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ISSUANCE DATE: April 21, 2017
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: May 14, 2017 (11:59 PM Tel Aviv Local Time)
INITIAL CLOSING DATE & TIME: June 11, 2017 (11:59 PM Tel Aviv Local Time)

SUBJECT: 2017 West Bank and Gaza Conflict Mitigation and Management (CMM) Activities Annual Program Statement (APS), Notice of Funding Opportunity No. # APS-294-17-000001

Dear Prospective Applicants:

As authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission to the West Bank and Gaza (WBG) invites Summary Applications for funding to carry out innovative activities that mitigate conflict and promote reconciliation by bringing together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of national conflict, civil conflict and war.

USAID hereby requests Summary Applications, limited to five pages maximum and must be submitted in compliance with the instructions in this APS. Summary Applications may only be submitted by eligible organizations. Eligible Applicant entities include U.S. and non-U.S. non-profit or for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private voluntary organizations, foundations, colleges and universities, civic groups, faith-based and community institutions, international organizations (PIO or IO), private businesses and associations, regional organizations, philanthropic organizations, and advocacy groups. USAID encourages applications from potential new partners and, in particular, Palestinian organizations. For-profit Applicants should note that USAID policy prohibits the payment of fee/profit to the prime Recipient under grants and cooperative agreements.

Due to a special award process for this APS, the anticipated timeframe for the first notification to Applicants whose proposals will be further considered is December 2017 with awards fifteen months from the application deadline. Summary Applications must be submitted by the first deadline of June 11, 2017¹. These applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee in accordance with the evaluation criteria prescribed herein. Following this review, Applicants whose proposals are being further considered will be asked to submit a Full Application. All Applicants will be informed of the results of the evaluation of the Summary Applications as soon as time permits. Upon written request within ten working days of notification of an unsuccessful application, USAID will provide feedback concerning the applications. At no point is USAID obligated to make an award. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

¹ This APS is open for six months from the date of issuance or until all funds available for awards have been expended. While USAID reserves the right to consider applications submitted after the initial closing date, historically, only applications submitted by the initial closing date have been funded.

Subject to the availability of funds, USAID anticipates making multiple awards as a result of this APS. There are TWO types of awards for which Applicants may apply: Standard Assistance Awards (Grants and Cooperative Agreements) and Fixed Amount Awards (FAAs). The total amount of these awards will be up to \$9 million under this APS:

Standard Assistance Award (See Section B): Range from a minimum USAID-funded amount of \$500,000 to a maximum USAID-funded amount of \$1,200,000. Finalists applying for a Standard Assistance Award will be invited to submit a Full Application. (See Attachment A of the APS for guidance on Full Application format). The period of performance of Standard Assistance Award applications may extend up to a maximum of 36 months.

Fixed Amount Award (FAA) (See Section C):

- I. Israel Only FAAs: Range from a minimum USAID-funded amount of \$50,000 to a maximum USAID-funded amount of \$100,000. The period of performance of Israel Only FAA applications may extend up to a maximum of 18 months.
Cross Border FAAs: Range from a minimum USAID-funded amount of \$100,000 to a maximum USAID-funded amount of \$200,000. The period of performance of Cross Border FAA applications may extend up to a maximum of 24 months.
- II. For FAA awards whose geographic area of implementation is within Israel only, the US Embassy (U.S. State Department) will assume the pre-and post- award responsibilities.

This award opportunity and any resulting awards will be administered in accordance with U.S. Government regulations including, but not limited to the USAID Automated Directive System (ADS) and the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

This APS is posted on www.grants.gov, and may be amended at any time. Potential Applicants should regularly check the website to ensure they have the latest information pertaining to this APS. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the APS has been received from the internet in its entirety and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion process. If you have difficulty registering on www.grants.gov or accessing the APS, please contact the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 or via email at support@grants.gov for technical assistance. All previous CMM APSs issued by the USAID/WBG Mission are hereby closed and this opportunity announcement replaces all previously issued by the USAID/WBG Mission for the Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation/CMM programs.

USAID requires that all questions regarding this APS be submitted in writing via e-mail to WBG-APS-CMM@usaid.gov no later than May 14, 2017. All questions submitted and answers to all questions will be provided through an amendment to the APS which will be publicly posted on grants.gov.

For the benefit of prospective applicants, USAID/West Bank and Gaza intends to host the following pre-application conference(s):

1. Pre-Application Conference in Tel Aviv at the below venue, date and time:

Venue: Hilton Hotel
Date: May 9, 2017

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

2. Pre- Application Conference in Ramallah at the below venue, date and time:

Venue: Movenpick Hotel

Date: May 10, 2017

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Attendance at these conferences is optional and in no way affects the consideration of applications. Please acknowledge your attendance by RSVP for your elected session by 14:00 (Tel Aviv Local Time) on May 4, 2017, to the following email address: wbgusaidcmm@usaid.gov.

For the first deadline, **USAID requires that all Summary Applications be submitted electronically (e-mailed) to WBG-APS-CMM@usaid.gov by June 11, 2017, (11:59PM Tel Aviv Local Time).** Applicants are strongly recommended to request a receipt confirmation to ensure that the application was received by USAID.

Funds for these awards are not currently available. Issuance of this APS does not constitute an award commitment on the part of USAID, nor does it commit USAID to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, USAID reserves the right to reject any or all applications received. In addition, final award of any resultant Assistance Award(s) will not be made until funds have been fully appropriated, allocated, and committed through internal USAID procedures, including a strategic review conducted in coordination with the U.S. State Department.

Thank you for your interest in USAID Programs.

Sincerely,



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