

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**U.S. EMBASSY La Paz**  
**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Cultural Preservation Fund 2021 Small Grants Competition Funding Opportunity

**Funding Opportunity Number:** AFCP-La Paz-FY21-Small Grants

**Deadline for Applications:** November 30, 2020, at 12:00 Noon Eastern Standard Time

**Funding Instrument Type:** Grant

**Program Authorization:** “Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961” (P.L. 87-256 Sec 102(b)(5), as amended)

**CFDA Number:** 19.025

**Floor on Amount of Individual Awards:** \$US 10,000 per project

**Ceiling on Amount of Individual Awards:** \$US 200,000 per project

**This notice is subject to availability of funding.**

**A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The U.S. Embassy La Paz announces an open competition for organizations to submit applications to carry out a program (or programs) to support the preservation of cultural sites, cultural objects and collections, and forms of traditional cultural expression. Appropriate project activities may include:

- A. In the case of cultural sites: conservation of an ancient or historic building, preservation of an archaeological site, or documentation of cultural sites in a region for preservation purposes.
- B. In the case of cultural objects and collections: conservation treatment for an object or collection of objects from a museum, site, or similar institution—that include, but are not limited to, archaeological and ethnographic objects, paintings, sculpture, manuscripts, and general museum conservation needs; needs assessment of a collection with respect to its condition and strategies for improving its state of conservation; inventory of a collection for conservation and protection purposes; the creation of safe environments for storage or display of collections; or specialized training in the care and preservation of collections.
- C. In the case of forms of traditional cultural expression: documentation and audiovisual recording of traditional music, indigenous languages and dance forms for broad dissemination as the means of teaching and further preserving them, or

support for training in the preservation of traditional applied arts or crafts in danger of extinction.

**Special Note Regarding Sites and Objects that have a Religious Connection:**

The establishment clause of the U.S. Constitution permits the government to include religious objects and sites within an aid program under certain conditions. For example, an item with a religious connection (including a place of worship) may be the subject of a cultural preservation grant if the item derives its primary significance and is nominated solely on the basis of architectural, artistic, historical, or other cultural (not religious) criteria.

Please carefully follow all instructions below.

**B. ELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICANTS:**

Reputable and accountable non-commercial entities, such as non-governmental organizations, museums, ministries of culture, or similar institutions and organizations, including U.S.-based organizations subject to Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code, that are registered and active in SAM.gov and able to demonstrate that they have the requisite experience and capacity to manage projects to preserve cultural heritage.

**C. INELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICANTS:**

This fund does not award grants to individuals, commercial entities, or past award recipients that have not fulfilled the objectives or reporting requirements of previous awards.

**D. INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND UNALLOWABLE COSTS:**

This Cultural Preservation Fund does not support the following activities or costs, and the Center will deem applications involving any of these activities or costs ineligible:

- A. Preservation or purchase of privately or commercially owned cultural objects, collections, or real property, including those whose transfer from private or commercial to public ownership is envisioned, planned, or in process but not complete at the time of application.
- B. Preservation of natural heritage (physical, biological, and geological formations, paleontological collections, habitats of threatened species of animals and plants, fossils, etc.).
- C. Preservation of hominid or human remains.
- D. Preservation of news media (newspapers, newsreels, radio and TV programs, etc.).
- E. Preservation of published materials available elsewhere (books, periodicals, etc.).
- F. Development of curricula or educational materials for classroom use.
- G. Archaeological excavations or exploratory surveys for research purposes.

- H. Historical research, except in cases where the research is justifiable and integral to the success of the proposed project.
- I. Acquisition or creation of new exhibits, objects, or collections for new or existing museums.
- J. Construction of new buildings, building additions, or permanent coverings (over archaeological sites, for example).
- K. Commissions of new works of art or architecture for commemorative or economic development purposes.
- L. Creation of new or the modern adaptation of existing traditional dances, songs, chants, musical compositions, plays, or other performances.
- M. Creation of replicas or conjectural reconstructions of cultural objects or sites that no longer exist.
- N. Relocation of cultural sites from one physical location to another.
- O. Removal of cultural objects or elements of cultural sites from the country for any reason.
- P. Digitization of cultural objects or collections, unless part of a larger, clearly defined conservation or documentation effort.
- Q. Conservation plans or other studies, unless they are one component of a larger project to implement the results of those studies.
- R. Cash reserves, endowments, or revolving funds (funds must be expended within the award period [up to five years] and may not be used to create an endowment or revolving fund).
- S. Costs of fund-raising campaigns.
- T. Contingency, unforeseen, or miscellaneous costs or fees.
- U. Costs of work performed prior to announcement of the award unless allowable per 2 CFR 200.458 and approved by the Grants Officer.
- V. International travel, except in cases where travel is justifiable and integral to the success of the proposed project.
- W. Travel or study outside the host country for professional development.
- X. Individual projects costing less than \$10,000.
- Y. Independent U.S. projects overseas.
- Z. Alcoholic Beverages: Please note that award funds cannot be used for alcoholic beverages.

**E. COST SHARING AND OTHER FORMS OF COST PARTICIPATION:**

There is no minimum or maximum percentage of cost participation required for this competition. When an applicant offers cost sharing, it is understood and agreed that the applicant must provide the amount of cost sharing as stipulated in its application and later included in an approved agreement. The applicant will be responsible for tracking and reporting on any cost share or outside funding, which is subject to audit per 2 CFR 200. Cost sharing may be in the form of allowable direct or indirect costs.

**F. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

**DUNS Number and SAM Registration:** Applicants must have a Dun & Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, a NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) code, and be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to submitting full applications. It is mandatory for applicants to have a DUNS and SAM.gov registration unless they meet one of the exemptions specified in the Federal Assistance Directive (<http://a.m.state.sbu/sites/OPE/FA/SitePages/Policy.aspx>). The DUNS/NCAGE/SAM.gov process can take weeks/months, especially for non-U.S. applicants. Applicants may acquire DUNS numbers at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by requesting a number online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Non-U.S. based applicants may request a NCAGE code at <https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx>. SAM is the official, free on-line registration database for the U.S. government. SAM.gov replaced the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in July 2012. SAM.gov collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of federal agency acquisition and grant award mission. Registration in SAM is free: <http://sam.gov>

## **G. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

All documents must be submitted in English. Project proposals must include or address the following:

A. Full and complete Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424), including Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A), Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B), and, if applicable, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL). Applicants can download all of the above forms at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html#sortby=1>

The forms can also be found in the Embassy's web page at: <https://bo.usembassy.gov/education-culture/grants-corner/>

B. Project basics, including title, project dates, and focus area

C. Project applicant information, including contact information, DUNS Number, and SAM registration status

D. Project location

E. Proof of official permission to undertake the project from the office, agency, or organization that either owns or is otherwise responsible for the preservation and protection of the site, object, or collection

F. Project purpose that summarizes the project objectives and desired results

G. Project activities description that presents the project tasks in chronological order (Note: If the proposed project is part of a larger effort involving multiple projects supported by other entities, the plan must present the full scope of the preservation effort and the place of the proposed project within that larger effort)

H. Project time frame or schedule that lists the major project phases and milestones with target dates for achieving them (Note: Applicants may propose project periods of up to 24 months [two years]; projects must begin before September 30, 2021, and be completed no later than September 30, 2023)

I. Project participant information, including resumes or CVs of the proposed project director and other primary project participants

J. Statement of importance highlighting the historic, architectural, artistic, or cultural (non-religious) values of the site, collection, or form of traditional expression

K. Statement of urgency indicating the severity of the situation and explaining why the project must take place now

L. Statement of sustainability outlining the steps or measures that will be taken to maintain the site, object, or collection in good condition after the project is complete; or, in the case of forms of traditional cultural expression, to preserve and disseminate the documentation, knowledge, or skills gained from the project

M. Detailed project budget, demarcated in one-year budget periods (2019, 2020, 2021, etc.), that lists all costs in separate categories (Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel [including Per Diem], Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other Direct Costs, Indirect Costs); indicates funds from other sources; and gives a justification for any anticipated international travel costs

N. Budget narrative explaining how the costs were estimated (quantity x unit cost, annual salary x percentage of time spent on project, etc.) and any large budget line items

O. Attachments and supporting documents including, at a minimum and required, five (5) high quality digital images (JPEGs) or audiovisual files that convey the nature and condition of the site, object, or form of expression and, in the case of a site or object, show the urgency or need for the proposed project (collapsing walls, water damage, worn fabric, broken handle, etc.), any historic structure reports, conservation needs assessments, and other planning documents compiled in preparation for the proposed project.

## **H. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION**

### 1. Criteria

Each application will be evaluated and rated on the basis of the evaluation criteria outlined below.

- A. Purpose and Summary, Description, Time Frame, Importance: 25 points max
- B. Urgency: 15 points max
- C. Sustainability: 10 points max
- D. Rationale for U.S. Support: 15 points max
- E. Media and Outreach Plan: 10 points max
- F. Budget and Budget Narrative: 15 points max

G. Supporting Materials: 10 points max

## **I. FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **Federal Award Notices**

The grant award will be written, signed, awarded, and administered by the Grants Officer. The assistance award agreement is the authorizing document and it will be provided to the recipient for review and signature by email. The recipient may only start incurring program expenses beginning on the start date shown on the grant award document signed by the Grants Officer.

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

Issuance of this NOFO does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the U.S. government, nor does it commit the U.S. government to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals. Further, the U.S. government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received.

**Reporting Requirements:** Recipients will be required to submit financial reports and program reports. The award document will specify how often these reports must be submitted.

## **J. FEDERAL AWARDED AGENCY CONTACTS**

If you have any questions about the grant application process, please contact: [lbarnegarayFX@state.gov](mailto:lbarnegarayFX@state.gov)