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## New Opportunities

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>AL-Invest Green Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>International Italo-Latin American Organization</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The IILA - International Italo-Latin American Organization is accepting applications for the AL-Invest Green Program to strengthen the agrocity guide system as a register and source of information on the agro-export chains of the Ecuador.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>The main applicant, who submits the offer, to be eligible for a grant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a legal entity;</li> <li>Be legally established in Ecuador or in a country in Latin America or the European Union;</li> <li>Be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action and not simply limit itself to acting as an intermediary;</li> <li>Demonstrate economic - financial and technical execution capacity project</li> </ul> <p>You must verify that your average annual income volume, in the last 3 years (2021 – 2023) is higher than the maximum budget of the present call;</p> <p>or you must prove that you have executed (implemented) it in the last 5 years (2020 – 2024), at least 2 projects that involve activities of strengthening of IT platforms, particularly information systems records, databases and traceability systems</p>
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€500,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>28/05/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://iila.org/es/convocatoria-de-seleccion-para-la-asignacion-de-un-grant-del-programa-al-invest-verde-para-el-fortalecimiento-del-sistema-guia-de-agrocalidad-como-registro-y-fuente-de-informacion-de-las-cade/">https://iila.org/es/convocatoria-de-seleccion-para-la-asignacion-de-un-grant-del-programa-al-invest-verde-para-el-fortalecimiento-del-sistema-guia-de-agrocalidad-como-registro-y-fuente-de-informacion-de-las-cade/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Kyrgyzstan</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The U.S. Embassy Bishkek Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) of the U.S. Department of State announces an open competition to implement a program to increase English proficiency across the Kyrgyz Republic to expand engagement with American partners, and build opportunities for stronger economic ties between the United States and the Kyrgyz Republic A lack of adequately skilled English teachers with sufficiently high levels of English across the Kyrgyz Republic significantly impedes students learning English at a functional level. Addressing this will allow them to access English-language information and deepen economic connections with the United States.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	Additionally, Kyrgyzstanis' limited access to native English speakers restricts their ability to improve their English, their knowledge of American culture and business practices, and their motivation to learn the English language. Therefore, the U.S. Embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic seeks to fund program(s) for no more than two years to enhance high school and university teachers' fluency and functionality in English to the B2 level and above throughout the Kyrgyz Republic; increase students' access to teachers with a high level of English, including native speakers; improve students' English level; increase the range of different students studying English that attain the B2 level; and promote knowledge of American culture.

	Actions must take place in Kyrgyzstan.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The following non-profit organizations are eligible to apply: Kyrgyz Republic-Registered: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations, Public and private educational institutions, U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and educational institutions, partnering with Kyrgyz Republic-registered organizations.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>31/05/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358780">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358780</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>EDUCATIONUSA 2025-2026</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Albania</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The U.S. Embassy in Tirana is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to facilitate the operations of the EducationUSA advising center. The selected organization will be responsible for managing the center's daily operation and logistics, including paying utilities, rent, adviser's monthly salary, internet, and travel within the country. The EducationUSA adviser, appointed by the U.S Embassy in Tirana, will be responsible for programming, outreach plans, in-person advising, tracking applicants throughout the year, and preparing social media content according to the Department's rules and guidelines.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The EducationUSA network, in collaboration with ECA, also provides information on the U.S. higher education system to foreign governments and institutions and encourages study abroad by Americans to expand their understanding of foreign cultures, communities, and countries. The objectives for FY2025:</p> <p>Expand Student Advising Outreach – Continue enhancing outreach across Albania through in-person advising, school visits, virtual sessions, and partnerships with organizations</p> <p>Explore New Potential Partnerships</p> <p>Publicize the Advising Center</p> <p>Strengthen Networking with Teachers and Career Counselors</p> <p>Actions must take place in Albania.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The following entities are eligible to apply: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>31/05/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358810">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358810</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SKÅL INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AWARDS</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>SKÅL INTERNATIONAL</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Skål International Sustainable Tourism Awards are geared towards enhancing the visibility and grant recognition to entities from the Travel and Tourism industry. The Awards are open annually to all public and private sector companies, educational institutions, NGOs, and government agencies. All sustainable operations and activities must be implemented by the company, NGO or agency applying for the award. Projects that are yet not in operation are not eligible.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Entry submission can be made in one of the following categories:</p> <p>Community and Government Projects;          Countryside and Biodiversity;          Educational programmes and Media;          Major Tourist Attractions;          Marine and Coastal Rural Accommodation;          Tour Operators-Travel Agents;          Tourist Transport; and          Urban Accommodation.</p> <p>Actions can take place worldwide.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible are public and private sector companies, educational institutions, NGOs, and government agencies.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>31/05/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.skall.org/sta-winners">https://www.skall.org/sta-winners</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Visegrad Grants to support Partnerships among NGOs and CSOs</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>International Visegrad Fund</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Visegrad Grants support regional partnerships among NGOs and civil society organizations, public institutions and municipalities, private companies and nonprofit organizations as well as education and research centers that contribute to cooperation in the Visegrad region.</p> <p>The International Visegrad Fund is an international donor organization established by the governments of the Visegrad Group (V4) countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia).</p> <p>Its aim is to support closer understanding and cooperation among people in the V4 region, as well as between the V4 region and other countries and regions, particularly in the non-EU neighborhood of the Eastern Partnership countries and in the Western Balkans.</p> <p>The fund does foster the development of civil society by financing joint grant projects and by awarding university scholarships and artist residencies. The fund's annual budget of €10 million consists of equal contributions by the V4 governments.</p>

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Objectives</b>  To apply for Visegrad Grants, your project must address one of the objectives of the grant program from the seven focus areas eligible for funding.</p> <p><b>Culture and Common Identity</b>  Projects creating/presenting common audiovisual, literary, and other contemporary art products to new audiences  Projects reflecting on common historical and cultural heritage as well as cultural diversity by joint research and knowledge-sharing activities  Projects establishing and fostering cooperation among municipalities, regions, and local groups through common cultural activities</p> <p><b>Education and Capacity Building</b>  Projects strengthening professional networks of educational institutions and supporting mobility of students, researchers, and educators to share best practices  Projects improving hard and soft skills for the 21st century through formal and non-formal educational methods</p> <p><b>Innovation, R&amp;D, Entrepreneurship</b>  Projects aiming to build up new business and cluster networks for SMEs, startups, and research institutions within and outside the V4  Projects tackling economic challenges and improving the ecosystem for businesses and social enterprises through joint lobbying, common policy solutions and exchange of best practices  Projects dealing with innovation, new technologies and scientific research on regional and cross-sectoral levels</p> <p><b>Democratic Values and the Media</b>  Projects promoting active participation of citizens in democratic decision-making processes and fostering democratic debate  Projects promoting transparency and the fight against corruption by supporting knowledge-exchange and capacity-building of whistleblowers, investigative journalists, and watchdogs  Projects improving media and information literacy, and increasing resilience towards biased reporting, disinformation, and propaganda  Projects aiming for better media coverage of relevant topics in the V4 region and increased access to information</p> <p><b>Public Policy and Institutional Partnership</b>  Projects connecting the expert communities to find joint solutions to common policy challenges  Projects promoting active lobbying for policy change and good governance and connecting relevant stakeholders with decision-makers</p> <p><b>Regional Development, Environment and Tourism</b>  Projects offering new solutions and activities to the fight against climate change and raising awareness of environmental protection within and outside the V4 region  Projects aiming at sustainable tourism development on the local and regional levels by combining international expertise and shared know-how  Projects aiming at finding and sharing innovative solutions in local and regional infrastructure development, urban planning, land revitalization and agriculture</p> <p><b>Social Development</b>  Projects promoting an inclusive mindset in society and addressing protection and empowerment of minorities  Projects improving intergenerational dialogue and the social care infrastructure to tackle common demographic and public health challenges</p>

	Projects promoting a healthy and active lifestyle and reduction of addictive substance abuse.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Projects must develop meaningful cooperation and active participation of organizations from at least 3 V4 countries</p> <p>Consortia of organizations of which 2 or more (depending on the grant scheme) are based in different Visegrad countries</p> <p>All types of non-governmental, civil society organizations (CSOs); municipalities and local governments; schools, higher education institutions; research and scientific bodies and public institutions are eligible as lead partner (applicant) and partners in the consortia</p> <p>Market actors, e.g., companies – especially innovation and startup-related actors – with a legal entity are also eligible, but only if their Visegrad project is of nonprofit character</p>
<b>Total Budget: €10,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/visegrad-grants/?c=ready-to-apply">https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/visegrad-grants/?c=ready-to-apply</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>International Visegrad Fund launches Strategic Grants Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>International Visegrad Fund</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The International Visegrad Fund has launched the Strategic Grants Program to support project addressing annual strategic priorities of the Visegrad Group.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>Strategic Priorities</p> <p>Promoting volunteering in the V4 region</p> <p>Intensifying cross-border volunteering in the V4 region and/or improving conditions for both volunteers and the respective host institutions.</p> <p>Promoting shared values</p> <p>Strengthening relations between civil societies in the Visegrad region in the context of the 25th anniversary of the Visegrad Fund's establishment. Supporting projects that promote shared cultural and historical values.</p> <p>Supporting water management and flood protection cooperation in the region</p> <p>Promoting joint water management and flood protection initiatives. Fostering collaboration on disaster preparedness and climate resilience across Visegrad and neighbouring countries.</p> <p>Duration</p> <p>Maximum duration of projects is 36 months, minimum is 12 months.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>Any non-governmental, legal entity from any country can apply for support if they fulfil the partnership criteria. The Fund's main targets are civil society organizations (CSOs), public educational, cultural, research and scientific institutions, municipalities, and local governments, but market actors, e.g., companies – especially innovation and startup-related ones – are also eligible, if their project is of nonprofit character.</p>



	<p>Natural persons (individual citizens) or institutions of state administration directly subordinated to the state and its bodies, e.g., ministries, government and state agencies, embassies, etc. can neither apply nor be valid project partners.</p> <p>Private entrepreneurs are not eligible to apply or be partners.</p> <p>Subjects that possess full or partial independence from state administration and possess self-governance (such as universities, academic, artistic, social, educational, cultural, research and/or science organizations, municipalities, and local governments, etc.) can apply for the Fund's support.</p> <p>If the applicant is a research or higher education institution with several organizational units (e.g., universities, academies of science, etc.), they are obliged to indicate the name of the smallest possible organizational unit (institute, department, etc.) entrusted with the project's implementation. Without this information, the application will not be considered eligible. When choosing the appropriate unit, make sure that they are entitled, according to their internal rules, to independently apply for project funding.</p> <p>Should an overlapping larger unit (e.g. a faculty of the university) have a running grant in the same grant scheme that the applicant wishes to apply for, it is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the running project is administered by a separate subunit (e.g. the applicant is a department under a faculty which already has a running project – a clear separation of subunits will be necessary to make the new proposal eligible).</p> <p>Consortia of organizations of which 2 or more are based in different Visegrad countries. All types of non-governmental, civil society organizations (CSOs); municipalities and local governments; schools, higher education institutions; research and scientific bodies and public institutions are eligible as lead partner (applicant) and partners in the consortia.</p> <p>Market actors, e.g., companies – especially innovation and startup-related actors – with a legal entity are also eligible, but only if their Visegrad project is of nonprofit character.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €10,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 01/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/strategic-grants/?c=ready-to-apply">https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/grants/strategic-grants/?c=ready-to-apply</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>WORK4PROGRESS CALL</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>"la Caixa" Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	Through the Work4Progress Call, "la Caixa" Foundation helps create good quality employment for vulnerable women and young adults in India, Mozambique and Peru.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>This call incorporates two modalities, the donation modality, for the design and implementation of employment-generating initiatives; and the refundable financing modality to promote access to financing for companies in the Work4Progress ecosystem.</p> <p>Actions must take place in India, Mozambique and Peru.</p>

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	The call is aimed at networks of two to four entities that incorporate non-governmental organizations, microfinance institutions, universities, incubators, accelerators, and/or social enterprises.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€800,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>03/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://lacaixafoundation.org/en/international-cooperation-work4progress-call">https://lacaixafoundation.org/en/international-cooperation-work4progress-call</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>2025 RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Toyota Foundation</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Toyota Foundation Research Grant Program, Interlinkages and Innovation for Future Societies, invites research proposals that address social issues with an awareness of the “connections” among people, between people and nature, and between people and things and technologies. This is based on the belief that in order to realize an affluent and harmonious world, we need to fundamentally reexamine existing social systems and design the future from the perspective of interlinkages.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	In evaluating proposals, the Research Grant Program will place emphasis on the interdisciplinary nature of the research, the diversity of the participants, international perspectives, and the impacts on society. It invites ambitious projects that transcend conventional research activities, which often contribute only to the academic world, to address important social issues. It will support researchers who boldly challenge the world and encourage the transformation of social systems using a free-thinking approach that is not constrained by existing values.  Actions must take place in Japan.
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Team members could include those with practical experience and knowledge on addressing issues in the target countries, such as practitioners, researchers, creators, policy makers, and journalists and other media representatives.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>06/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.toyotafound.or.jp/english/grant/research/">https://www.toyotafound.or.jp/english/grant/research/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION SECTORS IN ERITREA</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective of this call for proposals is to contribute to promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law worldwide. Specific objective of this call for proposals is to protect and empower the

	individuals, in particular the most vulnerable categories (women and girls, children and youth as well as persons with disabilities).
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The priority of this call for proposals is to protect and empower targeted individuals in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education with special focus on people with disabilities</li> <li>• Health: to respond to the basic necessities of health care</li> </ul> <p>Actions must take place in Eritrea.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Eligible organisations are: (1) non-profit-making; (2) non-governmental organisation (civil society organisation), public sector operator, local authority as defined by Article 156 of the EU Financial Regulation <sup>9</sup> ; (3) established in a Member State of the European Union or in the State of Eritrea or other countries as stipulated by the NDICI Global Europe Regulations Art. 28.
<b>Total Budget: €580,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 13/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO CIVIL SOCIETY IN KAZAKHSTAN</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC) - International Partnerships</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The global objective is to support the respect for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and individual privacy in the digital environment.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to contribute to the development of a regulatory framework, which guarantees freedom of access to information, protection of personal data and fundamental rights, and transparent environment for business operations through modern digital communication technologies.</li> <li>• to contribute to building a resilient information environment through actions against information manipulations, disinformation, and hate speech.</li> <li>• to protect the rule of law and civil society by improving legal and policy frameworks, enhancing advocacy efforts, and fostering inclusive democratic participation.</li> </ul> <p>The priorities: human rights and democracy; rule of law; media freedom and open Internet access; digitalisation, including digital literacy, safety and security.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Kazakhstan.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must: (1) be a legal person and (2) be non-profit-making and (3) be Civil Society Organisation (CSO) and/or their association and (4) be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary.

<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>€2,200,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>16/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/online-services/#/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Zayed Sustainability Prize is the UAE's pioneering global award that recognises and rewards small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), nonprofit organisations (NPOs), and global high schools with impactful, innovative, and inspiring sustainable solutions. The Zayed Sustainability Prize recognises nonprofit organisations (NPOs), small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and high schools for their impactful, innovative and inspiring sustainable solutions across the categories of Health, Food, Energy, Water, Climate Action and Global High Schools.
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>The Zayed Sustainability Prize awards 6 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Energy</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Climate Action</li> <li>• Global High Schools (1 award for each of the below regions): The Americas, Europe &amp; Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia &amp; Pacific, South Asia, MENA</li> </ul> <p>The Fund is open to applications for funding from across the globe.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	You can nominate an organisation (SME or NPO) only for the new Climate Action category by registering in the Zayed Sustainability Prize submissions portal and filling out the form. You can nominate an organisation you are affiliated with or one with which you have no affiliation.
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>23/06/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://entry.zayedsustainabilityprize.com/ZSPHome">https://entry.zayedsustainabilityprize.com/ZSPHome</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>AL-SUMAIT PRIZE – FOOD SECURITY</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	The Prize is to be awarded to individuals or institutions who through their research projects or initiatives have made significant advancement

<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>within one or more of the following areas (or other related fields):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing new seed, crop, or livestock varieties to enhance food security and nutrition in Africa.</li> <li>• Increasing the shelf life, caloric, and nutritional value of locally produced and consumed food.</li> <li>• Improving smallholder farmers' access to agricultural inputs, techniques, technologies, and markets to ensure the availability of nutritious food for vulnerable communities.</li> <li>• Enhancing farmers' resilience to climate change and extreme weather variability to secure sustainable food production and nutrition.</li> <li>• Reducing food waste and food loss across Africa's agrifood systems.</li> <li>• Advancing alternative agrifood systems to increase productivity while reducing water footprints, especially in marginal environments.</li> <li>• Promoting the adoption of modern business strategies, digitalization, and marketing in the field of food security and nutrition.</li> <li>• Implementing innovative and sustainable solutions to combat food insecurity and malnutrition.</li> <li>• Addressing gender equality and women's empowerment in achieving food security.</li> <li>• Developing strategies to improve agricultural livelihoods, food security, and nutrition during pandemics.</li> </ul> <p>The nominated candidates' research and development work or projects and initiatives must be innovative and have achieved high-impact in the African continent.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Nominations are accepted from competent regional and international institutions and scientific centres (universities, institutes and centres of scientific research) as well as from UN organizations, former winners in the field of the prize, or former evaluation
<b>Total Budget: \$1,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 30/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.alsumaitprize.org/nominations/">https://www.alsumaitprize.org/nominations/</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Youth Ambassadors Africa Program 2025</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) has announced an open competition for the Youth Ambassadors Africa program.</p> <p>U.S. non-profit organizations may submit proposals to provide youth and adult mentors from countries in sub-Saharan Africa with a three-week exchange program in the United States focused on the primary themes of civic engagement and leadership development.</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>Youth Ambassadors programs offer youth (typically between the ages of 15-18) and adult mentors the opportunity to examine civic engagement and leadership development through short-term exchanges in the United States. YA-AF should offer participants from countries in sub Saharan Africa the opportunity to engage in a variety</p>

	<p>of activities such as, but not limited to, workshops on civic education, community site visits related to the program themes, and homestays with American families. Upon return home, participants should apply what they have learned to implement projects that serve their communities. Multiple opportunities for participants to interact meaningfully with their U.S. peers must be included.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Objectives</b> The objectives of the program are for participants to: Demonstrate a better understanding of the elements of participatory democracy in action; Deepen critical thinking, problem-solving, and empathetic leadership skills; and Develop program planning and implementation skills to strengthen local communities.</p> <p><b>Goals</b> The program goals are to: Prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens and contributing members of their communities; Empower participants to be actively engaged in addressing issues of concern in their communities upon their return home; Build mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect between U.S. citizens and the citizens of other countries; Foster relationships among youth from across sub-Saharan Africa and their U.S. counterparts.</p> <p><b>Themes</b> The primary program themes are: Civic Engagement (such as citizen participation, community service, participatory democracy, rule of law, volunteerism, etc.); and Leadership Development (such as ethical leadership, team building, public speaking, negotiation, goal setting, and project planning).</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b> The following organizations are eligible to apply: U.S. not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations U.S. public and private educational institutions</p> <p><b>Other Eligibility Requirements.</b> All organizations must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) issued via SAM.gov as well as a valid registration in SAM.gov. ECA's Grant Guidelines require that organizations demonstrate at least four years of experience in conducting international exchanges to be eligible for awards exceeding \$130,000 in ECA funding. Issuing one award, for approximately \$1,000,000, pending availability of funds. Therefore, organizations must demonstrate four years of experience in conducting international exchanges in your proposal to be eligible to apply under this competition. All proposals must comply with the requirements stated in the NOFO, Project Objectives, Goals, and Instructions (POGI) document, and the PSI; not doing so may result in your proposal being declared technically ineligible and given no further consideration in the review process. All proposals must contain a SF-424, executive summary, proposal narrative, budget (SF 424A), detailed line-item budget, and budget narrative. Only one proposal will be considered by ECA from each applicant organization. In cases where more than one submission from an applicant appears in grants.gov, ECA</p>

	<p>will only consider the submission made closest in time to the NOFO deadline; that submission would constitute the one and only proposal ECA would review from that applicant.</p> <p>Participating countries may include: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Djibouti, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.</p>
<b>Total Budget: €1,000,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 30/06/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/358786">https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/358786</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>PUBLIC DIPLOMACY SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>U.S. Mission to Kyrgyzstan</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The U.S. Embassy Bishkek Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) of the U.S. Department of State announces an open competition to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education and investment in the Kyrgyz Republic. Poor access to STEM educational resources, particularly in rural provinces, limits economic opportunity throughout the Kyrgyz Republic, contributing to brain drain and outmigration.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p>For Kyrgyzstanis to harness STEM opportunities being developed in the United States, there is an urgent need to expand rural STEM educational opportunities, equip educators to teach STEM topics, attract STEM investment, and modernize the STEM education curriculum.</p> <p>By focusing on these priorities, this program will prepare young Kyrgyzstani citizens for careers in STEM fields, create partnership opportunities for U.S. businesses and investors, and reduce outmigration by creating domestic economic opportunities. Finally, the program will establish the United States – the global leader in STEM innovation, education, and training – as the partner of choice for the Kyrgyz Republic as it opens new markets.</p> <p>Actions must take place in Kyrgyzstan.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p>The following non-profit organizations are eligible to apply: Kyrgyz Republic-Registered: Not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations, Public and private educational institutions, U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and educational institutions, partnering with Kyrgyz Republic-registered organizations.</p>



<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>15/07/2025</b>
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358781">https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358781</a>

<b>Call Title:</b>	<b>Alleviating Household Energy Poverty in Europe</b>
<b>Programme:</b>	<b>European Commission (EC)</b>
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>The European Commission is accepting proposals for its Alleviating household energy poverty in Europe.</p> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>The European Green Deal sets out to ensure an energy transition that is socially just and inclusive. In accordance with the Fit for 55 package, and in particular the recast Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), Member States shall take appropriate measures to empower and protect energy poor people and implement energy efficiency improvement measures as a priority among people affected by energy poverty, vulnerable customers, people in low-income households and, where applicable, people living in social housing. In addition, the EED (recast) underlines the need to address the split incentive dilemma and remove barriers to energy efficiency measures in multi-owner properties. To ensure more coordinated action on energy poverty, an EC Recommendation on Energy Poverty and accompanying Staff Working Document further set out a series of measures and policies that can be adopted.</p> <p>In this context, increasing the uptake of building renovation measures, including cooling solutions, can bring significant long-term benefits to energy poor households, and lead to lower energy bills and improved living conditions. Efforts should focus on offering support to overcome barriers to the uptake of renovation measures in residential multi-apartment buildings requiring coordinated action amongst homeowners and tenants, as well as supporting relevant actors, including public authorities, in designing longer-term strategies and coordination frameworks to mitigate energy poverty at different governance levels, including dedicated financing schemes specifically addressing energy performance improvements for energy poor households.</p>
<b>Eligible Activities:</b>	<p><b>Scopes</b></p> <p>Policy and coordination support to public authorities and stakeholders</p> <p>Support for residential multi-apartment building renovation</p> <p><b>Topics</b></p> <p>The indicators for this topic include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of energy poor households with reduced energy costs.</li> <li>Number of residential multi-apartment buildings renovated.</li> <li>Number of governance and decision-making structures adapted for residential multi-apartment buildings to facilitate energy renovation investments.</li> <li>Number of agreements concluded between homeowners and tenant associations demonstrating commitment to energy renovation investments.</li> <li>Number of energy poverty observatories and coordination structures established.</li> </ul> <p>Quantified multiple benefits, where relevant, for energy poor households, such as improved physical and mental health, comfort and indoor environment, better indoor air quality, improved social inclusion, reduced public health expenditure.</p>



	<p>Number of energy poor consumers benefitting from the activities.</p> <p>Number of legislative or implementing acts, policies or strategies created/adapted on energy poverty.</p> <p>Other environmental impacts such as reduction of the production of harmful substances.</p> <p>Expected Impacts</p> <p>Proposals should present the concrete results which will be delivered by the activities and demonstrate how these results will contribute to the topic-specific impacts. This demonstration should include a detailed analysis of the starting point and a set of well-substantiated assumptions, and establish clear causality links between the results and the expected impact.</p> <p>Proposals submitted under this topic should demonstrate how they will contribute to the reduction of energy poverty for the targeted households and the effective implementation of the regulatory framework and development of successful coordination structures, which can be replicated in other regions or Member States.</p> <p>Prebound/rebound effects should be taken into account and reported on, where relevant.</p> <p>Depending on the scope and as relevant, proposals should demonstrate how they will contribute to:</p> <p>Improved collaboration and knowledge exchange between different levels of public authorities and of social intermediaries involved in the coordination structures.</p> <p>Increased understanding and expertise in the public authorities in charge of implementing relevant EED (recast) provisions.</p> <p>More effective and coherent implementation of provisions, including better planning, design and evaluation of energy poverty related policy measures.</p>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <p>In order to be eligible, the applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>be legal entities (public or private bodies)</li> <li>be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:</li> </ul> <p>EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs))</p> <p>non-EU countries: listed EEA countries and countries associated to the LIFE Programme</p> <p>the coordinator must be established in an eligible country.</p> <p><b>Ineligibility Criteria</b></p> <p>Applicants which are subject to an EU exclusion decision or in one of the following exclusion situations that bar them from receiving EU funding can NOT participate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bankruptcy, winding up, affairs administered by the courts, arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or other similar procedures (including procedures for persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)</li> <li>in breach of social security or tax obligations (including if done by persons with unlimited liability for the applicant's debts)</li> <li>guilty of grave professional misconduct (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)</li> <li>committed fraud, corruption, links to a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)</li> <li>shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar (including if</li> </ul>

	<p>done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)</p> <p>guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95 (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)</p> <p>created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin or created another entity with this purpose (including if done by persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the grant)</p> <p>intentionally and without proper justification resisted an investigation, check or audit carried out by an EU authorising officer (or their representative or auditor), OLAF, the EPPO, or the European Court of Auditors.</p> <p>Applicants will also be rejected if it turns out that:</p> <p>during the award procedure they misrepresented information required as a condition for participating or failed to supply that information</p> <p>they were previously involved in the preparation of the call and this entails a distortion of competition that cannot be remedied otherwise (conflict of interest).</p>
<b>Total Budget: €91,400,000</b>	
<b>Deadline: 23/09/2025</b>	
<b>More information and official documents:</b>	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/LIFE-2025-CET-ENERPOV">https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/LIFE-2025-CET-ENERPOV</a>

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