

American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)

Program Worldwide Request for Applications No.720DD123RFA00001 for Fiscal Year 2023

Subject: Note to official RFA posting changes

Changes in the 11/1/2023 official posting

- Updated font to Calibri per USAID Notices
- Updated for USAID writing style per USAID Notices; numbers one through ten as words and numbers 11 and above as numerals.
- Section B: Updated USO limitation on award number
- Section C: Updated eligibility requirements
- Section D: Section 3 and 4 merged to now be section 3.
- Section D.3: moved order of text and consolidated
- Moved Phase 2 submission requirements from Section E.2 to Section D.4, distinguish between submission requirements and criteria
- Section D.4: Updated page number limits
- Section D.4: Moved Gender from from Phase 2 to Phase 1, in complying with USAID's requirement that gender is integral to the main program.
- Section D.4: Consolidated commodities submission requirements
- Section D.4: reworded Construction/Renovation requirements
- Moved Environmental Capability questions from Annex 2 to Section D4.
- Section D.4: Environmental Capability - Added new question on new land development and updated climate risk question.
- Section D.5: clarified the use of M&E funds
- Section E.1: Clarified application pools
- Section E.1: Updated criteria weights
- Section E.1: Updated the criteria to be invited to Phase 2
- Section E.2: Updated and Streamlined Phase 1 and 1a Guidance
- Section E.2: Updated and streamlined the criteria for Phase 1 and 2
- Section E - Removed Illustrative examples
- Moved portions Phase 1 public diplomacy description from Section E to section A.
- Moved risk assessment from Section D.6 to Section G.
- Moved authorized geographic code from B.4 to Section G
- Annex 2 - Removed Gender section and updated page limits and added draft custom gender indicator

Changes in the 01/18/2023 posting for public comments

- Renumbered Annex list p. 4
- Updated Alignment with U.S. State Department–USAID Joint Strategic Plan p. 6
- Updated USO limitation on award number and size p. 7



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- Clarified MENA Set-Aside requirements p. 10
- Updated USO limitation on award number and size p. 11
- Clarified OSI location p. 12
- Updated Leverage funds recommended p. 13
- Updated for application submission through Google Form p. 15-20
 - Google Form includes instructions for all the Annexes
- Update to include M&E for public diplomacy activities p. 21
- Clarified budget narrative requirements; shipping cost and public diplomacy M&E costs p. 22
- Clarified UEI requirement p. 24
- Updated pool requirements p. 26
- Clarified “Set-Aside” rating p. 26
- Explained application review and process p. 26
- Clarified Phase 1 and Phase 2 requirements with regards to Public Diplomacy p. 28-34
 - Phase 1
 - Replaced American Values with Values held dear by Americans
 - Added additional bullet on American values to increase organizational performance and internally facing
 - Clarified minimum requirement for public diplomacy
 - Clarified public diplomacy requirement
 - Updated the requirement for 10 years of data
 - Phase 2
 - Clarified requirement for commodity requests
 - Updated climate change/energy efficiency requirements
- Updated Adjectival Ratings Illustrative Examples p. 34-37
- Updated semi-annual reporting requirements p. 40
- Updated program income usage plan requirement p. 41
- Added section on “Acquisition and Assistance Ombudsman” p. 42
- Annex 5 Document Layout has been updated.
- Annexes 1, 2, and 3 will be uploaded in the Google Form.
- Annexes 4, 5, 6, and 7 are only for instruction/reference.
- The Environmental Capability Statement is included within the Phase 2 template; therefore, Annex 3 and Mandatory Attachment M7 have been removed.
- Annex 2 - Environmental Capability Statement - Clarified questions to focus on environmental impacts.