

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - ScaleUp Bolivia

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362385>

Funding Opportunity Number: PD-LA PAZ-FY26-02

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-06-01

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-07-15

Description: The U.S. Department of State's Embassy La Paz announces an open competition to implement the ScaleUp Bolivia program, a program designed to transition 100+ informal Bolivian businesses into the formal economy while creating partnerships with U.S. companies and expanding markets for American products and services. Proposals should provide participants with: step-by-step guidance on business registration, tax compliance, labor law requirements, and obtaining permits and licenses; training on financial management and bookkeeping using U.S.-based accounting software; support for accessing 4 formal credit and banking services; and assistance building relationships with U.S. suppliers and technology providers. Proposals must include partnerships with Bolivia's tax authority (Impuestos Nacionales), municipal governments, local chambers of commerce, AMCHAM, and U.S. financial technology companies to streamline formalization and provide ongoing support. The program should: formalize at least 15 businesses per city; connect at least 20 newly formalized businesses with U.S. suppliers or service providers; increase municipal tax revenue; and create a peer support network of formalized entrepreneurs. By bringing businesses into the formal economy, the program will expand the customer base for U.S. products and services, create reliable supply chain partners for American companies, strengthen rule of law and economic governance, reduce unfair competition, and generate economic growth benefiting both Bolivian communities and U.S. commercial interests.

Project Goal:

The project goal is to transition 100 informal Bolivian businesses into the formal economy within 12 months by providing world-class entrepreneurship education, formalization guidance, and U.S. business partnerships, thereby expanding markets for American products and services while strengthening Bolivia's economic governance and creating sustainable commercial ties between Bolivian entrepreneurs and U.S. companies.

- **Objective 1: Business Formalization and Education** - Enroll 100 informal Bolivian entrepreneurs in world-class business education through the Najafi 100 Million Learners Global Initiative and formalize at least 40 businesses within 12 months through guided support on registration, tax compliance, permits, and financial management using U.S.-based tools.
- **Objective 2: U.S. Commercial Partnerships** - Establish commercial relationships between at least 20 newly formalized Bolivian businesses and U.S. suppliers or technology providers within 12 months, generating purchases of American products and services and expanding markets for U.S. companies.
- **Objective 3: Institutional Collaboration and Economic Impact** - Partner with Bolivia's tax authority, municipal governments, chambers of commerce, and U.S. fintech companies to streamline formalization, increase municipal tax revenue, create 150+ formal jobs, and establish a peer network of 50+ entrepreneurs for sustained growth and U.S. business engagement.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/5195pB1Kr1asNAj89> 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 15-17 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 Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.