



**Embassy of the United States of America
President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
Political and Economic Section – PEPFAR Small Grants Program**

Notice of Funding Opportunity

The PEPFAR Small Grants Program is funded through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR). The PEPFAR goal is to advance progress towards sustainable control of the HIV epidemic and, ultimately, achieve an AIDS-free generation. As part of the PEPFAR, the United States Embassy in Maputo administers the Small Grants Program that is seeking to support small, grassroots, community-run projects throughout Mozambique. Programs/activities should focus on **support services for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs), Prevention of new infections by the HIV and Adult Care and Support.**

The U.S. Embassy is currently soliciting innovative and cost-effective projects/activities from **National legally registered** community-based, faith-based and non-governmental organizations. Applicants may submit a project proposal with **one-page summary** that includes a brief description of: (1) name of the organization and project title, program area (Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Prevention for Adults or Youth Population and Adult Care and Support) and its geographical area including implementing site information; (2) key objectives; (3) target group; (4) primary activities; (5) expected measurable results; (6) amount of funding requested, and (7) name and contact information of project coordinator. Proposals may be submitted in English or Portuguese.

The proposal must not exceed ten pages (font Times New Roman, font size 12, and 1.5 spacing) and must include the following information: (1) targeted population by age, sex, risk behavior or other relevant parameters; (2) concise description of type, mix and dosage (e.g. number of sessions) of intervention, for each specific target population including the basis for selecting of these interventions; (3) explanation of how the interventions target the key drivers in the specific epidemic context; (4) describe the geographic and/or population coverage of the intervention; (5) information regarding current partners and donors as well as related sectors; (6) describe how proposed activities are integrated with or linked to other PEPFAR activities; (7) detailed budget; (8) information about previous or current technical assistance received by the organization; (9) how gender issues will be addressed within proposed activities; (10) estimated number of persons to be reached with individual and/or small group level interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the standards required by each funding category (11) monitoring and reporting plan; (12) work plan for implementation of activities and (13) brief description of key personnel; (14) **copy of the organization's registration** and (15) each page needs to be numbered. **Proposals which do not follow the above guidelines will not be considered for funding.**

Funding is expected to be allocated as follows:

Orphans and Vulnerable Children – grants in the amount of \$10,000 to \$24,000 each in the following Provinces: Maputo (Maputo city, Matola and Manhica); Gaza (Xai-Xai and Chókwe); Inhambane (Maxixe); Sofala (Beira), Zambézia (Quelimane, Mocuba); and Cabo Delgado (Pemba)

Activities should focus on the critical needs of the children based on family assessment and defined care plans, in the following domains:

1. **Education** activities that support children and adolescents affected and vulnerable to HIV to overcome barriers to accessing education including enrollment, attendance and progression.
2. **Psychosocial Care and Support** interventions that build on existing resources and place and maintain children in stable and affectionate environments.
3. **Household Economic Strengthening** implement evidence based activities to reduce economic vulnerability of families and empower them to provide for the essential needs of the children in their care. Facilitate access to social protection benefits and complementary interventions, such as parenting skills.
4. **Social Protection** activities to reduce vulnerability and risks, foster human capital development, and stop and reverse poverty from one generation to the next.
5. **Health and Nutrition** programs to improve children's and families' access to health and nutrition services, with emphasis on access to HIV services for children and their caregivers, such as access to HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC), facilitate enrollment and support their retention in treatment. Strong coordination and collaboration with sites providing HIV services is required, to ensure appropriate clinical and community bi-directional referrals.
6. **Child Protection** programs to develop appropriate strategies for preventing and responding to child abuse, exploitation, gender-based violence, and family separation.
7. **Legal Protection** activities for development of strategies to ensure basic legal rights, birth registration, and inheritance rights to improve access to essential services and opportunities.
8. **Capacity Building** programs for supporting coordination and networking between the community, the social and clinic service system.

Strengthening families as primary caregivers of children, strengthening systems to support community ownership, and working within the continuum of response to achieve an AIDS-free generation should be the guiding principles for OVC programming.

Adult Care and Support – grants in the amount of \$10,000.00 to \$24,000.00 each – National Level

Activities that **should** be included in Community Care and Support:

1. **Evidence based interventions** designed to improve retention and adherence to ART.
2. **Psychosocial Care and Spiritual Support** interventions to include group and individual counseling and culturally appropriate end-of-life care and bereavement services.
3. **Social support** interventions that include vocational training, income-generating activities, social and legal

protection, training and support for caregivers. 4. Prevention services activities that include partner/couples and family members HIV testing and counseling, risk reduction counseling, adherence counseling and support, family planning counseling, condom provision and risk reduction counselling. 5. Activities to assure the access to the continuum of care, and support timely initiation and maintenance on Anti-Retroviral Treatment; 6. Activities for appropriate nutritional advice and referral for nutritional assessment, counseling and, food assistance, and follow-up of clients who returned after receiving Nutritional Assessment, Care and Support (NACS); Strengthen community-clinical linkages, and increased adherence and retention of both ART and Pre-ART patients in the health system; 7. Community level interventions targeting HIV beneficiaries that are linked to household food security and resilience assessment and referred to appropriate economic strengthening and livelihood services and support, while promoting retention in clinical care and adherence to ART.
Prevention HVAB - Abstinence/Be faithful - grants in the amount of \$10,000.00 to \$24,000.00 each – National Level
Prevention — Abstinence/be faithful: Activities (including training) to promote abstinence (including delay of sexual activity or secondary abstinence), fidelity, reducing multiple and concurrent partners, and related social and community norms that influence these behaviors. Activities should address programming for both youth and adults; Behavior change programs; Mass Communication and media campaigns and Life Skills Programs.

Selection criteria for the grants will be based on the following:

- Creative, innovative and cost effective projects;
- Organization's past performance based on submitted references;
- Organizational capacity and ability to implement the project;
- Prioritizes high HIV prevalence populations where there is low coverage of HIV activities;
- Use of family based approach for OVC support;
- Evidence based interventions designed to improve retention and adherence to ART;
- Appropriate targeted population interventions.

What the Money cannot be used for: The PEPFAR Small Grants Program cannot contribute money to a building fund, nor can it pay salaries, construction projects, international trips, motorized vehicles (or the maintenance of project vehicles), medicine, food, bursaries or personal expenses nor operating costs (rent, salaries, and electricity). The program cannot fund private businesses and public schools. The procurement of office furniture or supplies is not a priority of this program.

Deadline: **September 28, 2015.** Applications received after this date will not be considered.

How to apply: Please submit proposals to the United States Embassy in Maputo, 193, Kenneth Kaunda Avenue, Post Office Box 783 and address them to the attention of HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator (fax: 21 49 38 57). Electronic submissions may also be sent to the following e-mail address: MaputoPolEconPEPFAR@state.gov. Please include "PEPFAR Small Grants" in the subject line.

Due to the large number of proposals submitted, only shortlisted organizations will be contacted.

Thank you in advance for your participation.
Maputo, July 27, 2015