

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - U.S. Embassy Lome Public Diplomacy Small Grants Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362084>

Funding Opportunity Number: LOME-FY26-APS-0001

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-05-13

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-06-30

Description: The Public Diplomacy Section invites proposals for programs that support one of the following U.S. Embassy priority program areas listed below.

First, we aim to secure more U.S. commercial wins by supporting projects that create jobs, generate revenue, and drive innovation in both countries. We encourage initiatives that move our relationship “from aid to trade,” emphasizing mutually beneficial trade relationships and co-funding between U.S. and Togolese entities. Proposals that facilitate business linkages, promote entrepreneurship, and highlight U.S. commercial expertise are especially welcome.

Second, the program seeks to strengthen bilateral security ties. We invite projects that enhance cooperation between U.S. and Togolese military and law enforcement agencies, support lawful migration, and protect critical infrastructure such as direct flights between Lomé and the United States. Initiatives that reinforce Togo’s role as a regional mediator and promote burden-sharing in addressing regional conflicts are also encouraged.

Third, we are committed to highlighting American excellence and innovation. In celebration of America’s 250th anniversary, we seek proposals that highlight U.S. innovation, particularly in technology and artificial intelligence, and foster new forms of cooperation with Togolese innovators. Expanding English language and entrepreneurship education is a key priority, as it invests in the next generation of U.S.-Togo commercial partners and thought leaders.

Examples of Public Diplomacy Small Grants Program programs include, but are not limited to:

- Academic and professional lectures, seminars and speaker programs
- Artistic and cultural workshops, joint performances and exhibitions
- Professional and academic exchanges and programs
- Entrepreneurship Programs
- STEM and Tech Innovation programs
- Promoting Free Speech and Open Societies
- Countering Foreign Malign Influence Initiatives
- America First Trade and Investment Forums
- Workforce Development and Skilled Trades Training

Priority Program Areas/Goals: Applicants may submit a proposal to address one of the program goals below. Proposals should focus on one or more of the priority outcomes, but

applicants may also recommend their own objective.

- **Goal 1. Secure more U.S commercial wins**
- **Goal 2. Strengthen Bilateral Security Ties**
- **Goal 3. Amplify American Excellence and Innovation**

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/ADPLqE1dwPHYyYRM9> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on pages 16-17 in the NOFO.
 - Quality and Feasibility of the Program Idea
 - Project Planning/Ability to Achieve Objectives
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Sustainability

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.