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Subject: NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)
NUMBER: 72012119RFA00003

Program Title: Ukraine Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity

The purpose of Amendment No. 01 is to provide answers to the questions received to the Notice of Funding Opportunity Number: 72012119RFA00003.

Thank you for your interest in USAID projects.

Sincerely,

Daniel Harter
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q.1 In the NOFO, there is an Activity breakdown per objectives - (1) Strengthen institutional capacities of civil society organizations (approximately 50%) 8; (2) Improve legal enabling environment for civil society (approximately 35%); (3) Enhance research and learning of civil society sectoral challenges, opportunities, and best practices (approximately 15%). What is deviation allowed from percentage suggested?
- A.1 The purpose of the proposed distribution is to demonstrate the importance of each objective. The proposed percentage per objective is notional. Final determination on distribution of percentages/funds should be based on the Applicant's Technical Approach.
- Q.2 It is possible to partly transfer duties of "Objective 2 Lead/Policy Advisor" to DCoP and to create separate position of "RESEARCH/MEL Officer"?
- A.2 Applicant may propose positions, roles and responsibilities as appropriate to the Applicant's program. Maximum number of Key Personnel positions can be five.
- Q.3 This NOFO is for Ukrainian CSOs, that is why there is a question whether it is possible to contract or to provide sub-grants to international NGOs or think tanks for analysis of best practices in CSO legislation and regulations such as ICNL/ECNL etc.?
- A.3 Any partnership/sub-awards (sub-grants or sub-contracts) should be based on Applicant's Technical Approach. USAID will have substantial involvement in sub-awards approval.
- Q.4 If we plan to engage 3 partners into the consortium, whether 1 consortium partner has to be responsible for implementation of 1 objective or it is possible to divide responsibilities in accordance with the partner expertise?
- A.4 It is up to the Applicant how to distribute roles between consortium members for the implementation of the Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity.
- Q.5 Would you suggest to establish Steering/Coordination Committee for better coordinating stakeholders efforts in civil society development?
- A.5 It is up to the Applicant.
- Q.6 In NOFO it is indicated that approximately \$1,150,000 of the proposed \$10M shall be incorporated into sub-grants to Ukrainian NGOs and approximately \$2,250,000 of the proposed \$10M shall be incorporated to consortium member(s). What deviation is allowed for both thresholds?
- A.6 Provided numbers are approximate. Final distribution of funds should be based on the Applicant's Technical Approach.
- Q.7 Is it possible that consortium members (not primary one) apply for an award in different consortia? Would it have negative impact on the decision of selection committee?
- A.7 There are no restrictions from USAID's side.

- Q.8 Is it possible that consortium members play a role of partner or sub-awardee (not as a consortium member) in proposals of different Consortia?
- A.8 There are no restrictions from USAID's side.
- Q.9 Does draft MELP have to be prepared in MS Word or Excel format or both? Is there any recommended template for it?
- A.9 It is up to the Applicant how to present draft MELP. Any format (Word, Excel, PDF) works for USAID. The Applicant shall draft an illustrative MELP using the guidelines set forth in SECTION VI-AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION, REPORTING, B. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Plan (MELP), of this NOFO.
- Q.10 Is it possible to refer to the data from CSOSI 2018 (have not been finalized yet) if the data from technical application is not disclosed?
- A.10 It is up to the Applicant how to use available data. NOFO documentation submitted by Applicants to USAID for consideration is procurement sensitive and not for public distribution.
- Q.11 Are there any restrictions for providing training to public officials and software to public institutions to improve their implementation of the CSO legislation and their service provision to CSOs (i.e. soft to run/manage grant contest programs for CSOs in transparent way on national and local levels)?
- A.11 No. However, USAID reserves the right to discuss it with the Recipient at the implementation stage of the program.
- Q.12 If Key Personnel may play its role in the Activity at the same time to be employee of the one of the Consortium member organization or these persons should be a part of the Activity implementation staff in Prime?
- A.12 It is up to the Applicant how to present its Staffing and Management Plan including Key Personnel.

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