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## DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM (DGP)

The United States Government, through the US Agency for International Development's Office of Innovation and Development Alliances (IDEA), Local Sustainability (LS) Division, is inviting applications from prospective partners that are either Private or Voluntary Organizations based in the United States (US PVOs) or indigenous, local Nongovernmental Organizations (LNGOs) for the Development Grants Program (DGP). The overall objective of the DGP is to contribute to improved and sustainable grass roots development by supporting development projects and strengthening capacities of nascent development partners in countries where the DGP is active. The DGP has a priority of strengthening LNGOs and US PVOs, recognizing that a vibrant and active NGO sector is fundamental to promoting a healthy democracy that is accountable and responsive to citizens' needs.

USAID/Macedonia will accept applications for the following sectors: (1) Democracy and Governance, (2) Education and (3) Economic Growth. Responses that offer innovative approaches to addresses key issues in these areas, as defined by the country specific guidance (Appendix I), are particularly welcome. Awards will be cooperative agreements for up to three years and a maximum of \$2,000,000. The Mission will consider proposals for any region in Macedonia. Information about the local organizations that are eligible for award under this RFA can be found in SECTION III – Eligibility Information. Please note Local Non-Governmental Organizations (LNGOs) must meet all required criteria outlined in the RFA to qualify as eligible. Further, to be eligible, US Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) and LNGOs must not have received more than \$5,000,000 from any U.S. Government Agency in direct assistance during the past five-year period (March 15, 2007 through March 15, 2012). Applicants must provide a cost-share match equivalent to, or greater than 10 percent for LNGOs and 15 percent for US PVOs of the total project amount.

The Request for Applications # RFA-OAA-12-000025 was issued on June 1, 2012 and can be found [here](#). Any questions about this RFA should be submitted, in writing, no later than June 8, 2012 to the following email address: [QA-DGP@usaid.gov](mailto:QA-DGP@usaid.gov).

USAID/Macedonia has organized a DGP 2012 Bidders Workshop for prospective bidders. It will now be held on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Macedonian Economic Chamber of Commerce, Dimitria Chupovski 13, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Hall, Center, Skopje. The space is accessible for people with disabilities and all are welcome to attend. Kindly direct any questions to Ms. Siena Fleischer at [sfleischer@usaid.gov](mailto:sfleischer@usaid.gov)

The closing date for submission of concept papers is July 02, 2012. Required format for submission of Concept Papers: [rricliev@usaid.gov](mailto:rricliev@usaid.gov) and [DGP@usaid.gov](mailto:DGP@usaid.gov).