

U.S. Embassy Jerusalem Public Diplomacy Annual Program Statement (Palestinian audiences)

Funding Opportunity Number: EMBJPD26002

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Can a newly established organization with tax exemption certificate and EIN from IRS apply?

Yes, eligible organizations for this funding opportunities include:

- U.S., Israeli, or Palestinian not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and non-governmental organizations.
- U.S., Israeli, or Palestinian public and private not-for-profit educational institutions.
- For-profit entities, even those that may fall into the categories listed above, are **not** eligible to apply for funding through this APS.
- Organizations may sub-contract with other entities, but only one, non-profit, non-governmental entity can be the prime recipient of the award. When sub-contracting with other entities, the responsibilities of each entity must be clearly defined in the proposal. For more information on the difference between sub-contract and sub-recipient, please refer to 2 CFR 200.331.

Note: this APS is not open for applications from individuals.

As indicated in the APS, your project goals and objectives should follow one of the five areas below:

1. Advance U.S. economic interests and technological leadership
 2. Promote U.S.-Israeli-Palestinian health-tech cooperation
 3. Promote Christian tourism
 4. Promote American excellence in education technology
 5. Counter malign influences and promote free speech
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2) Can the program target only audiences from the United States, East Jerusalem, and the West Bank?

This program only targets audiences in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, but applicants can be located anywhere as long as they can directly interact with these audiences.

3) Will my application be accepted and reviewed on condition that an active SAM.gov registration and UEI are in place prior to the issuance of any award?

As indicated in the APS, page 16, all organizations, whether based in the United States or in another country, **must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and an active registration in SAM.gov.** - A UEI is one of the data elements mandated by Public Law 109-282, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), for all Federal awards.

An applicant must maintain an active registration while it has a proposal under review by the Department and must continue to keep the registration active for the entire duration of the period of performance of any Federal award that results from this NOFO.

Exemptions

An exemption from the UEI and sam.gov registration requirements may be permitted on a case-by-case basis. See 2 CFR 25.110 for a full list of exemptions.

Organizations requesting exemption from UEI or SAM.gov requirements must email the point of contact listed in the NOFO at least two weeks prior to the deadline in the NOFO providing a justification of their request. Approval for a SAM.gov exemption must come from the warranted Grants Officer before the application can be deemed eligible for review.

Please note: Any applicant with an exclusion 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.”

If you are in the process of completing your SAM.gov registration but are unable to complete it before the application submission deadline, and you need a temporary exemption so that your application can be considered for review, you must submit a temporary SAM.gov registration exemption request by email to pdjapplications@state.gov. Your request must include a justification for the exemption.

If your application is selected for funding, your SAM.gov registration must be active, and you must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), prior to the issuance of any award.

4) We are seeking your assistance regarding our organization's existing SAM registration.

All Inquiries about SAM registration must be addressed directly to the SAM’s help desk:

There is now a 24/7 help desk for login.gov issues:

Either call (844) 875-6446 or contact them online:

<https://www.login.gov/contact/#get-in-touch>

To avoid any delays in the award process, we strongly encourage you to complete your SAM.gov registration as soon as possible.

5) Is this funding opportunity open for applicants from Gaza?

Applicants in Gaza are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. All organizations must meet the eligibility requirements.