

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
U.S. EMBASSY SOUTH AFRICA PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

Funding Opportunity Title: 2018/2019 EducationUSA Opportunity Funds program

Funding Opportunity Number: SSF75018GR0002

CFDA Number: 19.022 ECA Overseas Grants

Deadline for submitting proposals: January 18, 2018

Contact: U.S. Embassy South Africa Grants Administrator: PretoriaGrants@state.gov

I. Funding Opportunity Description

U.S. Embassy South Africa Public Affairs Section, U.S. Department of State (PAS) is pleased to announce that funding has been requested for the following project:

The grantee will work in coordination with the Public Affairs Sections in Pretoria, Durban, Cape Town, and Johannesburg in support of the 2018/2019 EducationUSA Opportunity Funds program. This program assists highly qualified students who are likely to be awarded full financial aid from U.S. colleges and universities but lack the financial resources to cover the up-front costs of international and domestic airfare, visa fees, SEVIS fees, and settling-in allowance. U.S. Mission to South Africa EducationUSA advisors located in Durban, Cape Town, and Johannesburg will select and advise the Opportunity Funds students.

Institutions interested in bidding on this grant are asked to submit a quote to administer the Opportunity Funds of US\$76,320 and manage two phases of the EducationUSA selection process. The first phase requires coordination and payment for qualified perspective students to take standardized tests.

The second phase requires the recipient to manage the travel logistics of approximately 14-18 students, including visa and SEVIS fees, international airfare, domestic airfare, settling-in allowance, and other related expenses. The grantee will communicate with the students, coordinate visa appointments at the appropriate U.S. consulate, make travel arrangements for domestic and international travel, and coordinate payment to the student of settling-in and other related allowances. The successful grantee will demonstrate an ability to effectively handle funds, coordinate logistics, and finalize payments in a timely manner.

The authorizing statute for this funding opportunity is the Fulbright-Hays Act.

II. Award Information

Funding Instrument Type: Grant.

Maximum amount for the award: \$76,320.00 (contingent on the availability of funding)

Project start date: February 15, 2018.

Project end date: February 14, 2019.

III. Eligibility Information

PAS encourages applications from U.S. and South African registered not-for-profit civil society/non-governmental organizations with programming experience.

PAS encourages applicants to provide cost-sharing from additional sources in support of the project.

IV. Application Submission

Proposals should be submitted by email to PretoriaGrants@state.gov.

Applications are accepted in English only. Final grant agreements will be concluded in English.

Applications must include a detailed budget spreadsheet.

Recipients should be registered on SAM.gov. SAM registration requires a DUNS number and an NCAGE code:

- DUNS Number: Any entity that receives PAS financing must register for a DUNS number, which is a unique nine-digit identification number. DUNS Number assignment is free for organizations required to register with the federal government for grants. Begin the process here: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> (or phone 011 790 3060);
- NCAGE Code: <https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx>;
- SAM registration: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/>.

V. Review and Selection Process

Each application submitted under this announcement will be evaluated and rated on the basis of the criteria outlined below. Applications will be reviewed on the basis of their completeness, coherence, clarity, and attention to detail.

Organizational Capacity: The organization has expertise in its stated field and PAS is confident of its technical capacity to undertake the project.

Monitoring and Evaluation Plan: Applicant demonstrates it is able to measure program success against key indicators and provide milestones to indicate progress toward goals outlined in the proposal. The project includes a systematic recording and periodic analysis of selected information on the project activities.

VI. Award Administration

Award Notices: The grant shall be written, signed, awarded, and administered by the Grants Officer. The Grants Officer is the U.S. government official delegated the authority by the U.S. Department of State Procurement Executive to write, award, and administer grants and cooperative agreements. The assistance award agreement is the authorizing document and it will be provided to the recipient. Organizations whose applications will not be funded will also be notified in writing.

If a proposal is selected for funding, the Department of State has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the discretion of the Department of State.

Reporting Requirements: Awards issued under this announcement will require program and financial reports on a frequency specified in the award agreement. The disbursement of funds may be tied to submission of these reports in a timely manner. All other details related to award administration will be specified in the award agreement as well. Final programmatic and financial reports are due 90 days (unless otherwise specified) after the close of the project period. Progress reports at a minimum should be submitted via electronic mail to an address to be provided in the award.