

GISR MENA Youth for Climate Action

Questions and Answers (Q&A)

1. As mentioned, the majority of team members should be youth compared to other categories in the program, is there a limit to their percentage of the program? [To be considered a youth-led organization, at least 50% of the organizational leadership must be led by youth.](#)
2. Are there any technical limitations regarding the design of the program? for instance, a program that aims to outreach, is it possible to add components to the program that may include an evaluation of the current regulations and capacity building? [There are no technical limitations as long as the proposed initiative is relevant to climate and environmental issues.](#)
3. What is the technical information required for the step (Concept Note Stage)? [This information is provided in the Annex I: Concept Note Template. Specifically, page 2 under Technical Approach and Organizational Capacity.](#)
4. Is it required to add the cost during the first stage? [Please add an estimate total figure that does not exceed \\$62,000.](#)
5. Will the payment be submitted to the winner according to milestones installments or all at once by the end of the activity? [Milestone installments.](#)
6. Is it mandatory for the applicant to provide a donor for this project? [Donor experience is strongly preferred, however, if an organization does not have experience implementing donor funding, the organization's capacity to implement a USAID grant will be evaluated if a candidate is shortlisted.](#)
7. In the guidelines it read: previous experience implementing at least two donor-funded climate-related programs. Does this mean it can be two projects funded by the same donor, or does it have to be two different projects funded by different donors? [It can be two projects funded by the same donor.](#)
8. If we are not a US company do we still need the Tax identification? [It depends on the payment mechanism as MSI follows the tax law of the country where the payment is originated.](#)
9. Is it a must that the two previous projects are directly related to climate-action activities? Would projects in the area of Climate Smart Agriculture apply? Would experience in supporting and incubating Green start-ups apply? Please elaborate with examples on the applicable previous experience. Thank you! [Yes, those examples shared would be relevant. Any project/initiative proposed that address a climate or environmental issue is eligible.](#)
10. So we are a foundation that is so far self-funded. we have been operating for the past two years and still haven't received any outside funds. Would we still be able to apply for this fund or will we be eliminated at the start of the application? [Donor experience is strongly preferred, however, if an organization does not have experience implementing donor funding, the](#)

organization's capacity to implement a USAID grant will be evaluated if a candidate is shortlisted. Short-listed organizations may be required to meet certain conditions that demonstrate implementation capacity in order to receive award.

11. But can a grant be below \$50,000? **Yes**
12. How much are you allocating for the whole initiatives? **Approximately \$500,000.**
13. For this call, can a local NGO work in partnership with its affiliated entity registered in another country? **Per the RFA, and given Mission concurrence, funds would need to be managed and implemented in country by the applicants. If the other entity is providing technical or operational support, but the local NGO is implementing and managing the funds, this should be ok.**
14. Can the Federation of Palestinian Industries apply for such projects, as we have industrial and environmental training programs to find solutions for industrial waste through youth programs and bootcamps to support the sustainable environment. **The current RFA requires a legally registered entity to be eligible to receive an award. If the Federation has a legal structure, it can be the prime applicant. If the Federation is an informal association of companies, we recommend that one legal company becomes the lead applicant and the remaining may be second tier awardees.**
15. In the MSI form there is a BID and we filled it in with the value of the grant? Is this correct. **This is correct. This is where you enter the estimated total value of the grant.**
16. For the experience requirement, do the Climate activities have to be externally funded by two different donors? Or, can it be two climate activities funded by the same donor? **It can be funded by the same donor.**
17. Can we submit one more than 1 application? **No, you can only submit one application per organization.**
18. At the end there will be 8 projects that will be funded, is that number for all countries or for a single country? **For all countries.**
19. Do you have a local office in Morocco? **No**
20. Hi, I was wondering, does the project has to have direct influence on the climate change? **The project must focus on addressing climate or environmental challenges.**
21. Is this kind of grant open next year or anytime soon in the future again? **Currently, no.**
22. Especially if we're willing to work on cases that will indirectly reduce the global warming and raise employment.. is it still eligible? **If the employment component is connected to reducing global warming or the impacts of global warming, then it will be considered.**

23. We already have DUNS number, is that enough? No, a DUNS number will not suffice. The DUNS number is no longer accepted by the US government. You will need to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) from Sam.gov.
24. We are a research center housed in a university. Our university is officially registered in the country, and we are working under the umbrella of the university. Does that affect our eligibility to apply? The research center must be a youth-led or youth-serving organization and must be conducting research in one or multiple countries listed in the RFA.
25. Does the initiative need to be a new one, or it can be a second phase of an already implemented one? Yes, it can be a second phase of an already implemented project.
26. Could we still apply while we do not have previous experience implementing climate related activities but we previously implemented USAID funded project. No, an organization must have experience implementing climate-related activities.
27. Is there a specific number for how many grants per country? (How many grants will be given to Iraq for example). We hope to award one grant per country but that is not guaranteed.
28. If the application means do change regarding the two previous projects how can we be notified? Should we as a very young organization still register on msi but then maybe not complete the application form in the first place? Yes, we recommend registering with the MSI online system and marking "Yes" for Intent to Bid. This way you will be notified of any changes that are made to the RFA. Any changes or amendments to the RFA will also be announced on the same platforms where the original RFA was posted.
29. Can Consulting companies enter this proposal? If the company meets the requirements in the RFA (registered locally, youth-led organization or youth-serving organization with experience implementing climate activities), then yes.
30. To qualify for grant, what would be an alternative for UEI or registering at sam.gov? There is no alternative. Obtaining a UEI from Sam.gov is required for this grant.
31. Is it mandatory for the applicant to provide a donor for this project? Donor experience is strongly preferred, however, if an organization does not have experience implementing donor funding, the organization's capacity to implement a USAID grant will be evaluated if a candidate is shortlisted. Short-listed organizations may be required to meet certain conditions that demonstrate implementation capacity in order to receive award.
32. Is it effect that a project covers more than a city? I mean instead of implementing in a city/area or more than! A proposed project/initiative can cover more than one city.
33. For the Concept Note level, do we need to submit the budget in details or we should only submit the total amount? Only the total amount. Applicants who are shortlisted to move forward in the co-creation process will work with MSI to develop a detailed budget.