**2017 Call for Proposals**

The Embassy of the United States in Algeria is pleased to announce a call for proposals for the 2017 Alumni Project Competition. This small grant competition welcomes alumni of US-funded exchange programs to apply for funding up to $5,000 to support their efforts to strengthen civil society by sharing information, expertise and values, mobilizing resources, and enriching relationships between Algeria and United States. We seek proposals that advance one or more of the following: youth leadership, environmental awareness, women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, and engagement of underserved populations.

**Timeline:**
- Announcement posted: April 27, 2017
- Grant Proposal Writing Workshop: May 3, 2017 at 4pm at the U.S. Embassy
- Deadline for applications: May 25, 2017
- Decision date: July 2, 2017

**Eligible applicants:** Proposals must be submitted by alumni of a U.S.-sponsored or supported educational or professional exchange program. Participants in this project must be 18 years old to qualify for receipt of grant money.

**Proposal Guidelines:** Project proposals should be detailed, demonstrating clear goals, reliable partner institutions, a detailed evaluation and reporting plan, and realistic timeline and project steps. A good application should answer the important questions of who, what, where, when, and why. Project proposals must include a detailed budget, demonstrating reasonable costs, any applicable cost-sharing and a sustainability plan for the post-funding period.

Please find the grant application and budget template at:

- [Grant Application](#)
- [Budget Template](#)

**Please note:** Embassy cultural grants CANNOT be used to fund religious organizations or partisan political activity, individual trips abroad, trade activities, fundraising campaigns, commercial projects, scientific research, projects whose primary aim is the institutional development of the organization, or alcohol. Proposed projects must include direct involvement of the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Algiers.
TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROPOSAL:

**Overall Impact**: Reviewers will judge the proposals on the basis of the likelihood for the project to provide a sustained, powerful influence on the community where it is undertaken. Does the project address an important gap of understanding or need? If the aim of the project is achieved, how will existing knowledge or practice be improved?

**Participants**: What audience do you hope to reach with this project? How many people will participate? How will you select them?

**Innovation**: Does the proposed project challenge and/or seek to shift current understanding of an issue or a common view? Does the project rely on a new form of presentation, techniques or methods?

**Measurability**: Are the goals and/or learning outcomes of the project clearly stated? Are they measurable? Does the proposal include a plan for assessing its impact? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented?

**DISCLAIMER**: U.S. Embassy Algiers does not guarantee availability of funding by receiving applications under this announcement. Applications MUST BE in English. Only successful applicants will be contacted.