



From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: U.S. Department of State NGO Capacity Building Program (PAS-PAN-FY20-04)

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UNM Researchers,

The Public Affairs Section of the Embassy of the United States in Panama announces an open competition for individuals or organizations to submit funding applications for a project to provide training, information, and guidance to local NGOs, foundations, and civil society leaders in Panama to improve their ability to achieve their respective social, civic, or humanitarian goals. This project aims to make Panamanian institutions more resilient, transparent, and democratic through support for a strong civil society.

This project will provide structured training opportunities for civil society leaders, NGOs, and foundations to build civic engagement and strengthen democratic institutions that hold government accountable – especially on environment and labor. The project should leverage U.S. expertise or resources to provide training on fundraising, campaign creation, media outreach strategies, and other operational aspects to strengthen local capacity. The project should expand the networks of the participants to achieve broader impact within the country, including engagement with the U.S. Embassy. The project implementer should work with the Public Affairs Section to include workshops and tutorials on preparing grant applications.

Total available funding is \$60,000 for up to 12 months with an anticipated start date of April 1, 2020. Cost sharing is not required, but it is encouraged. More information can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=322872>.

The deadline for proposals to the sponsor is January 31, 2020.

This is a limited competition. Applicants are only allowed to submit **one proposal per organization**. If you are interested in submitting a proposal to either program, please email a statement of interest with a tentative title, a brief project description (200 words), and names and departments of all senior personnel by **noon, Tuesday, December 17, 2019** to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: **DOS_NGO - your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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