

Question 1

Are PIOs eligible to apply as prime or in partnership with local entities?

Answer 1

Eligibility is limited to indigenous local and regional entities as defined in ADS 303.3.6.5b(1). See definition listed in Section III.A, paragraph 2 and below:

For the purpose of eligibility of applicants under this NFO, an indigenous local or regional entity is a corporation, a non-profit organization, or another body of persons that: (1) is legally organized under the laws of; (2) has as its principal place of business or operations in; (3) is majority-owned by individuals who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of; and (4) is managed by a governing body the majority of who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of the country receiving assistance. "Majority-owned" and "managed by" include, without limitation, beneficiary interests and the power, either directly or indirectly, whether exercised or exercisable, to control the election, appointment, or tenure of the organization's managers or a majority of the organization's governing body by any means. Applicants that are selected for an award(s) must agree that at least fifty percent of the cost of award performance incurred for personnel must be expended for employees of the successful applicant(s).

Question 2

Could OFDA please confirm whether the applicant organization can propose international organization as sub-partners? If so, are there limitations on the sub-partners level of effort or budget allocation?

Answer 2

Eligibility is limited to indigenous local and regional entities as defined in ADS 303.3.6.5b(1). See definition listed in Section III.A, paragraph 2. As noted on pages 31 to 32 of Section IV.B.3 of the NFO, applications will also be rated on institutional experience and capability, including direct implementation. Per the NFO, applications must clearly demonstrate that the applicant has the ability to implement the majority of activities directly and not predominantly through sub-awards or sub-contracts.

Question 3

Could OFDA confirm if priority geographic targets have been identified for the selected Pacific Island Countries under this NFO?

Answer 3

USAID/OFDA is prioritizing the countries listed under Section I.B.2, paragraph 2 of the NFO, which states:

The geographic scope of this NFO is: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, and/or Tuvalu.

Question 4

Section I.B.2. Program Scope and Objective(s) of this NFO on page 10 states “USAID/OFDA envisions that most local organizations would be able to work in only one or two countries at most. USAID/OFDA discourages regional or sub-regional programs from being proposed for this APS.” and the chart on page 14 references multi country programs “2-4 year program (multi country).” Can USAID/OFDA clarify if the maximum number of countries one program should target is two?

Answer 4

There is no established maximum number of countries that one program should target. However, USAID/OFDA discourages regional or sub-regional programs from being proposed for this APS.

Question 5

Does USAID/OFDA have any plans to expand this opportunity or release a similar opportunity for other countries, such as the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, in the region not covered under this current APS?

Answer 5

USAID/OFDA has no plans for expansion beyond the geographic scope detailed in Section I.B.2, paragraph 2 of the NFO.

Question 6

Based on Section II.E Type of Award(s) on page 14 of the APS, it is understood that USAID/OFDA would have substantial involvement with all Awardees. If possible, can OFDA provide information on where awards would be managed from? For example, will OFDA oversight be managed out of Suva office, the Majuro office or a combination?

Answer 6

USAID/OFDA awards will be made in Washington, D.C. and the Agreement Officer's Representative will be Washington, D.C.-based. USAID/OFDA staff based in the Asia and the Pacific regional and sub-regional offices, including Majuro, Honolulu, Bangkok and Manila, will also provide monitoring and oversight of program activities.

Question 7

How can I retrieve the application forms?

Answer 7

The preferred method of distribution for this NFO and any future NFO amendments is electronically via: www.grants.gov or <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=323940> which provides a single source for USG-wide competitive grant and cooperative agreement opportunities. It is the responsibility of the applicant of this NFO and any related documentation to ensure that it has been received from Grants.gov in its entirety and USAID bears no responsibility for data errors resulting from transmission or conversion processes. It is important that interested organizations sign-up for e-mail updates with: www.grants.gov so they are alerted to any changes posted to this and other USG (including

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