

The U.S. embassy in Dushanbe requests project proposals for the 2013 Democracy Commission Small Grants Program

The U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe announces a request for proposals under the 2013 Democracy Commission Small Grants Program. The purpose of the program is to award small grants for specific projects that support the development of democratic institutions in Tajikistan. Primarily, grants will be awarded to non-governmental, non-profit organizations (NGOs). The amount of a grant must not be more than \$50,000 (USD), but the Commission will give priority to applications that implement similar projects with lower budgets. To be eligible for consideration, every applicant must be engaged in or carry out a project the purpose of which is to promote the development of democratic institutions in Tajikistan. The Democracy Commission Small Grants Program has existed in Tajikistan since 2001.

The U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe will accept proposals for consideration by the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program on the following themes:

Promotion of Human Rights

Deadline: March 20, 2013

1. Legal awareness and defense for NGOs
2. Gender equality
3. Opinion surveys on human rights and societal issues

Fostering a Strong and Independent Media

Deadline: April 05, 2013

1. Legal defense for Media
2. Facilitation of digitization switchover
3. Business development and management
4. Effective use of social media for journalists

Development of Youth

Deadline: April 19, 2013

1. Youth leadership programs
2. Promotion of civic duty

Proposals should contain clearly formulated goals and target groups, and show the ability of the applying organization to carry out the project. Prior to submission all applicants requesting over \$25,000 USD must obtain the organization's Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) **DUNS** (www.dnb.ru) and get registered in the **CCR**: (<https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>) and fill out the **SF form 424** attached separately. Proposals should be submitted in English only via e-mail to: GrantProposalsDushanbe@state.gov

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Note:

1. Projects with a computer-based English translation will not be accepted;
2. Please do not send archived versions of your proposals (Zip or Rar);
3. Proposals should not exceed 1 MB in size;
4. If you have not received a confirmation of receipt in the course of two days after submission, please give us a call or write an e-mail.

The U.S. Embassy's Democracy Commission Grant Program is limited to organizations based in Tajikistan. Projects not funded by the U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission Program include those requested by non-Tajikistani organizations, those relating to partisan political activity, charitable activity and humanitarian aid, fund-raising campaigns, commercial projects, those involving individuals not affiliated with an organization that can provide long-term sustainability to the project, and those that duplicate existing projects.

Grant application forms are available on our web site <http://dushanbe.usembassy.gov/demcom.html>. They can also be obtained from the U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe via the email noted above.