

Small Grants Program to Promote Women's Political, Economic and Social Advancement – Request for Proposals

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce a small grants program to promote women's political, economic, and social advancement. The main purpose of the grants is to promote women's and girls' access to education and health care, to combat violence against women and girls in all its forms, and to ensure that women's rights are fully integrated with human rights and socio-economic development.

Projects funded through these grants could include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- **Education:** women's literacy; improving girls' educational opportunities and retention; improving safety for girls while attending school, health education initiatives;
- **Food security:** supporting small holder female farmers through leadership and property rights training as well as land tenure reform advocacy initiatives;
- **Climate change:** training for women's community groups in adaptation and mitigation to climate change, support for the participation of women in climate change problem solving;
- **Gender-based violence (GBV):** support to NGOs or community-based resource centers in efforts to combat GBV, providing support for victims of domestic violence and rape;
- **Economic opportunity:** training and mentoring programs in business and management, assistance for women's artisan groups for product design, marketing, and related needs;
- **Democracy and political empowerment:** technical assistance and capacity building for women's organizations, assistance for groups seeking political and policy reform on women's issues, leadership training initiatives;
- **Legal reform:** judicial and law enforcement training initiatives on women's issues such as property rights and gender-based violence, efforts to promote women's property rights and equal access to justice.

Application Requirements and Instructions

Please carefully review the application guidelines provided below and submit all requested information no later than January 30, 2010. Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.

Proposals should not exceed five pages in length and must include the following:

- contact information for the organization and the point of contact;
- a description of your organization, including its geographical coverage, work history and technical and management capacity;
- a statement clearly identifying the problem to be addressed and how it will benefit the target group;
- a summary of the proposed program;
- a detailed project description, including specific activities, desired outcomes and performance measures; and
- a detailed budget not to exceed US\$ 100,000.

The project should not exceed eighteen months in duration.

Proposals will be evaluated based on how effectively the proposal addresses the issue(s) described in the problem statement, expected results, the sustainability of program accomplishments, and the capacity of the recipient organization to account for the funds and ensure that funds are spent for the intended purposes. Projects should demonstrate that they are making efficient use of funds.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Proposals must be submitted in English.
- Individuals are ineligible for a grant.
- You can access an on-line copy of this request for proposals, at <http://tanzania.usembassy.gov/grants.html>.

- Applications can be submitted via post or email. Email preferred.
- Proposals will not be returned.

POST OR EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Political Officer

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