Summary applications must be submitted by June 21, 2015¹. These applications will be reviewed in accordance with the evaluation criteria, with the finalists being subsequently asked to submit a full application, except in the case of Fixed Amount Awards, which will not require a full application. USAID's

¹ This APS is open for six months from the date of issuance or until all funds available for awards have been expended. USAID reserves the right to call for future applications.

request for full application does not commit USAID to make an award. All applicants will be informed of the results of the evaluation of the summary applications as soon as time permits. Upon request, USAID will provide feedback concerning the applications. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

Palestinian organizations are encouraged to submit applications as “primes” under this APS. Further information is provided under Section A.

USAID anticipates awarding multiple Standard Assistance Awards (Grants and Cooperative Agreements) and Fixed Amount Awards (FAAs) up to \$9 million under this APS as follows:

Standard Assistance Award (See Section B): Range from a minimum amount of \$500,000 to a maximum amount of \$1,200,000. Finalists applying for a Standard Assistance Award will be invited to submit a full application. (See Attachment A of the APS for guidance on full application format).

Fixed Amount Award (See Section C): Range from a minimum amount of \$50,000 to a maximum amount of \$100,000. Applicants that submit applications that fall within the parameters of FAAs will not be required to submit a full application and will be notified if successful or unsuccessful based only on the summary application.

For FAA awards whose geographic area of implementation is within Israel only, the US Embassy Tel Aviv will assume the pre-and post- award responsibilities.

This APS consists of this cover letter and the following:

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| 1. Section A - | APS objectives; |
| 2. Section B - | Standard Assistance Awards; |
| 3. Section C - | Fixed Amount Awards (FAA); |
| 4. Section D - | Selection Criteria; |
| 5. Attachment A- | Standard Assistance Award-Full Application Format; |
| 6. Attachment B- | USAID West Bank and Gaza Mandatory Special Provisions; |
| 7. Attachment C- | Other Information-References; |
| 8. Attachment D- | Fixed Amount Award (FAA) Entity Eligibility Checklist; |
| 9. Attachment E- | Standard Assistance Award Technical Application Cover Page; |
| 10. Attachment F- | FAA Technical Application Cover Page and Program Summary; |
| 11. Attachment G- | Budget Template; |
| 12. Attachment H- | Sample Budget Narrative; |
| 13. Attachment I- | VAT Guidance; |
| 14. Attachment J- | Mission Order No.21. |
| 15. Attachment K- | Instructions for Registration in DUNS and SAM |

The preferred method of distribution of USAID Annual Program Statements (APS) is electronically via Grants.gov. This APS and any future amendments can be downloaded from <http://www.grants.gov>. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that it has received the APS and any future amendments from <http://www.grants.gov> in their entirety. All interested

parties are encouraged to register on <http://www.grants.gov> to receive automatic notification of amendments to this APS.

Applicants may upload applications to <http://www.grants.gov>; however, USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes associated with electronic submissions.

Additionally, USAID/West Bank and Gaza requires that all applications be submitted electronically (e-mailed) to WBG-APS-CMM2015@usaid.gov by June 21, 2015 (Tel Aviv Local Time) Applicants are required to request a receipt confirmation to ensure that the application was received.

Issuance of this APS does not constitute an award commitment on the part of USAID, nor does it commit USAID to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, USAID reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. **In addition, final award of any resultant Assistance Award(s) will not be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed through internal USAID procedures, including a strategic review conducted in coordination with the State Department.** All costs are at the Applicant's own expense.

IMPORTANT: USAID requests that all questions regarding this APS be submitted in writing via e-mail to WBG-APS-CMM2015@usaid.gov no later than May 23, 2015. Answers to all questions will be provided through an amendment to the APS which will be posted on grants.gov.

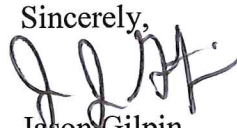
USAID/West Bank and Gaza will be hosting the following two pre-application conference(s) for prospective applicants:

- **Monday, May 11, 2015, Dan Panorama Hotel, 10 Professor Yehezkel Kaufmann Street, Tel - Aviv- 9:00-13:00.**
- **Tuesday, May 12, 2015, YDRC, Jabal Altaweel Street (across from Al- Bireh International Stadium and Alhashemia School) , Al Bireh- 9:00-13:00**

Please acknowledge your attendance by RSVP for your elected session by 14:00 (Tel Aviv Local Time) on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, to the following email address: wbgusaidcmm@usaid.gov.

Applicants should retain for their records one copy of all enclosures which accompany their application.

Thank you for your interest in USAID Programs.

Sincerely,

Jason Gilpin
Agreement Officer
USAID/West Bank and Gaza