

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. My organization does not have a UEI or an active SAM.gov registration, and we understand the process can take four to eight weeks. Is it realistic to obtain an active SAM.gov registration in time to be eligible for this funding opportunity?

A. Even if you have not yet completed your SAM.gov registration or obtained your UEI, you can still apply for this funding opportunity while your registrations are processing. Proof that you have started the process must be provided when submitting the application (no later than June 30) and SAM.gov registration must be confirmed by August 15, 2026. Both UEI and SAM.gov registration are required in order to receive a federal assistance award.

Q. Are there any steps to expedite SAM.gov registration for a foreign (non-U.S.) organization?

A. Foreign or international entities do not need to provide the same information as U.S. based entities. [SAM.gov Help](#) and [FSD.gov](#) (Federal Service Desk) have abundant detailed guidance in Knowledgebase articles and videos on the specific steps and requirements that you can review, depending on the phase of the process that you're in. Below are a few links that may assist you with starting your registration process and that may prevent common errors that could delay your registration:

[Entity Registration: Quick Start Guide - Getting Started with Entity Registration](#)

[Quick Start Guide: International Registrations](#)

[What information do I need to register my entity in SAM.gov?](#)

Note: The NCAGE Code is not required for international entities if the purpose of registering in SAM.gov is to apply for *Federal Financial Assistance Awards Only*, and you're not seeking assistance from the Department of War.

Q. What do I need to prove my entity is registered under Uruguayan government requirements?

A. Entities applying for this award must be registered with the required Uruguayan government entities, as needed. SAM.gov verifies that organizations are not fraudulent and that they have a physical location where they live or conduct business.

Your entity’s **legal business name** is the name under which your business is legally registered, as it appears on your official business formation documents, tax returns, or banking documents and **must match** what you have on your official documentation.

You will also need to provide your National Provider Identifier

Uruguay

Identifier Name	Identifier Type	Example:
Registro Unico de Contribuyentes (RUC)	Value-added tax (VAT)/Tax number	210592210014
Rol Único Tributario (RUT)	Value-added tax (VAT)/Tax number	215051740010

Note: Uruguay **RUT** or **RUC** numbers **MUST NOT** to be entered under the **TIN number**. A Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is a nine-digit number used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to identify U.S. taxpayers. This field is to be filled only by U.S. entities; entering information in this field will reject your validation and delay your registration process.

Q. What is the entity validation process and how long does it take?

A. Entity validation is the first step in the process of getting a Unique Entity ID or registering your entity in SAM.gov. The Entity Validation Service (EVS) reviews your information based on the data entered in SAM.gov and the documentation submitted to verify that your entity exists and is unique.

[Entity Validation: What is the new process for validation?](#)

Q. How do I know which documents do I need to submit to validate my entity’s information?

A. When going through the validation process, the **Upload Documents** screen will tell you which parts of your entity information you need to prove based on

your answers on the prior screens. This is determined by your validation case and your entity, not your entity type. Please check the links below for more detailed information and examples of which documents you can use and which you should not.

[Entity Registration: What documentation can I use to validate my entity?](#)

[Entity Registration: Quick Access Links - Validating your Entity](#)

Q. Why was my validation rejected?

A. There are several reasons why your entity validation could be rejected or delayed. It is important that the information you enter in the system matches exactly what is in the official documents you will use to validate your entity.

[Entity Registration: Common Reasons Entity Validation Documents Get Rejected](#)

The most common reasons for rejections are because the information entered **does not match** exactly with the information in the documents uploaded.

Examples on street names and abbreviations:

Avenida del Libertador Brigadier General Juan Antonio Lavalleja

Avenida del Libertador 1234 Ap. 16

Avda. Libertador Gral Lavalleja No. 1234, Apto #16

Lavalleja 1234-Apto 16, Av. Libertador

Br. Gral. Artigas 2879 Bis – Unidad 001

Bulevar Gral. José G. Artigas 2877, Apto 001

2879 Br. Artigas – Apt 1

Examples on Legal Names and/or Doing Business As:

Asociación Civil Amigos de Entidad Tal...

Asoc. Civil Amigos de Entidad Tal

A.C.A.E.T.

ACAET

These differences, even in punctuation and/or blank spaces, may cause the system not to read the same characters and then it will not be able to validate the entity's data. To avoid rejection of validation be sure to review *do's* and *don'ts* in the above [link](#).

Q. Do I need to have my documents translated into English by a certified translator?

A. Not necessarily. When submitting a document written in a foreign language, you must also upload a full English language translation. The translator must certify the translation as complete and accurate and can either self-certify or provide independent certification that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English.

We suggest using the text and format shown below which include the translator's name, signature, address, and certification date on the translated document.

Certification by Translator

I [insert typed name], certify that I am fluent (conversant) in the English and [insert foreign language] languages, and that the above/attached document is an accurate translation of the document attached entitled [insert translated document name].

[Signature]

[Typed Name]

[Address]

[Certification Date]

Q. I would like to discuss the NOFO with the grants manager. How do I schedule an in-person meeting?

A. In order to maintain transparency and fairness in the grants process, all questions regarding this NOFO will be answered via this FAQ section on our website. Please email questions regarding this solicitation to MontevideoGrants@state.gov Questions must be received on or before 06/15/2026 at 5:00 pm, Uruguay time.

To assist as many applicants as possible, responses to questions received before the deadline will be answered and posted on an FAQ page [Grants.gov](#) and

<https://uy.usembassy.gov/es/nofo2026>. Applicants should not expect individual responses to their questions. We are unable to meet with interested applicants in person.

Q. Are there, other considerations we should be aware of before applying for this funding opportunity?

A. Yes, it is recommended that you read the [Department of State Standard Terms and Conditions \(Revised 10/01/2025\)](#) to verify that you will be able to comply with these terms and conditions prior to receiving an award.

Q. I am interested in applying for a small grant in the future. When and how will you announce these opportunities?

A. Future funding opportunities will be announced on our website and social media.