

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

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362578>

Funding Opportunity Number: PD-MVD-2026-001

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-06-15

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-06-30

Purpose: The U.S. Department of State provides funding for well-conceived programs that support U.S. Embassy Montevideo's strategic priorities, explained in more detail below. All programs must include a U.S. element or a connection with U.S. experts, organizations, or institutions in a specific field to promote U.S. policy, values, and perspectives. The U.S. Embassy Montevideo Public Diplomacy Section will be substantially involved in the management of the small grants program and will work closely with the successful applicant.

Project Goal: To advance the U.S.-Uruguayan bilateral relationship through the successful management of a small Public Diplomacy grants program that promotes increased understanding of the United States among the Uruguayan public, showcases American excellence, and improves economic opportunity for both Americans and Uruguayans in Uruguay.

Project Objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Develop, implement and manage a transparent, merit-based small grants competition that results in funding a minimum of four projects.
- **Objective 2:** Implement and monitor a minimum of four programs that engage key primary audiences listed above and address one or more of the following strategic themes, ensuring full compliance with financial and programmatic requirements throughout the period of performance:
 - ***Security and Rule of Law:*** Strengthen security cooperation and rule of law institutions in ways that align with shared U.S.-Uruguay interests, combat transnational organized crime, and contribute to a more secure and stable region.
 - ***Democratic Governance and Civil Society:*** Promote fundamental freedoms and strengthen democratic institutions in Uruguay. Support engagement with Uruguayan partners to reinforce transparency, accountability, and resilience against authoritarian influence, including in the digital and technological spheres.
 - ***Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship:*** Promote innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems, including startups, business development, and technology-driven solutions. Highlight U.S. leadership in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), and advance collaboration in artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.
 - ***Economic Prosperity:*** Enhance bilateral economic ties, promote market access and private investment, and support initiatives that expand economic opportunity. Encourage partnerships that reduce dependency on adversarial actors and contribute to sustainable private sector-led growth.

- **Education and Exchange:** Support educational initiatives, including English-language learning, STEM education, teacher training, academic partnerships, and exchange programs that increase understanding of the United States in Uruguay and build long-term connections between the two countries.
- **Sports Diplomacy:** Showcase American excellence and promote teamwork, leadership, and community engagement through sports-based programs, leveraging major U.S.-based sporting events such as the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/VMNUJ2d9u8kRQ8fL7> 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 Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.