



**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
(NOFO) ISSUANCE DATE:**

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

**QUESTIONS & REQUESTS FOR
CLARIFICATION SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:**

Thursday, December 08, 2022, by 16:00
Eastern European Summer Time (EEST, 3
hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time
(UTC))

**AMENDMENT No. 02 ISSUANCE
DATE:**

Thursday, December 22, 2022

**CONCEPT PAPER SUBMISSION
CLOSING DATE:**

Thursday, January 19, 2022, by 16:00 PM EEST

SUBJECT: Amendment Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Publish the
Submitted Questions and Corresponding Responses and Amend Various
NOFO Sections

REFERENCE: Youth Grow Activity Addendum NOFO No. 72027823RFA00001
Amendment No. 02

This amendment No. 02 to NOFO No. 72027823RFA00001:

- (a) Publishes the submitted questions and corresponding responses; *and*
- (b) Amends the following NOFO sections:
 - (i) Revises **Section B.3 TYPE OF INSTRUMENT**;
 - (ii) Revises **Section C.2 YOUTH GROW AS A NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE (NPI) ACTIVITY**;
 - (iii) Revises **Section D.4.1.2.2.1.1 SUMMARY INFORMATION COVER SHEET**;
 - (iv) Revises **Section D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2 CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES AND IMPACT**; *and*
 - (v) Revises **Section D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3 TECHNICAL EXPERTISE INCLUDING PYD APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH USAID PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES**.
- (c) Adds new **Section ANNEX 6 – SUMMARY BUDGET**; *and*
- (d) Adds new **Section ANNEX 7 – BUDGET NARRATIVE**.

Except as provided herein, all NOFO terms and conditions remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Jack Adrien
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Agreement Officer

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I. SUBMITTED QUESTIONS AND CORRESPONDING RESPONSES

1. We would like to check if the three program objectives (and the relative anticipated results) must be covered all or if applicants can cover them partially (i.e., the concept note covers Objective n. 1 and 3, but not objective n. 2).

USAID Response: USAID clarifies that the Concept Paper should cover all three **Section A.7** objectives. However, USAID leaves it up to the applicant to decide the importance of each objective in their proposal.

2. p.29 Section B.3 Type of Instrument, indicates that “USAID/Jordan intends to award one cooperative agreement renewal award...”. However, on p. 48, Section F.2, Type of Award indicates “USAID/Jordan intends to award a cooperative agreement under this Annual Program Statement to the successful Applicant.”

- (a) Would USAID please clarify if they intend for this award to be a Cooperative Agreement or Cooperative Agreement Renewal Award. If it is a Cooperative Agreement Renewal Award, would USAID please establish what the initial period of the award is, describe the timeframe for requesting renewals, and specify the period of performance covered by the initial period and all renewal periods.

USAID Response: The **Section B.3** reference to the Youth Grow cooperative agreement as a renewal award is a typographical error. USAID confirms that it intends to award one cooperative agreement per Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 200.1 (formerly 2 CFR § 200.24), and Automated Directives System (ADS) 303.3.11, and 304.3.4, respectively, **not** a renewal award per ADS 303.3.24.a. Please refer to the NOFO **Section B.3** amendment below.

- (b) Additionally, can USAID please specify when a recipient will be required to submit a renewal application, what the process and criteria for renewal will look like, and the content of the renewal request?

USAID Response: Please refer to the response provided to question No. 2(a) above.

3. Can USAID confirm and/or update the content provided on p. 40/Sections D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2 (Contribution to Sustainable Outcomes and Impact) and D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3 (Technical Expertise). Based on the headings, it appears that the instructions for the two sub-sections have been reversed (e.g., the heading of D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2 is on sustainability, but the instructions related to sustainability have been placed under the heading for D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3).

USAID Response: USAID acknowledges the reversed NOFO **Sections D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2** and **D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3** headings, respectively. Please refer to the NOFO **D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2** and **D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3** heading amendments below.

4. p.40 Section D.4.1.2.3.1 Proposed Estimated Cost and Cost Breakdown (One Page), states “If requested by the Addendum to submit a budget, in one page or fewer please use the YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B...”.

- (a) Can USAID confirm that a Summary Budget and Summary Budget Narrative is required upon submission of the Concept Note for Phase One?

USAID Response: USAID hereby confirms that Applicants must complete the Microsoft (MS) Excel spreadsheet YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B Budget Summary and Budget Narrative tabs for the Phase One Concept Paper submission. Please refer to the new NOFO **ANNEX 6 – SUMMARY BUDGET** and **ANNEX 7 – BUDGET NARRATIVE** amendments below.

- (b) Additionally, can USAID confirm that the YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B is the template that should be used for submission?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID hereby confirms that Applicants should use the YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B for the summary budget submissions, which is available for download through the YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B under the RELATED DOCUMENTS tab at the following weblink:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Youth%20Grow>

5. p.32 Section C.2 Youth Grow as a New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) Activity, states “Prime awardees must pass a minimum of 50 percent of the total funding of their awards to subawardee local partners or locally established partners (LEPs). Sub-awards to local entities under the Catalytic Innovation Fund (described under IR 2) may count toward the minimum percentage of funding required for this modality.”

- (a) Can USAID confirm that the combination of awards allocated to subawardee local partners and the Catalytic Innovation Fund must be a minimum of 50 percent of total funding?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID hereby confirms that the combination of awards allocated to subrecipient local partners and the Catalytic Innovation Fund must be a minimum of 50 percent of total funding.

6. Will USAID share the unpublished study from the Harvard Growth Lab?

USAID Response: Below please find the Harvard Growth Lab unpublished study weblink:

<https://growthlab.cid.harvard.edu/files/growthlab/files/2022-03-cid-wp-411-what-will-it-take-for-jordan-to-grow-final.pdf>.

7. Can applicants submit letters of commitment with the concept note?

USAID Response: No, applicants should not submit letters of commitment with the Concept Paper submission.

8. Given disruptions in schedules due to the Holiday season, would USAID consider extending the deadline for concept note submission?

USAID Response: No, USAID will not extend the Thursday, January 19, 2022, Concept Paper submission deadline.

9. Would USAID consider providing their LCP and relevant local allowances information?

USAID Response: Whilst USAID will provide the Local Compensation Plan (LCP) salary threshold is 90,764 Jordanian Dinars (JOD), Applicants should exercise due diligence and conduct market research to determine the appropriate salary scale and corresponding relevant local allowance information.

10. There are no specific details provided on key personnel in the NOFO, could you kindly clarify whether key personnel shall be named or referenced in the concept note?

USAID Response: Neither the YP2 APS nor the Youth Grow Addendum NOFO require Applicants to name or reference key personnel in the Concept Paper.

11. In reference to section A.7.1.2.2 SUB-IR 2.2: Youth Meaningfully Involved in Decision Making, Leadership, and Management Processes/Catalytic Fund on page 21 of the NOFO it reads “To meaningfully involve youth in transparent decision making, leadership, and management processes.” As this needs to be co-created with you and embedded within GOJ systems, what are the expectations of USAID Youth Grow in terms of management roles or capacities for youth?

USAID Response: USAID encourages Applicants to read the 2022 USAID updated Youth in Development Policy and propose their own approach to positive youth development.

12. Also in reference to section A.7.1.2.2 SUB-IR 2.2: Youth Meaningfully Involved in Decision Making, Leadership, and Management Processes/Catalytic Fund, does USAID/Jordan have a size/dollar value/ceiling in mind for the Catalytic Innovation Fund?

USAID Response: No, USAID/Jordan does not have a size, dollar value, *or* ceiling in mind for the Catalytic Innovation Fund. Alternatively, USAID encourages and invites Applicants to propose the appropriate framework to achieve the NOFO **Section A.7** objectives.

13. Section A.7.1.3.2 Sub-IR 3.2: Youth Centers Capacity to Serve as Connection Hubs between Youth, the Private Sector and the Existing Entrepreneurship Ecosystem is Strengthened states that Youth Grow will “support MoY to ensure youth centers are virtual and physical networking spaces...” Please confirm that USAID does not intend for Youth Grow to support procurement and/or construction related to MoY infrastructure expansion for the Youth Centers.

USAID Response: USAID hereby confirms that construction is not eligible for reimbursement under the Youth Grow Activity.

14. Section A.7.1.3.2: some of the anticipated results under Sub-IR 3.2 may be more effectively achieved outside the Youth Center model, e.g., “Enable youth enterprises in youth center

communities to access credit and savings products tailored to their needs.” Bearing in mind that the main focus of Sub-IR 3.2 should be on Youth Centers, please confirm that activities under the Sub-IR do not necessarily need to be conducted through the Youth Centers.

USAID Response: Whilst Sub-IR 3.2 focuses specifically on Youth Centers, Applicants may propose activities for youth engagement outside of Youth Centers that meet the goals outlined in other objectives, Intermediate Results (IRs), *or* sub-IRs

15. Section A.7.1.2.2 describes the vision for a Catalytic Innovation Fund that is flexible and responsive to youth priorities. Is there any specific model or case study that Offerors may review to inform the technical design of the Fund?

USAID Response: No, USAID does not have any specific model or case study that Applicants may review to inform the Catalytic Innovation Fund technical design.

16. Section A.8.3 Alignment with other USAID Priorities and Projects states that Partnership for Youth is actively supporting MoY to better activate youth centers, while Section A.7.1.3.2 confirms that this is also a principal objective for Youth Grow. Will USAID please elaborate on how it envisions the division of programming responsibility between the two programs specific to support to MoY on youth center capacity building?

USAID Response: Youth Grow’s focus on Youth Centers aims to “support the MoY to ensure youth centers are virtual and physical networking spaces for youth *to link them to community and private sector opportunities, including skill development, internships, and employment.*” USAID/Jordan’s Partnership for Youth is more broadly focused: the activation of Youth Centers and training for Ministry staff in areas like human resources, finance, policy development, internal communication, *and* monitoring and evaluation, as well as working directly with youth groups and local communities to co-develop effective and inclusive solutions so youth participate directly in the execution of the projects. We encourage these activities to be complementary where possible.

17. Section A.7.1.3.1 Sub-IR 3.1 (p. 22) notes that “USAID’s situational analysis of the MoY completed by the Technical Assistance Program will be provided to Youth Grow’s awardee to inform their work.” Would USAID please consider disseminating the situational analysis to Offerors during the Concept Note phase to further inform Offerors’ approaches and ensure alignment with USAID’s capacity building priorities for Ministry of Youth?

USAID Response: USAID cannot share the situational analysis at this time.

18. Based on the CN template provided we are assuming that the proposed cost and cost breakdown is expected. D.4.1.2.3.1 Proposed estimated cost and cost breakdown (one page) starts with ‘If requested by the Addendum’, can USAID confirm that the summary budget and summary budget narrative are requested?

USAID Response: Please refer to the response provided under question No. 04 above.

19. Can USAID confirm if the following number of pages expected in the application is correct? (Total 9 pages)

- Front Matter cover sheet – 1 page
- Concept Paper Corpus – 5 pages
- Budget summary and budget narrative – 1 page
- Partner information – 2 pages

USAID Response: Yes, USAID hereby confirms the proposed number of Concept Paper pages. With regards to the Budget Summary and Budget Narrative, please refer to the response provided under question No. 04 above.

20. NOFO Section D.4.1.2.3.1 states that the budget must be provided in the format of the YP2 APS Budget Template (Attachment B). That file also contains a tab for the budget narrative. Is the applicant required to use this format as well for the budget narrative, or may they provide the narrative in an alternative format?

USAID Response: Please refer to the response provided under question No. 04 above. Moreover, Applicants may not submit an alternative Budget Summary or Budget Narrative format for the Phase One Concept Paper submission.

21. NOFO Section A.7.1.2.2 states that “applicants should allocate a portion of the activity budget for a Catalytic Innovation Fund.” Could USAID provide any further guidance on the anticipated or ideal size of this fund in relation to the overall activity budget?

USAID Response: No, USAID cannot provide any further guidance on the anticipated or ideal size of the Catalytic Innovation Fund in relation to the overall activity budget.

22. To which budget category should the Catalytic Innovation Fund be assigned in the SF 424A, since at this current stage it is unknown what combination of costs this will eventually represent?

USAID Response: If invited to Proceed to Phase Two per NOFO **Section D.6**, Applicants should assign the Catalytic Innovation Fund to the standard form (SF)-424A Section B 6.f (i.e., Contractual) or 6.h (i.e., Other), depending on the Applicant’s proposed Catalytic Innovation Fund structure.

23. Section C.2.c.2 (p. 32) specifies that sub-awards to local entities under the Catalytic Innovation Fund may count toward the minimum percentage of funding required for NPI approach modality 4b. Could USAID please confirm that sub-awards to local partners under a separate potential grants fund would also count toward the 50 percent minimum funding percentage under the same modality?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID hereby confirms that subawards to local partners under a separate potential grants fund would also count towards the 50 percent minimum funding percentage under the same modality.

24. Can USAID provide the referenced “YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B” as the link provided on pg. 40 of the NOFO is not working.

USAID Response: Please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04 and 20 above. Moreover, please refer to the new NOFO **ANNEX 6 – SUMMARY BUDGET** and **ANNEX 7 – BUDGET NARRATIVE** amendments below.

25. Would USAID please clarify if there is a preferred budget template, as referred to on pg. 40 of the NOFO?

USAID Response: Please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04 and 20 above. Moreover, please refer to the new NOFO **ANNEX 6 – SUMMARY BUDGET** and **ANNEX 7 – BUDGET NARRATIVE** amendments below.

26. Is a summary budget/narrative required for all partners at the concept note stage?

USAID Response: For the Phase One Concept Paper submission, Applicants need only provide a Budget Summary and Budget Narrative for itself, not for all partners.

27. Is Cost Share or Leverage required - cost share and leverage are referenced in the NOFO, but no amounts or requirements are indicated. Should cost share and/or leverage be included in the summary budget?

USAID Response: No, Applicants should not include cost sharing or leverage in the Phase One Concept Paper Budget Summary and Budget Narrative.

28. Could USAID provide links to or copies of:

- (a) The report or a summary of information from the “unpublished study by the Harvard Growth Lab funded by USAID” mentioned on pg. 14 of the NOFO which “found that the jobs problem does not stem from the supply side but rather a lack of demand within the private sector”?

USAID Response: Please refer to the response provided under question No. 06 above.

- (b) The pre-pandemic survey results “of the private sector by USAID” referenced on pg. 14 of the NOFO which “revealed a sector already in peril with access to private sector opportunities limited based on region”?

USAID Response: Below please find the pre-pandemic survey results weblink:

<https://jordankmportal.com/collections/jordan-private-sector-survey-gaining-insight-and-understating-into-the-needs-of-the-jordanian-private-sector>

- (c) USAID’s Situational Analysis of the Ministry of Youth (MoY) referenced on pg. 22 of the NOFO?

USAID Response: USAID cannot share its Situational Analysis of the Ministry of Youth (MoY) at this time.

29. What portion or percentage of the activity budget should be allocated to the Catalytic Innovation Fund as mentioned on pg. 20 of the NOFO?

USAID Response: USAID encourages and invites Applicants to allocate the appropriate Catalytic Innovation Fund portion or percentage of the activity budget to achieve the NOFO Section A.7 objectives.

30. As discussed on pg. 21 of the NOFO, are there any threshold limits on potential investments to generate positive impact from the Catalytic Innovation Fund?

USAID Response: No, there are no threshold limits on potential investments to generate positive impact from the Catalytic Innovation Fund.

31. With Sustainability (and Exit Strategy) a critical component of the Fund as described on pg. 21 of the NOFO, are there any restrictions to having it owned, operated, and managed by a private sector entity provided there is “buy in” for this with GoJ and Youth?

USAID Response: No, there are no restrictions to having the Catalytic Innovation Fund owned, operated, *or* managed by a private sector entity provided there is “buy in” for this with Government of Jordan (GOJ) and Youth. USAID encourages and invites Applicants to propose the appropriate Sustainability (and Exit Strategy) framework.

32. The NOFO outlines the establishment of a Catalytic Innovation Fund that supports youth-led solutions. While the Fund outlines a variety of mechanisms that may house and distribute these funds, it also notes the possibility of a “revolving loans or direct grants (cash or in-kind) to youth-led initiatives” on pg. 21 of the NOFO. Does USAID support any form of financial support for (and to) initiatives proposed by young individuals as part of this activity?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID encourages creativity in Applicants’ approaches. Youth Grow will need to comply with the cooperative agreement terms and governing regulations, including but not limited to ADS 303, 2 CFR 200, *and* 2 CFR 700, respectively.

33. The NOFO is proposing the Ministry of Youth have direct engagement with the Innovation Fund; to what degree does USAID anticipate this level of involvement to be?

USAID Response: USAID encourages and invites Applicants to determine the appropriate Ministry of Youth direct engagement with the Innovation Fund and level of involvement.

34. The NOFO mentions coordination with USAID/Jordan’s Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) Office for events and activities. Could you provide some illustrative examples of what this coordination may include?

USAID Response: The Applicant should review the listed activities in the NOFO and determine the appropriate coordination with the Democracy, Human Rights, *and* Governance (DRG) Office.

35. The Positive Youth Development (PYD) Framework emphasizes the development assets, agency, contribution and an enabling environment for healthy and productive youth - which includes a focus on well-being and psychosocial support. The NOFO does not mention well-being psychosocial support (PSS) as a key element of the program. Is the assumption that PSS would be managed through referrals and linkages to other programs? Is there an opportunity to include PSS activities and elements into the program?

USAID Response: USAID defers to Applicants to make this determination but also encourages Applicants to read USAID's 2022 updated Youth in Development Policy to understand USAID's approach to positive youth development.

36. Could USAID please clarify their vision to youth access to financial services? Is it directed to investments in youth led initiatives and enterprises, or is aimed more generally at youth having greater access to financial services?

USAID Response: USAID defers to applicants to make this determination based on their understanding of the challenges youth face in Jordan.

37. On pg. 18, the NOFO specifically emphasizes the use of Shabab.jo and the need to add resources to this virtual youth center. As this platform is currently suspended and not available, can USAID provide more clarity on how they see Youth Grow supporting and investing in this technology? Is it still the intent to have private and public organizations sustaining the portal?

USAID Response: USAID's Youth Power activity initially supported Shabab.jo and it was transferred to the Ministry of Youth (MoY) in April 2022. Since then, the site has been suspended, but the MoY has expressed its intention to re-launch the site. In the NOFO appendix "Ministry of Youth – Proposed Activities" the MoY provides some information about the "Virtual Youth Center." However, USAID encourages and invites Applicants to make their own determination about supporting and investing in this technology based on their understanding of MoY's priorities and the challenges youth face in Jordan.

38. May consortia submit an additional annex that outlines the project design through a graphic/visual?

USAID Response: As per NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.1**, "[t]he Concept Paper may include graphics or charts within the five-page limitation that use 8-point Times New Roman or similar serif typeface font." However, consortia may not submit an additional annex that outlines the project design through a graphic or visual beyond the NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.1** Concept Paper Format.

39. Section A.7.1.2.2 discusses a Catalytic Innovation Fund (the Fund). Pg. 21 notes that the Fund will create the space “(a) For revolving loans or direct grants (cash or in-kind) for youth-led initiatives.” At this time, does USAID have any additional guidance around the balance of loans vs. grants to be managed through this Fund

USAID Response: No, USAID encourages and invites Applicants to determine the appropriate balance to manage loans vs. grants through the Catalytic Innovation Fund.

40. Per Section D.4 Multi-Tiered Review (pg. 36), could USAID please confirm that a budget will not be evaluated until Phase Four of the application process?

USAID Response: USAID hereby confirms that a budget will not be evaluated until Phase Four of the application process. However, please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04, 19, and 20 above.

41. Section D.4.1.2.3.1 Proposed Estimated Cost and Cost Breakdown (pg. 40) states: “If requested by the Addendum to submit a budget, in one page or fewer please use the YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B, available under the RELATED DOCUMENTS tab at the following link.”

- (a) Can USAID kindly confirm whether a one-page budget is required for the Youth Grow Addendum?

USAID Response: Please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04, 19, and 20 above.

- (b) If required, can USAID please confirm that the budget and technical Concept Note narrative should be submitted together as a single package

USAID Response: Please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04, 19, and 20 above.

- (c) If the budget is required, could USAID kindly confirm their preference to receive the budget information within the word and/or PDF Concept Note package and not as an excel sheet per Attachment B Budget Template provided in the APS?

USAID Response: Applicants must submit their budget information as a Portable Document Format (PDF) with the Concept Paper package. Please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04, 19, and 20 above. Moreover, please refer to the new **NOFO ANNEX 6 – SUMMARY BUDGET** and **ANNEX 7 – BUDGET NARRATIVE** amendments below.

42. Section D.4.1.2 Concept Paper Requirements (pg. 37) states: “The Concept Paper must bear the signature of a signator with the authority to bind the organization, accompanied by evidence of that signator’s authority, unless the Applicant has previously furnished such evidence to the issuing office.” Can applicants provide this proof of authority as supporting information outside of the 5-page limit/

USAID Response: Yes, Applicants can provide the signator's proof of authority as supporting documentation outside of the five-page limit. Further, USAID Applicants must list the authorized signator's name as part of the NOFO section **D.4.1.2.2.1.1 SUMMARY INFORMATION COVER SHEET**. Please refer to the NOFO section **D.4.1.2.2.1.1 SUMMARY INFORMATION COVER SHEET** amendment below.

43. Section D.4.1.2.1 Concept Paper Format (pg. 38) states that graphics or charts within the five-page limitation can use 8-pt. Times New Roman or similar serif typeface font. Can USAID please confirm that text boxes included within the five-page limitation may also use 8-pt font?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID hereby confirms that text boxes included within the five-page limitation may also use 8-pt font.

44. We note that the eligibility criteria is well defined under Section C of the NOFO, including the provision that "USAID encourages U.S. and non-U.S. public, private, for-profit, and non-profit organizations, as well as institutions of higher education (especially minority-serving institutions), public international organizations, and nongovernmental organizations to submit a Concept Paper". However, on the Business Forecast entry related to this project, it has been assigned a geographic code of "937" which is defined as the United States, the cooperating/recipient country, and developing countries other than advanced developing countries, and excluding prohibited sources. Can USAID confirm that the eligibility description in the NOFO is indeed correct, and supersedes what is on the business forecast?

USAID Response: Yes, USAID hereby confirms the accuracy of the NOFO section **C.1 ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**, which supersedes the incorrect eligibility information provided on the Business Forecast.

45. It is not clear to us after reviewing the NOFO and subsequent addendum whether or not a budget is required as part of the submission of the Concept note. Can USAID please clarify what financial requirements make up the submission of the Concept note?

USAID Response: Please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04, 19, and 20 above.

46. Will USAID be responding to these and other questions online or as direct responses to inquiries?

USAID Response: This NOFO amendment No. 02, posted to <https://www.grants.gov/>, provides the submitted questions and corresponding USAID responses.

47. Is there a main applicant in Jordan for this fund opportunity? In case there is a main applicant in Jordan please can you provide the information about? Is it open to NGOs to partner as local partners in consortium?

USAID Response: At present, there is no main applicant for this opportunity, and per the NOFO section **C.1 ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**, "[g]iven the cross-sectoral nature of the Activity, a consortium is welcome, including partners with expertise in relevant

programmatic areas, such as systems strengthening, career planning, civic engagement, or youth empowerment. USAID/Jordan seeks an approach that incorporates a toolkit of resources and approaches, particularly through underutilized local and regional organizations, to call upon for youth-led priorities that emerge and evolve throughout the life of the activity. Applicants must also demonstrate the ability to effectively manage a Catalytic Innovation Fund and report against the earmarks and Agency guidelines placed on the variety of funds to be utilized for this Addendum.”

48. Per Section C.2 (pp. 31 – 32 of 59), please confirm that Prime Awardees (“traditional partners”) who qualify under 3.2(c) are required to adopt either Modality 3a or Modality 3b (p.32), but are not required to also leverage additional funds worth a minimum of 50 percent of the total value of the award, per C.2(c)(3) on page 32.

USAID Response: Prime Awardees who qualify for the third New Partnership Initiative (NPI) modality (i.e., “[s]ub-awards to new or underutilized partners via prime awardees that serve in a limited mentorship role”) must adopt either Modality 3a (Local Entity Sub-Awardees That Move to Direct Awards) or Modality 3b (Local and Locally Established Partner Sub-Awardees) and are not required to propose additional leveraged funds worth a minimum of 50 percent of the total value of the award they seek from USAID. Please refer to the NOFO **Section C.2 YOUTH GROW AS A NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE (NPI) ACTIVITY** amendment below, which clarifies that “[d]irect Awards to Partners to Leverage Private/Non-U.S. Government Funding” is the fourth NPI modality under which Prime Awardees may qualify under NORO **Section C.2**, and not a requirement for the third NPI modality.

49. Please confirm that a budget is not required at the Concept Note stage.

USAID Response: Please refer to the responses provided under question Nos. 04, 19, and 20 above.

50. The first bullet on page 38 of the NOFO, page limit is stated to not exceed seven pages, while it states five pages as the limitation on the second, third, fourth, fifth bullet of page 38. Sections D.4.1.2.2.1.1, D.4.1.2.2.1.2, and D.4.1.2.3 also show a five-page limit. Can you please confirm to us if it is a five or seven-page limit for the concept note?

USAID Response: Please review the Thursday, December 01, 2022, Youth Grow NOFO No. 72027823RFA00001 Amendment No. 01 **Section II.B.2(a)(i)(1)** posted to <https://www.grants.gov/>, which amended NOFO **Section D.4.1.2.1**.

[END SUBMITTED QUESTIONS AND CORRESPONDING RESPONSES]

II. NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) AMENDMENTS

A. SECTION B – FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

1. B.3 TYPE OF INSTRUMENT

Section B.3 Type of instrument is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

“

B.3 TYPE OF INSTRUMENT

USAID/Jordan intends to award one cooperative agreement per 2 CFR § 200.1 (formerly 2 CFR § 200.24), and ADS 303.3.11, *and* 304.3.4, respectively.”

[END B.3]

[END SECTION B]

B. SECTION C – ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. C.2 YOUTH GROW AS A NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE (NPI) ACTIVITY

Section C.2 YOUTH GROW AS A NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE (NPI) ACTIVITY is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“C.2 YOUTH GROW AS A NEW PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE (NPI) ACTIVITY

USAID requires Applicants to align with the principles of the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI). NPI will allow USAID to work with a more diverse range of partners, strengthen existing partner relationships, and provide more entry points for organizations to work with the Agency. The principles behind NPI are outlined in the Agency’s first-ever Acquisition and Assistance (A&A) Strategy¹.

Under NPI, there are multiple modalities for new and underutilized partners to do business with USAID. There are also opportunities for traditional partners to receive awards. Under NPI, Youth Grow envisions four specific forms for engagement, each intended to offer different entry points for working directly or indirectly with new, underutilized, or established organizations. Organizations **only need to qualify under one of the forms of engagement** listed below:

- (a) Direct awards to new² and underutilized organizations that are local entities³ in the host country or countries for which the Applicant is applying. New and underutilized partners may apply for direct funding via this APS addendum. Applicants are eligible if they have received less than \$25M⁴ cumulatively in direct or indirect awards from USAID over the past five years.

¹ Available at <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/how-to-work-with-usaid/acquisition-and-assistance-strategy>.

² Available at <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/how-to-work-with-usaid/acquisition-and-assistance-strategy>.

³ For additional information on the definition of a new entity, see <https://procurement.inl.gov/Small-Business-Program/Shared%20Documents/DUNS%20FAQ.pdf>. Note that USAID reserves the right to consider any funding received from an entity’s parent or affiliate for purposes of determining whether an entity meets the eligibility criteria.

⁴ As defined in Automated Directive System (ADS) Chapter 303.

- (b) Direct awards to new and underutilized organizations that are locally established partners, in the host country or countries for which the Applicant is applying. U.S.-based or international partners are eligible if they have:
- (1) received less than \$25M cumulatively in USAID funding over the past five years; *and*
 - (2) currently have additional, non-U.S. Government funding streams that exceed total funding received worldwide from USAID (e.g., if an Applicant has implemented \$5M in USAID funding, it must demonstrate at least \$5M in funds worldwide from sources other than the U.S. Government).
- (c) Sub-awards to new or underutilized partners via prime awardees that serve in a limited mentorship role. NPI seeks to shift USAID from viewing successful local capacity building as a local organization's ability to receive and manage federal funding directly to measuring success by the strengthened performance of local actors and local systems in achieving and sustaining demonstrable results. NPI recognizes the important role and capacity that "established partners" (defined as those that already have a financial relationship with USAID above the NPI threshold of \$25M in the last five years) play in advancing this vision of effective local capacity development. This modality will empower established partners to build the capacity of local and locally established partners to deliver results for the stakeholders they serve, while also providing these local partners with the direct or indirect support they need to meet the requirements associated with awards from the U.S. Governments. Established partners will play a support role to build the capacity of new and underutilized partners to improve their performance as development actors in several ways (e.g., through technical oversight, compliance support, and mentoring). NPI envisions two modalities of support under this approach:
- (1) Modality 3a: Local Entity Sub-Awardees That Move to Direct Awards: Prime awardees must pass a minimum percentage of the total funding¹⁵ of their awards, as identified in specific Addendum to local sub-awardees, with a goal of moving them to qualify for direct awards. In appropriate cases, USAID might pursue prime/mentor awards with a provision for transition awards¹⁶ to some local entities during the life of the award.
 - (2) Modality 3b: Local and Locally Established Partner¹⁷ Sub-Awardees: Prime awardees must pass a minimum of 50 percent of the total funding of their awards to subawardee local partners or locally established partners (LEPs). Sub-awards to local entities under the Catalytic Innovation Fund (described under IR 2) may count toward the minimum percentage of funding required for this modality. An award could also have a structure in which the prime partner receives a declining percentage of the value of the award year-on-year (e.g., from 25 percent in Year One to 20 percent in Year Five).
- (d) Direct Awards to Partners to Leverage Private/Non-U.S. Government Funding: NPI also seeks to support partnerships with organizations that can leverage their own private (or non-U.S. Government) funding, in recognition of the important

dual-role that many established partners have as both implementers and fundraisers. Organizations of all types (academia, non-profit, private-sector, host governments, etc.) can apply, including organizations that have received more than \$25M in USAID funding through an award or sub-award in the past five years. Awardees must propose additional leveraged funds worth a minimum of 50 percent of the total value of the award they seek from USAID; this can include in-kind contributions, and non-Federal grants and external awards.”

[END C.2]

[END SECTION C]

C. SECTION D – CONCEPT PAPER AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. D.4 MULTI-TIERED REVIEW

(a) D.4.1 PHASE ONE – CONCEPT PAPER AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

(i) D.4.1.2 CONCEPT PAPER REQUIREMENTS

(A) D.4.1.2.1.1 SUMMARY INFORMATION COVER SHEET

Section D.4.1.2.1.1 SUMMARY INFORMATION COVER SHEET is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

“ D.4.1.2.1.1 SUMMARY INFORMATION COVER SHEET

The Summary Information Cover Sheet does not count against the five-page limitation. The Summary Information Cover Sheet, in a single page, must contain:

- (a) The project title and NOFO number;
- (b) Name of applicant;
- (c) Applicant’s telephone number;
- (d) Applicant’s email address;
- (e) Lead institution;
- (f) Lead institution DUNS number (optional at Concept Paper stage);
- (g) Printed or typed name and title of lead institution authorized representative;
- (h) Lead institution authorized representative signature;
- (i) Name, title, address, telephone number, *and* email address of the person who may be contacted during the proposal evaluation period and possible negotiations leading to award;
- (j) Partnering organization(s) (if applicable);
- (k) Title of Concept Paper; *and*
- (l) Overall Concept Objective (maximum half page)”

**(B) D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2 CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE
OUTCOMES AND IMPACT**

**Section D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2 CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE
OUTCOMES AND IMPACT** is hereby DELETED in its entirety and
REPLACED with the following:

**“D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2 TECHNICAL EXPERTISE INCLUDING PYD
APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH
USAID PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES**

Describe your organization’s expertise in the areas of:

- (a) Positive youth development (PYD) or youth development in lower- and middle-income countries (LMICs); *and*
- (b) program management. Describe your organization’s approach that would effectively address emerging challenges aligned with USAID’s programming priorities and reflect youth’s cross-sectoral needs as described in the Addendum.”

[END D.4.1.2.2.2.1.2]

**(C) D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3 TECHNICAL EXPERTISE INCLUDING PYD
APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH
USAID PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES**

**Section D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3 TECHNICAL EXPERTISE INCLUDING PYD
APPROACH AND ALIGNMENT WITH USAID PROGRAMMING
PRIORITIES** is hereby DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the
following:

**“D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3 CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE
OUTCOMES AND IMPACT**

Describe how your proposed approach will result in (or contribute to) sustainable outcomes beyond the lifetime of the award, including how your organization’s approach will leverage new or existing resources, capacities, *and* investments. Describe your plan for analyzing, synthesizing, *and* disseminating findings to inform ongoing and future programming and contribute to greater impact.”

[END D.4.1.2.2.2.1.3]

[END D.4.1.2]

[END D.4.1]

[END D.4]

[END SECTION D]

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D. ANNEX 6 – BUDGET SUMMARY

New section **ANNEX 6 – BUDGET SUMMARY** is hereby ADDED as follows:

“ANNEX 6 – BUDGET SUMMARY

Below please find YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B Budget Summary under the RELATED DOCUMENTS tab at the following weblink:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Youth%20Grow>

GENERIC BUDGET SUMMARY TEMPLATE						
Applicant:						
Institution Name:						
Cost Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total All Years
a. Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
c. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
d. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
e. Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
f. Contractual/Subaward	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
g. Other Direct Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
h. Total Direct Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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J. TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

[END ANNEX 6]

E. ANNEX 7 – BUDGET narrative

New section **ANNEX 7 – BUDGET SUMMARY** is hereby ADDED as follows:

“ANNEX 7 – BUDGET NARRATIVE

Below please find YP2 APS Budget Template – Attachment B Budget Narrative under the RELATED DOCUMENTS tab at the following weblink:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Youth%20Grow>

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[END ANNEX 7]

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