

U.S. Embassy Apia Call for Proposals
Environment*Science*Technology*Health

The U.S. Embassy Apia announces a funding opportunity of up to **\$35,000 USD** (Samoa only) or **\$65,000 USD** (regional) for projects in the realm of Environment, Science, Technology, and Health.

Eligibility is limited to non-profit/nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) within Samoa, or regional bodies that include Samoa in its mandate. Proposals should demonstrate creativity, substance, and relevance to national goals relating to one of the topic areas above.

Preference will be given to projects that:

A.) Align with U.S. State Department Goals of

1. Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change;
2. Conserving Our Ocean;
3. Protecting Public Health and Improving Health Security;
4. Combatting Wildlife Trafficking and Strengthening Environmental Conservation;
5. Enhancing Cooperation on Science, Space, Technology and Innovation;
7. Managing Water Resources for Increased Resilience.

B.) Are regional in scope, supporting collaboration across two or more countries, and advance a cross-boundary approach to achieving priority objectives. Single country projects that have the potential to satisfy or advance regional objectives or serve as a model or “proof of concept” for wider application within a region will also be considered. Successful projects will describe how the outcomes will be applicable to, and could be replicated in, other countries in the region.

Proposals following the attached template are to be submitted via email to ApiaPD@state.gov by COB Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

2016 ESTH SMALL GRANTS PROPOSAL APPLICATION TEMPLATE

Project Title:	<i>Insert title</i>
Proposed project location(s)/participant country/ies:	<i>Insert country/countries that will benefit from project</i>
Proposal Type:	<i>Select one:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Small Grant (under \$35k USD)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Regional Initiative (\$35k-\$65k USD)</i>
Total grant request:	<i>Insert amount</i>

Executive Summary:

In the summary include a synopsis of the proposed project area of focus (e.g. climate, health, etc) and proposed project goals. How will this project meet the goals of the country(-ies) of implementation?

SAMPLE:

This project aims to promote and enable linkages and collaborations among Nile Basin Scholars from across the region. Specifically, it will bring together a core group of motivated and active Nile Basin scholars to build a network between academic institutions, to plan the way forward for scholarly networking and collaboration within the Nile Basin, and to draft an initial agenda for intra-regional collaborative research. The importance of this project stems from: the need to support productive dialogue in the public sphere, regardless of the current state of Nile politics and the current dearth of robust and wide collaborative networks among regional Nile Basin Scholars.

Section 1: Funding Opportunity Description

1A. Background & Purpose

Provide a short background on the project proposal and the issue(s) the project will address. Include what the project will accomplish.

SAMPLE:

The Marine Debris Research, Prevention and Reduction Act (MDRPRA), as amended, was passed to establish programs within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety. Marine debris is defined as "every persistent solid waste that floats in the sea or is

deposited in the sea bottom or in the beaches.” Marine debris originates from different sources, some of which are related to activities undertaken at sea, either on surface or sea bottom, at near-shore zones and also due to activities performed many miles from the coast.

The proposed program will establish a standardized procedure to record marine debris when undertaking clean-up campaigns and monitoring activities in the participating countries (Chile, Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia). As a starting point, the program will propose using the same data sheet and identification procedures used during International Coastal Cleanup activities. One initial objective that needs to be met is to have Colombia participate in International Coastal Cleanup activities since they are currently not performed in this country (though other beach clean-up activities are carried out).

In some countries there have been marine debris monitoring programs, including for microplastics. One of the most successful experiences has been carried out in Chile where they monitored marine waste in 2008 and 2012, and monitored the behavior of marine debris on the Chilean coast in the four years between the two monitoring events.

Countries in which there have been International Coastal Cleanup activities (Peru, Ecuador, and Chile) have more than fifteen (15) years of information on marine waste found in their respective countries, but this information is not standardized and has not been analyzed from a regional perspective. An analysis of this data will provide a regional vision of the problem and allow countries to identify the main types of waste, the more persistent, the most dangerous for marine diversity, and sources of generation as well as other useful information.

1B. Program Goals to be met

Describe the goals of the proposed program/activities, linking them to one or more U.S. State Department goals above.

SAMPLE:

The goal of this project is to develop a platform to encourage countries to fully implement the International Health Regulations (IHR) and develop more robust pandemic preparedness capacity. This links to OES bureau goal of 6, Increased Pandemic Preparedness and Improved Global Health (one aspect of which is implementation of the IHR). The goal is that countries participating will have a fuller IHR implementation and pandemic preparedness with resulting national public health benefits.

1C. Expected Results to be met

State the expected results of the program.

SAMPLE:

Through support of the Wildlife Enforcement Network for Southern Africa (WENSA) workshop, we plan to:

- 1. Improved knowledge-sharing of best practices, experience, know-how, and tools for combating poaching and wildlife trafficking.*
- 2. Improved regional dialogue on policy related to poaching and wildlife trafficking with particular attention towards harmonization of laws and penalties relevant to wildlife crime.*
- 3. Progress in preparing foundation documents, including Terms of Reference, for the official establishment, structure, operation, and means of support of the network.*
- 4. Action plan for subsequent activities required to fully formalize the WENSA.*
- 5. A report summarizing workshop results and lessons learned for distribution to participants and stakeholders.*

1D. Main Activities to be performed

Identify the anticipated country or countries to be benefited (whether this is an in-country activity for nationals only, or a regional event supporting the participation of participants from multiple countries, for example). Please provide a detailed response to show how the above results and goals will be met through the activities in this program.

SAMPLE

This program will consist of a series of three academic seminars in Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, featuring a U.S. expert and local academics. They will tailor their seminars for different audiences: Parliament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other government agencies, civil society, and university students.

Proposed itinerary for the academic seminars:

June 9-10 Afghanistan

June 11-12 Tajikistan

June 13-14 Kyrgyzstan

1E. Performance Indicators

The project should monitor and report on performance indicators that are specific, measurable, achievable, reasonable, and timebound. Establish, where possible, performance baseline data and expected performance targets for each expected result, and include information on what sources of data will be used to document performance, how the indicators will be measured, frequency of measurement, and units of measure. Where possible, indicators should also allow for gender disaggregation.

SAMPLE

Number of conference attendees (with disaggregated data by gender);

Number of countries/regions represented;

Number of women participants;

Number of goals drafted;

Number of educational institutions represented;

Number of research collaborations sought with U.S. partners

Section 2: Budget

SAMPLE Summary BUDGET

Item	Cost
Participant travel, meals, and accommodation (@ \$1200 x 12)	\$14,400.00
Workshop facilitator travel, meals, accommodation (@ \$1200 x 2)	\$2,400.00
Workshop materials and venue set up	\$4,200
Workshop documentation	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$25,000