



U.S. Embassy
The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Call For Small Grants Proposals
Applications are currently open

1. Grant Overview

Funded by the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the PEPFAR Small Grants program supports community-based organizations working on activities that focus on HIV prevention, care and support as related to the national HIV response in Namibia. The program aims to help strengthen engagement and involvement in communities affected by HIV and AIDS.

PEPFAR Small Grants funded programs work closely with communities in educating members about HIV and how to prevent its spread, reduce HIV stigma and discrimination, provide community members with information to make the right choices and encourage people to get tested for HIV, and if necessary seek treatment. Programs are also required to show how they will make long-term impacts on the community and the sustainability of their initiatives. Grantees must be able to continue on their own with assistance from the community and other donors after the grant is expended.

The PEPFAR Small Grants Program hereby invites creative proposals targeted at preventing transmission and reducing new infections in adolescent boys and young men aged 14 to 30+.

2. Proposals should include at least two of the following points:

- HIV prevention activities among:
 - Adolescent boys aged 14 – 24 years old
 - Young men aged 25 – 29 years old
 - Males 30+ years old
- Campaigns to address Gender Based Violence and how it contributes to the spread of HIV to the above mentioned groups
- Community based interventions to address:
 - Male friendly sexual reproductive health activities
- Interventions aimed at reducing risky sexual behavior among young boys and adult men aged 14 to 30+.

3. Grant requirements

- Grants will cover 12 months of activity.
- Grantees may implement activities in any of the 14 regions in Namibia.
- Programs should have a special focus on adolescent boys and young men aged 14 to 30+.
- Budget requests should be between N\$50,000 and N\$300,000.



- Grantees are encouraged to use an evidence-based, age-appropriate HIV prevention curriculum.
- Grantees must target the same group of beneficiaries multiple times, using at minimum the package of HIV prevention discussion topics (detailed in section 5. below).
- Grants may be used to fund equipment only if doing so would further project objectives.
- Grant funds may **not** be used to purchase alcohol. Other restrictions may also apply.
- Grantees must submit mid-term and final financial and programmatic reports.
- Applicants should be community-based organizations, faith-based organizations or learning institutions which are legally registered in Namibia.
- Applicants must have access to a bank account, as funding will be dispersed to grantees in installments by electronic bank transfer.
- No grants will be awarded to former PEPFAR grantees, unless there are no other organizations that can fulfill the program's goals.
- Applicants proposing to work in schools should include in their proposal a demonstrated relationship with the school and a letter of support from the relevant school(s). All other applicants should provide a letter of support from a relevant ministry and community organization.
- Each organization that is funded will be required to measure and report the results it achieves by following PEPFAR and the U.S. Department of State's reporting requirements

4. Selection criteria for the grants will be based on the following:

- *Creative* projects or programs (For example, programs that incorporate skill-building, sports, information technology or performing arts activities to capture the audience)
- Organization's past performance based on submitted references and market research conducted by the Small Grants Coordinator
- Prioritizes high HIV prevalence populations with areas where there is low coverage of HIV prevention activities
- Proposed project addresses the key drivers of the epidemic in Namibia
- Overall feasibility of implementation
- Organizational capacity
- Activities include age-appropriate interventions and proposed linkage to local HIV activities by the Ministry of health and social services.

5. The minimum required package of discussion topics are:

- Discuss HIV risks (i.e. alcohol abuse, multiple concurrent partnerships, inconsistent condom use);
- Reject myths about HIV transmission
- Encourage safer-sex strategies for sexually active youth
- Discuss and encourage HIV testing and counseling and link to locally available HIV counseling and testing. When working with minors, the caregiver should be provided with information on locally available HIV services.
- Discuss with parents and communities strategies to raise awareness about HIV risks for adolescent boys and young men, and improve adult-child communication about sexuality
- Discuss voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), HIV care and treatment and TB testing and treatment.
- Promote condoms: how to use them correctly and consistently, how to negotiate using them, where to get them, and improve access to them



- Discuss harmful norms related to sex and gender; reduce stigma and discrimination associated with HIV and prevent gender-based violence; promote gender equity.
- Encourage safer-sex strategies for sexually active adolescent boys and young men

Applicants must meet the above criteria to be considered for an award. All proposals must use the PEPFAR Small Grants Program Application template. Please email KistingA@state.gov for the application.

Electronic copies are preferred if possible. Submissions can also be sent to:

U.S. Embassy PEPFAR Coordination Office
P.O. Box 12029, Ausspannplatz
Windhoek, Namibia
(061 295 444920/ 295 8520)

All applications should reach the PEPFAR Coordinator's office before or on, Thursday, January 31, 2019.