

# Grants Opportunities: Defense, Education, Other (27), April-June 2014

## Defense

### **NRL WIDE BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT BAA-N00173-03**

**Granting Agency:** Naval Research Laboratory — Department of Defense

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Continuous update to requirements, such that, the close date is not necessary.

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**CFDA Number:** 12.300

**Funding Opportunity Number:** BAA-N00173-03

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) is the Navy's corporate laboratory. NRL conducts basic and applied research for the Navy in a variety of scientific and technical disciplines. The basic research program is driven by perceptions about future requirements of the Navy.

**For more information go to:** <http://heron.nrl.navy.mil/contracts/baa/index03.html>

### **NRL WIDE BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT BAA-N00173-02**

**Granting Agency:** Naval Research Laboratory — Department of Defense

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Continuous update to requirements, such that, the close date is not necessary.

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**CFDA Number:** 12.300

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-294-12-000002

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**For more information go to:** <http://heron.nrl.navy.mil/contracts/baa/index02.htm>

### **Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP)**

**Granting Agency:** Defense Logistics Agency — Department of Defense

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Refer to the instructions for Step (2) in Section IV of Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications (SCAA) number DLA-20130412 issued on April 12, 2013.

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants are those that have completed Step (1) described in Section IV of Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications (SCAA) number DLA-20130412. \

**CFDA Number:** 12.002

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-294-12-000002

Funding opportunity number DLA-20130412B is provided for completion of Step (2) of the application process described in Section IV of Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement Applications (SCAA) number DLA-20130412.

**For more information go to:** <http://www.dla.mil/SmallBusiness/Documents/SCAA2013.pdf>

## **Research Interests of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research**

**Granting Agency:** Air Force Office of Scientific Research — Department of Defense **Current Closing Date for Applications:** Open until superseded.

**Expected Number of Awards:**

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; For profit organizations other than small businesses; Small businesses; Private institutions of higher education.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:**

**CFDA Number:** 12.800

**Funding Opportunity Number:** BAA-AFOSR-2014-0001

AFOSR plans, coordinates, and executes the Air Force Research Laboratory's (AFRL) basic research program in response to technical guidance from AFRL and requirements of the Air Force; fosters, supports, and conducts research within Air Force, university, and industry laboratories; and ensures transition of research results to support U.S. Air Force needs. The focus of AFOSR is on research areas that offer significant and comprehensive benefits to our national warfighting and peacekeeping capabilities. These areas are organized and managed in five scientific Departments: Dynamical Systems and Control (RTA), Quantum and Non-Equilibrium Processes (RTB), Information, Decision and Complex Networks (RTC), Complex Materials and Devices (RTD), and Energy, Power and Propulsion (RTE).

## **DOD FY14 Medical Practice Initiative Team Communications Training Research Program**

**Granting Agency:** Dept. of the Army -- USAMRAA — Department of Defense

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/15/14

**Expected Number of Awards:** 2

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$3,500,000

**CFDA Number:** 12.420

**Funding Opportunity Number:** W81XWH-14-JPC1-MPI-TCT

The FY14 Medical Practice Initiative Team Communications Training Research (MPI-TCT) Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) seeks to advance the state of research under the MPI initiative. The MPI-TCT BAA is being offered for the first time in FY14. The MPI is primarily focused on the research and, ultimately, the development of medical training methods, technologies, systems, and competency assessment tools for the attainment and sustainment of military medical readiness. The MPI advances these goals through research and development projects related to the practice of medicine. The primary purpose of the MPI-TCT BAA is to solicit research that will improve communication skills and team performance in medical settings with the goal of reducing medical errors and improving medical care. Research funded through the MPI-TCT BAA is intended and expected to benefit and inform both military and civilian medical practice and knowledge. Results are expected to inform the Government (DOD and civilian agencies) on the potential viability of a software simulation, technology and/or programming gaps, and on evaluation criteria and/or metrics to improve performance in this domain. This announcement is soliciting research into methods and technology that would support future development of a prototype medical communications skills and/or medical team performance team-training simulation system. Under this announcement, a proof of concept or prototype of the proposed technical high risk work is being sought. A prototype system that undergoes validation may be proposed and developed, provided that it is supported by critical research and analysis of data regarding the nature and extent of improving communication skills and team performance in medical settings that a prototype purports to address and it is supported by valid metrics that support efficacy.

## **Education**

### **School Improvement Program**

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** United States Government, represented by the Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission to the West Bank and Gaza is seeking applications from qualified U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), Public International Organizations (PIOs), and U.S. for profit firms (provided they forgo profit) to implement a program entitled “School Improvement Program”. Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments. However, all reasonable, allocable and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the agreement program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A-21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for profit organizations), may be paid under the anticipated award. USAID welcomes applications from organizations which have not previously done business with USAID. Applicants must have established financial management, monitoring and evaluation, internal control systems, and policies and procedures that comply with established U.S. Government standards, laws, and regulations. The successful applicant(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination issued by a warranted Agreement Officer (AO) in USAID. The Recipient must be a responsible entity. The AO may determine a pre-award survey is required and if so, would establish a formal survey team to conduct an examination that will

determine whether the prospective recipient has the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills – or ability to obtain them – in order to achieve the objectives of the program.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$20,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 98.001

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-294-12-000002

Marginalized Palestinian areas suffer from a multitude of political, security and socio-economic problems that hinder development work and put the population at serious risk. The Palestinian Authority (PA) has limited authority and capability to reach all Palestinian areas to provide meaningful support to its residents. The School Improvement Program will implement interventions to improve the educational environment and quality of education in the most disadvantaged Palestinian areas. This program will provide support to public and private schools in the most disadvantaged Palestinian areas.

## **Teacher Incentive Fund Program- Recovery Act (ARRA) CFDA 84.385**

**Granting Agency:** Department of Education

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** TBD.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 15

**Eligibility:** Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs in their state, SEAs, or partnerships of (1) an LEA, an SEA, or both, and (2) at least one nonprofit organization may apply. Agencies with differentiated compensation systems already in place may apply for a TIF program grant to expand their programs so that they reach additional high-need school sites or to include teachers or administrators in high-need schools who are not participating in the current system. For purposes of the TIF program, a high-need school means a school with more than 30 percent of its enrollment from low-income families, based on eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch subsidies, or other poverty measures that the State permits the LEAs to use. For middle and high schools, eligibility may be calculated on the basis of comparable data from feeder schools.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$200,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 84.385

**Funding Opportunity Number:** ED-GRANTS-030909-005

These supplemental funds, appropriated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), are intended to help stimulate the American economy. The purpose of the Teacher Incentive Fund is to support programs that develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems, based primarily on increases in student achievement, in high-need schools.

## **FY 2014 Youth Ambassadors Program**

**Granting Agency:** Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs — Department of State

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/18/14

**Eligibility:** Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Others; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$2,825,000 (ceiling)

**CFDA Number:** 19.415

**Funding Opportunity Number:** ECA-ECAPEC-14-043

The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for the FY 2014 Youth Ambassadors Program with South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Canada, and Haiti. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501c3 may submit proposals to recruit and select youth and adult participants, to provide the participants with three-week exchanges focused on civic education, community service, and youth leadership development, and to support follow-on projects in their home communities. Exchange delegations will travel to the United States from Canada, Haiti, ten South American countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela), eight Central American countries (Belize, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama), and six countries in the Caribbean (the Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago); U.S. exchange delegations will travel to select countries. It is the Bureau's intent to award multiple cooperative agreements (one base year plus two option years) for an estimated total amount of \$8,475,000. Please see section II.)

## **Affordable Care Act- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Nonprofit Organizations Competition**

**Granting Agency:** Health Resources & Services Administration — Department of Health and Human Services

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/18/14

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations with an established record of providing early childhood home visiting programs or initiatives in a state or several states

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$3,162,393

**CFDA Number:** 93.505

**Funding Opportunity Number:** HRSA-14-101

This announcement solicits applications for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program in the State of Oklahoma. The State of Oklahoma, which has received MIECHV grant funds since FY 2010, did not apply for FY 2013 MIECHV formula funds.[1] Accordingly, the FY 2013 and FY 2014 MIECHV formula funding that was otherwise allocated to the State of Oklahoma is now being made available to a qualified nonprofit organization for the purposes described in this funding opportunity announcement (FOA). Applicant nonprofit organizations must demonstrate that they will provide home visiting services to families in at-risk communities identified in the MIECHV statewide needs assessment conducted by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (available online at

<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/homevisiting/ta/fundingopportunity/> and <http://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/MIECHVNeeds%20Assessment%20entire%20document.pdf>) and in compliance with the goals, objectives, and requirements of the MIECHV Program set forth in § 511 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 711) and this FOA. Subsection 511(h)(2)(B) of the authorizing legislation specifically requires that program requirements for MIECHV awards to nonprofit organizations be, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the requirements applicable to eligible entities that are states; require each nonprofit organization awardee to carry out the program funded under this announcement based on the needs assessment that was previously conducted by the relevant state in which it is now proposing to provide services under subsection (b); and require the organization to establish quantifiable, measurable 3- and 5-year benchmarks consistent with the requirements for eligible entities that are states, as set forth in subsection (d)(1)(A). [1] The State of Oklahoma continues to conduct activities under MIECHV Expansion Grant D89MC2315.

## YouthBuild

**Granting Agency:** Employment and Training Administration — Department of Labor

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/22/14

**Expected Number of Awards:** 73

**Eligibility:** Eligible applicants for these grants are public or private non-profit agencies; Faith-based and community organizations; An entity carrying out activities under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), such as a local workforce investment board or American Job Center (formerly known as One-Stop Career Center); An educational institution; A community action agency; A state or local housing development agency; A community development corporation; A state or local youth service conservation corps; or Any other public or private non-profit entity that is eligible to provide education or employment training under a Federal program. Grantees who received funding from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 YouthBuild competition [SGA/DFA PY 12-02] are funded through November 2016 and these grantees (based on their unique Employer Identification Numbers) are not eligible to participate in this competition.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$73,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 17.274

**Funding Opportunity Number:** SGA-DFA-PY-13-04

### **Paragraph-long description:**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department), announces the availability of approximately \$73 million in grant funds authorized by the YouthBuild provisions of the Workforce Investment Act (29 USC 2918a). YouthBuild grants will be awarded through a competitive process. Under this Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA), DOL will award grants to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. Based on our estimate of FY 2014 funding, DOL hopes to serve approximately 4,950 participants during the grant period of performance, with approximately 75 projects awarded across the country.

## Academic Linkages

**Granting Agency:** U.S. Mission to Pakistan — Department of State

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 05/01/14

**Eligibility:** The U.S. Embassy Islamabad Public Affairs Section will only accept applications from U.S., Pakistani and international registered not-for-profit, civil society/non-governmental organizations, and educational institutions with at least two years of programming experience.

**CFDA Number:** 19.501

**Funding Opportunity Number:** SCAISB-14-AW-005-SCA-012414

**Paragraph-long description:** The U.S. Embassy Islamabad Public Affairs Section (PAS) invites organizations to submit a proposal focused on education that addresses two key PAS strategic priorities: enhancing people-to-people activities, and building and strengthening local partners between the United States and Pakistan. These activities should expand people-to-people relationships between non-officials from the educational community (e.g. academics, educational leaders, education policy makers, educational trainers), strengthen academic relationships, and increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of the United States and Pakistan.

## **Nanotechnology Undergraduate Education (NUE) in Engineering**

**Granting Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Mar 27, 2014

**Eligibility:** Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in, the US acting on behalf of their faculty members.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$1,900,000

**CFDA Number:** 10.217

**Funding Opportunity Number:** 14-541

This solicitation aims at introducing nanoscale science, engineering, and technology through a variety of interdisciplinary approaches into undergraduate engineering education. The focus of the FY 2014 competition is on nanoscale engineering education with relevance to devices and systems and/or on the societal, ethical, economic and/or environmental issues relevant to nanotechnology. A well-prepared, innovative science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce is crucial to the Nation's health and economy. **For more information, go to:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf14541](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf14541)

## **Research Training Groups in the Mathematical Sciences**

**Granting Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** June 5, 2014

**Eligibility:** Universities and two- and four-year colleges (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$10,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 47.049

**Funding Opportunity Number:** 11-540

The long-range goal of the Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS) Workforce program is to increase the number of well-prepared U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents who pursue careers in the mathematical sciences and in other NSF-supported disciplines. The Research Training Groups in the Mathematical Sciences (RTG) activity is a part of the Workforce program. RTG supports education through research involvement in groups centered on a common research interest that span the entire spectrum of educational levels from undergraduates through postdoctoral associates. **For more information, go to:** [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf11540](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf11540)

## Other

### **Funding Opportunity Announcement for Research Projects to Strengthen Evidence-Based Humanitarian Decision Making by PRM and its Partners Worldwide**

**Granting Agency:** Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration — Department of State

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/16/14

**Expected Number of Awards:** 30

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$200,000

**CFDA Number:** 19.522

**Funding Opportunity Number:** PRM-PRMOAPGL-14-001

PRM seeks to fund research projects to strengthen evidence-based humanitarian decision making by PRM and its partners worldwide. Research proposals must focus on one of the following topics: understanding refugee return to urban areas; promoting coordination in non-camp settings; adapting urban humanitarian response to local contexts; understanding the relationship between statelessness and gender-based violence (GBV); health impacts of statelessness; and assessing the impact of international community advocacy on gender discrimination in nationality laws. **For more information, go to:** <http://www.state.gov/j/prm/funding/index.htm>

### **Catalyzing New International Collaborations**

**Granting Agency:** National Science Foundation

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/22/14

**Expected Number of Awards:** 40

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$2,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 47.041, 47.049, 47.050, 47.070, 47.074, 47.075, 47.076, 47.079, 47.081

**Funding Opportunity Number:** 13-605

The Catalyzing New International Collaborations program supports the participation of US-based researchers and students in activities intended to catalyze new international research collaborations. **For more information, go to:**

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf13605](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf13605)

## **Social Innovation Fund Grant Competition**

**Granting Agency:** Corporation for National and Community Service

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** 04/22/14

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**CFDA Number:** 94.019

**Funding Opportunity Number:** CNCS-COOP-02242014

The Social Innovation awards grants to grantmaking institutions, referred to as “intermediaries.” These intermediaries in turn competitively select, provide grants to, and otherwise support high-performing community-based nonprofit organizations to implement evidence-based programs in the areas of healthy futures, economic opportunity and youth development. The intermediaries and the nonprofits must match the grant funds they receive one-to-one in cash from with non-federal sources. **For more information, go to:** <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2014/social-innovation-fund-grants-fy-2014>

## **Strengthening Free and Independent Media in South Sudan Program**

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Closing date of the solicitation will be indicated in the full RFA announcement once posted.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Qualified foreign and domestic for-profit companies that forego profit, foreign and domestic non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, foundations, academic institutions, civic groups and regional organizations.

**CFDA Number:** 98.001

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$60,000,000

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-668-13-000003

The United States Government, represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), anticipates issuing a request for applications (RFA), early-May 2013, inviting applications for a Cooperative Agreement to implement the Strengthening Free and Independent Media in South Sudan Program. Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five-year, Cooperative Agreement will focus on strengthening the independence, professionalism, production capacities, self-sustainability and regulatory framework of the media sector in South Sudan. Media assistance will build on the transition to self-sustainability of five currently USAID-supported local partner radio stations.

# Inclusive Political Processes in South Sudan Program

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Closing date of the solicitation will be indicated in the full RFA announcement once posted.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**CFDA Number:** 98.001

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$74,800,000

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-668-13-000004

The United States Government, represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), expects to issue a request for applications (RFA) in May 2013 for a program that builds on strengthening Political Competition and Consensus Building in the Republic of South Sudan (RSS). Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five-year, Cooperative Agreement will focus on improving the capacities of key institutions that anchor democratic transformation in South Sudan. Specifically, the program will provide support to strengthen the ability of the National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC) to establish an operational capacity to manage and administer credible constitutional review, as well as the National Elections Commission (NEC), Electoral Management body (EMB) and State election institutions to administer credible, transparent and fair elections while improving the long term capacity of the EMB to administering elections in South Sudan. Furthermore, the program will strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations for citizen engagement, advocacy and empowerment, to ensure citizen participation in key political processes. The program will also support legislative strengthening of both the State and the National Legislative Assemblies to improve their effectiveness in governance, accountability and constituency representations. Assistance will be provided for political parties to participate in elections and other political processes in South Sudan. USAID will advise applicants of project objectives and desired outcome; however, applicants must provide the methodology or approach for implementation of the project. Applicants will have the opportunity to propose a sound, cost effective approach for the Program. Additionally, Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider implementation through a consortium with other organizations including but not limited to Public International Organizations and local organizations; however, principal responsibility for implementation of the program should rest with the applicant who should act as the prime and have final responsibility for implementation and performance monitoring of the program.

# Palestinian Community Assistance Program

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (U.S. NGOs), U.S. Private Voluntary Organization (PVO), Public International Organizations (PIO), or a U.S. for profit firm (provided they forgo profit).

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$100,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 98.001

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-294-12-000002

. USAID/West Bank and Gaza will be releasing an RFA that intends to award one Cooperative Agreement to an organization that would manage and oversee humanitarian and recovery sub-grants over a multi-year period. The RFA will fund complex programming in Gaza which promotes long-term food security, safe and secure housing options, improved infrastructure, household-level economic recovery, and other economic recovery opportunities. These efforts are in line with the priorities established in the Palestinian Authority's Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan for Gaza. Projects funded under this RFA may include activities in the health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, or economic sectors. Examples of potential activities may include constructing agricultural infrastructure, rehabilitating irrigation systems, providing emergency food and non-food items, constructing or rehabilitating private schools/health clinics, building women's centers, weatherizing private homes, or providing educational programming for school age children. Such activities will provide a tangible benefit to the people of Gaza in 2010 and beyond.

## **Civic Participation Program**

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Closing date of the solicitation will be indicated in the full RFA announcement once posted.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Qualified U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) registered with USAID, Public International Organizations (PIOs), or U.S. for profit firms (provided they forgo profit). Note for For-Profit Organizations: Pursuant to 22 CFR § 226.81, it is USAID's policy not to award fees nor profit under assistance instruments. Other reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the agreement program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (OMB Circular A-122 for nonprofit organizations), may be paid under the agreement.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$18,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 98.001

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-294-12-000002

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission to the West Bank and Gaza is seeking applications from qualified U.S. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), U.S. Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) registered with USAID, Public International Organizations (PIOs), or U.S. for profit firms (provided they forgo profit) to implement a program entitled "Civic Participation Program" in the West Bank and Gaza. The authority for the RFA is found in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID/West Bank and Gaza intends to provide approximately \$18 Million in total USAID funding for this activity to be allocated over a three- year period. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. Although it is planned to make an award of one Cooperative Agreement under this RFA, USAID/West Bank and Gaza in its discretion may make awards to more than one organization or no award. The purpose of the Civic Participation Program is to reinvigorate civic participation in the Palestinian Authority (PA) decision-making process, in the monitoring and oversight of government institutions, and in the broader public sector discourse in order to ensure a more vibrant and robust democratic dialogue between the government and the citizens of the future Palestinian state.

# Community Infrastructure Development Program

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** The closing date for this opportunity will be stated in the full solicitation package once posted.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 10

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$250,000

**CFDA Number:** 19.021

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA294-2010-113

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is now accepting proposals for a new grant called the Saudi-American Educational and Cultural Initiative Grants (SAECIG) and is for Saudi and U.S. non-governmental and community organizations, universities, entrepreneurs, cultural organizations or qualified individuals who propose to work together to develop or expand educational, professional and cultural exchange activities and promote dialogue and partnership between the people of the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The new grant will support innovative forms of collaboration to expand the diversity of activities in the U.S.-Saudi partnership and develop the next generation of leaders, especially among youth, young professionals and women, and to promote mutual understanding and respect through long-term partnership and cooperation between our two countries.

**For more information go to:** <http://riyadh.usembassy.gov/education-and-culture/grants.html>

# Palestinian Community Infrastructure Development

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** The closing date for applications under this RFA will be stated in the full announcement.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**CFDA Number:** 98.01

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA294-2010-113

The United States Government, represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), anticipates issuing a request for applications (RFA), late-March to early April 2012, inviting applications for a Cooperative Agreement to implement the Palestinian Community Infrastructure Development Program to increase Palestinians' access to community infrastructure and provide rapid response to address urgent needs in the West Bank and Gaza. To reach this overall objective, the program will replace or upgrade water and sanitation networks in order to increase access to water resources and alleviate water losses; upgrade health facilities to improve essential health services; build and upgrade schools to provide improved learning

facilities; and, provide other public infrastructure within and between communities to improve basic services and increase economic opportunities. Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five year Cooperative Agreement shall focus on implementing projects primarily in rural and vulnerable communities that face serious shortages in basic services. USAID will advise applicants of project objectives and desired outcome; however, applicants must provide the methodology or approach for implementation of the project. Applicants will have the opportunity to propose a sound, cost effective approach for the Program. This will be a competitive announcement, and USAID encourages all U.S. non-governmental organizations to consider this opportunity.

## **Strengthening Democratic Local Governance in South Sudan**

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Closing date of the solicitation will be indicated in the full RFA announcement once posted.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Qualified foreign and domestic for-profit companies that forego profit, foreign and domestic non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, foundations, academic institutions, civic groups and regional organizations. Note for For-Profit Organizations: Pursuant to 22 CFR § 226.81, it is USAID's policy not to award fees nor profit under assistance instruments. Other reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the agreement program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (OMB Circular A-122 for nonprofit organizations), may be paid under the agreement.

**CFDA Number:** 98.01

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RFA-668-13-000002

The United States Government, represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), anticipates issuing a request for applications (RFA), early-May 2013, inviting applications for a Cooperative Agreement to implement the Strengthening Democratic Local Governance Program in South Sudan to strengthen democratic local governance through improving local government's ability to perform its core functions and supporting the development of strong and credible state and local systems. Specifically, the program will engender a bottom-up and inclusive public participatory approach in the decision-making, implementation and accountability of government service delivery and further strengthen linkages within national, state, and local (payam) governments and International/NGOs for better coordination, delivery of services and accountability to the people. Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five-year, Cooperative Agreement shall focus on implementing projects primarily in high conflict, disaster prone and low resource areas. USAID will advise applicants of project objectives and desired outcome; however, applicants must provide the methodology or approach for implementation of the project. Applicants will have the opportunity to propose a sound, cost effective approach for the Program. Additionally, Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider implementation through a consortium with other organizations including PIOs and local organizations; however, principal responsibility for implementation of the program should rest with the applicant who should act as prime and have final responsibility for implementation and performance monitoring of the program.

# Alternative Development Program

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** This is a pre-solicitation notice. The full request for applications with a closing date will be published in late August 2008.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 1

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$150,000,000

**CFDA Number:** 98.001

**Funding Opportunity Number:** 306-08-027-RFI

The United States Government, represented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), anticipates issuing a request for applications to implement an Alternative Development Program to increase licit and commercially viable agricultural-based alternatives for rural Afghans with the goal of significantly reducing and ultimately eradicating poppy production throughout Afghanistan. Subject to the availability of funds, this competitively awarded five year Cooperative Agreement shall focus across those provinces within the north, east and west of Afghanistan where poppy eradication has been showing success, security issues are comparatively reduced and opportunities are most abundant. Examples of current priority provinces are Nangarhar, Nuristan, Kunar and Laghman, Badakhshan, and Takhar. The Agreement shall be outcomes based focused on results. Applicants shall compete with proposed solutions that meet the requirements of the RFA and are tailored to an optimal technical / business approach. The goal is to contribute to the creation of full and part-time and year-round and seasonal jobs, increased sales, strengthened associations, increased exports and improved access to services to promote licit economic growth and positive alternatives to the illicit economy for farmers and non-farmers alike.

# USAID/DCHA/FFP International Emergency Food Assistance

**Granting Agency:** Agency for International Development

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** This APS remains open until amended to identify a closing date.

**Expected Number of Awards:**

**Eligibility:** Unrestricted

**Estimated Total Program Funding:**

**CFDA Number:** 98.001

**Funding Opportunity Number:** APS-FFP-13-000001

Title II and Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP) awards to provide local and/or regional purchase of food and/or food vouchers and/or cash transfers.

# Rural Business Enterprise Grant Programs (RBEG)

**Granting Agency:** Business and Cooperative Programs — Department of Agriculture

**Current Closing Date for Applications:** Applications submitted for ARRA funding may be submitted to the USDA Rural Development State Office until funds are depleted or until a date to be published in Fiscal Year 2010, whichever occurs earlier.

**Expected Number of Awards:** 200

**Eligibility:** Applicants eligible for RBEG funds are public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations which will serve rural areas. "Rural area" for this program is defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants. Applications will only be accepted from eligible entities.

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$20,000,000

**Funding Opportunity Number:** RDBCP-09-RBEG-ARRA

Notice: "In addition to meeting the requirements of the RBEG program, applicants must also comply with applicable provisions of the ARRA and any related regulations and guidance. For non-construction projects, this will include ARRA reporting requirements. For construction projects, this will include the ARRA reporting requirements as well as the Davis-Bacon and "Buy America" requirements".