

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
U.S. Embassy Luanda
Julia Taft Fund**

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Type of Solicitation: Open Competition

Funding Opportunity Title: Julia Taft Refugee Fund

Funding Opportunity Number: DOS-ANGOLA-TAFT-FY21-01

CFDA Number: 19.700

Total Amount Available: \$25,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 1 or 2

Deadline for Applications: February 21, 2021

Anticipated Program Start Date: October 1, 2021

Program Performance Period: Proposed programs should be completed in 1 year or less

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Embassy Luanda, under the auspices of the Office of the Regional Refugee Coordinator, is pleased to announce the availability of a funding opportunity through the 2021 Julia Taft Fund for Refugees. The Julia Taft Fund for Refugees is an initiative by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) to respond to critical unmet needs of refugees. Created in 2000, the Julia Taft Fund for Refugees supports projects that fill gaps in refugee services not already being addressed by other organizations and that can be filled locally. Successful projects are those that are not being addressed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), other international organizations, or non-governmental organizations (NGOs), that are already receiving U.S. government funding.

Priority Region

Funding will be allocated for activities in regions where there are refugee or returned refugee communities in Angola.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

PRM's Taft Refugee Fund is intended to meet gaps in refugee assistance by issuing grants of up to \$25,000 to local NGOs for quick impact projects to meet critical needs not addressed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), other international organizations (IOs), or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) receiving U.S. government funding. The Taft Refugee Fund is intended for projects that include a target beneficiary base of at least 50 percent refugees or returned refugees.

NOTE: This notice is subject to availability of funding.

1. FEDERAL AWARD APPLICATION INFORMATION

For all application documents, please ensure that all documents are in English and all costs are in U.S. dollars.

- Applicants should submit ONE project proposal that does not exceed FIVE pages;
- All documents are 1.5 spacing, 12-point Time New Roman font;
- All pages are numbers including budgets and attachments;
- Each proposal MUST include also a one page summary that includes an executive summary, outlining the project goals, objectives, proposed cost, and activities.

6. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Requests must include the following requirements:

- Description of the proposed program, benefits to the beneficiaries, and justification of the request, as well as any additional supporting information;
- Budget;
- Identification of appropriate entity (local NGO) responsible for implementation / management of the project funds (including legal name and address);
- Organizational DUNS number and SAM.gov registration;
- Copy of organization's Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)-compliant Code of Conduct (See Paragraph 3 below).

6. REQUIRED REGISTRATIONS

All applicants must obtain the following registrations (all are free of charge) and include them in your proposals:

1. Unique entity identifier from Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS number)
2. www.SAM.gov registration
3. Copy of organization's Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC)-compliant Code of Conduct

Step 1: Apply for a DUNS number and an NCAGE number (these can be completed simultaneously)

If your organization does not have a DUNS number already, you may obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or visiting <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>

NCAGE application page is here:

<https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx>

Instructions for the NCAGE application process:

<https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/Docs/US%20Instructions%20for%20NSPA%20NCAGE.pdf>

For NCAGE help from within the U.S., call 1-888-227-2423

For NCAGE help from outside the U.S., call 1-269-961-7766

Email NCAGE@dlis.dla.mil for any problems in getting an NCAGE code.

Step 2: After receiving the NCAGE Code, proceed to register in SAM.gov by logging onto: <https://www.sam.gov>. SAM registration must be renewed annually.

Any applicant listed on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM) is not eligible to apply for an assistance award in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR, 1986 Comp. p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR, 1989 Comp. p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." Additionally, no entity listed on the EPLS can participate in any activities under an award. All applicants are strongly encouraged to review the EPLS in SAM to ensure that no ineligible entity is included.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

What is an appropriate use of the Fund? The Taft Refugee Fund is intended for projects that include a target beneficiary base of at least 50% refugees or returned refugees. Julia Taft Fund for Refugees is meant to cover a one-time need and will not support multi-year projects, though funds may be utilized to lay the groundwork for such projects or programs. The 12-month project performance period will begin in/around October 2021 (subject to change).

What is an *inappropriate* use of the Fund? We do not provide direct support to host governments. We discourage proposals from international organizations (IO) as funding for IO programs is most efficiently provided through contributions issued domestically by PRM. The preference is to support local NGOs. PRM's Taft Refugee Fund should not be confused with USAID's International Disaster Assistance (IDA) account for natural and human-made disasters.

5. FUNDING ALLOCATION

Funding will be limited to a maximum of \$25,000 per implementation period for each project (minimum period of implementation is for six months).

Geographic Prioritization Area

Funding will be allocated for work in the regions where are refugee or returned refugee communities only.

6. APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applications are due on or before February 21, 2021. Applications received later than 11:59pm (Angola time) on February 21, 2021, will not be considered.

Please use the email address below to submit your proposal and/or any questions:
Runyon-HarmsAD@state.gov

7. OTHER INFORMATION

The following is not eligible for funding:

- Projects relating to partisan political activity. While this funding is intended to support women interested in politics, it is not intended to promote the political agenda of any party;
- Purchase and set up of surveillance equipment;
- Duplication of other U.S. Government programs;
- Projects that would benefit, either personally or politically, to any employee (e.g. direct hire, contractor, part-time) of the U.S. Government, or the spouse or family member of a U.S. Government employee;
- Production of agricultural commodities for export that can be expected to have a significant impact on competing U.S. exports;
- Contributing to the violation of internationally recognized rights of workers;
- Charitable or donation related activities;
- Projects that support specific religious or military activities, as well as those relating to police, prisons, or other law enforcement;
- Fund-raising campaigns;
- Lobbying for specific legislation or projects;
- Scientific research;
- Projects intended primarily for the growth or institutional development of the organization;
- Projects that duplicate existing efforts;
- Staff salaries or stipends;
- Purchase of alcohol, medicine, school uniforms, school fees, bursaries, or personal expenses;
- Support for educational or other facilities used to a significant degree by U.S. employees or their dependents;
- Support for abortion-related facilities and services;
- Purchase of used equipment – to avoid recurring maintenance and support costs. There is a general policy for financing only new equipment unless it is simple in design and spare parts are available locally, thus providing operational and maintenance advantages in less developed countries;
- Creating, continuing, or supplement technical assistance programs;
- Support for private businesses, private crèches, or public/government schools unless through involvement of a Parent-Teacher Association;
- Purchase of luxury goods and gambling equipment;

- Purchase or production of toxic or otherwise unsafe products such as pesticides or hazardous chemicals;
- Assisting any individual or entity involved in illegal drug trafficking as noted in Section 487 of the Foreign Assistance Act;
- Support, benefit, or other services associated with those persons or entities listed under Executive Order 13224, or determined to be subject to this order or other subsequent laws or orders, who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism;
- Support for any activity barred under the Foreign Assistance Act and legislation appropriating funds for foreign assistance.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

Non-Federal entities are prohibited from obligating or expending grant funds for covered telecommunications equipment or services to:

- (1) procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain;
- (2) enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure; or
- (3) obtain the equipment, services, or systems.

Covered telecommunications equipment and services mean any of the following:

- (i) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- (ii) For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- (iii) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- (iv) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.