

Questions on NOFO: Sustaining and Scaling Up Effective Community Anti-Drug Coalitions

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Question 1: I'm inquiring about the funding opportunity listed on grants.gov as it mentions a target region outside of the US. I just wanted to clarify if this opportunity is not accepting US based nonprofits? If so, are educational & social mobility nonprofits encouraged to apply that represent disinvested communities with high gun violence?

INL Response:

Per the NOFO:

C. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. Eligible Applicant Types

The following organizations are eligible to apply:

- U.S.-based non-profit/non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
- U.S.-based educational institutions subject to section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. tax code;
- Foreign-based non-profits/non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
- Foreign-based educational institutions

If your organizations align with the eligible applicant types that were provided in the NOFO, then your organization can apply to the NOFO.

Question 2: Are proposed projects supposed to address all five objectives outlined in the NOFO? Will INL consider projects that only target two or three objectives?

INL Response:

Per the NOFO:

E. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. Technical Evaluation Criteria

A technical evaluation committee, using the criteria shown in this Section, will evaluate the applications. The various functional elements of the technical criteria are assigned weighted scores, so that the applicants will know which areas require emphasis in the preparation of applications.

Where technical applications are considered essentially equal, cost may be the determining factor. Applicants should note that these criteria serve as the standard against which all applications will be evaluated and serve to identify the significant matters which applicants should address in their applications.

The relative importance of each criterion is indicated by the number of points assigned. A total of 100 points is possible.

Project Analysis & Design – Total Possible Points: 50

- Analysis of the problem is insightful and accurate. Insightful analysis includes a thorough discussion of the main causes and scope of the issue the project seeks to address and discussion of who has power to effect change on the issue (10)
- Suggested approaches and solutions (i.e., the theory of change) are: (10)
 - Based on good evidence; and
 - Appropriate given the problem, its causes, and its scope
- Proposed implementation plan is: (10)
 - Aligned with suggested approaches and solutions
 - Feasible given timeline, resources, and context
 - Clearly articulate of how the proposed program activities contribute to the overall program objectives
 - Clearly developed and each activity is clearly detailed
 - Designed such that activities, if implemented according to plan, should result in achievement of program objectives; and objectives, if achieved, should result in achievement of program goals
- Addresses how the program will engage or obtain support from relevant stakeholders and identifies local partners where appropriate (5)
- Proposal includes a gender, equity, and inclusion analysis addressing the ways in which women, gender diverse persons, and members of other marginalized and underrepresented groups, including those with intersecting aspects of identity, might affect and be affected by this project, (3)
- Description of likely challenges to implementation plan, including risks of harm to organization staff, project participants, and/or others, is thorough and mitigation strategies are appropriate (5)
- Applicant considers the gender, equity, and inclusion analysis as part of risk assessment by identifying possible risks to participants as a result of their participation in line with Do No Harm principles. (2)
- Analysis and planning for sustainability is realistic (5)

INL will consider proposals against the technical evaluation criteria outlined in the NOFO and evaluate whether the proposed activities, if implemented according to plan, will result in the achievement of program objectives; and objectives, if achieved, will result in the achievement of project goals.

Question 3: Is South Africa a priority target country under this NOFO?

Per the NOFO:

The applicant shall work with INL-Washington and the country-based program officer to identify and prioritize countries for scaling up coalition activities based on their level of need in addressing community problems such as drug sales and consumption, crime, and gang activity.

The applicant, INL, and the country-based program officer shall work together to identify and prioritize countries under this NOFO.

Question 4: Is there an expectation to have US Government advertising / logos on materials involved in project activities? For example, on banners, posters, handouts and the like.

INL Response:

The Department requires that all programs, projects, assistance, activities, and public communications to foreign audiences, partially or fully-funded by the Department, be marked appropriately overseas with the standard U.S. flag in a size and prominence equal to (or greater than) any other logo or identity. The requirement does not apply to a partner's own corporate communications or in the United States, nor does it apply to the Department's online social media sites or digital media engagement.

All publicity and promotional materials should underscore the sponsorship by or partnership with the U.S. Government or the U.S. Embassy. Existing logos or program materials may continue to be used; however, a standard rectangular U.S. flag must be used in conjunction with such logos.

The U.S. flag may replace or be used in conjunction with the Department of State seal, the U.S. Embassy seal, or other Department of State program logos. A standard rectangular U.S. flag must be incorporated into new:

- Signage and banners at press conferences, cultural and other program events, conferences, receptions, public events, U.S. speaker programs, etc. sponsored by an entity of the Department of State;
- Department and post-produced print publications (e.g., English language teaching materials, exchange information, etc.);
- Signage and labeling on Department-sponsored foreign assistance activities;
- Publicly distributed materials, including fact sheets; and
- Other Department of State supported programs and activities, the focus of which is to engage foreign publics.