

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - Cultural Small Grants Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362710>

Funding Opportunity Number: PDS-DOS-GEO-FY26-002

Submission Limitation per Institution: Two (2)

[Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing](#)

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-06-22

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-07-15

Purpose: The U.S. Department of State's Embassy Tbilisi Public Diplomacy Section (PDS) announces an open competition to implement programs that strengthen the bilateral relations between the United States and Georgia by advancing cultural engagement that supports shared interests in security, economic growth, and regional stability. Proposed programs should highlight the value of U.S.–Georgia cooperation and reinforce the strong people-to-people ties. All programs must include a clear American component, such as collaboration with American experts, organizations, or institutions, that promotes greater understanding of U.S. policies, perspectives, and approaches while fostering opportunities for collaboration that support mutual prosperity and a safer, stronger community.

Project Goals:

- Showcase American excellence and leadership in the arts, sports, and creative industries.
- Leverage American expertise in community engagement with cultural heritage and the creative economy.
- Highlight American talent and best practices by support festivals, exhibitions, and cultural events.
- Promote American athletes and sport infrastructure in sports-based exchanges and community events.

Project Objectives:

- Showcase American creativity and innovation in the arts, sports, and cultural industries through lectures, seminars, speaker programs, and public discussions featuring American experts and institutions.
- Create opportunities for collaboration between American and Georgian cultural and creative sector professionals, including artists, cultural managers, and institutions, with the goal of expanding professional networks and supporting economic opportunities within the creative economy.
- Support the development of Georgia's cultural heritage preservation sector by leveraging American expertise and best practices to promote responsible management of cultural heritage sites and traditions, while encouraging community engagement, sustainable tourism, and local economic opportunity.
- Promote festivals, performances, exhibitions, and cultural events in Georgia that highlight American talent and cultural contributions, while expanding visibility and engagement with U.S. cultural and creative sectors.
- Advance sports diplomacy initiatives that highlight American excellence in sports and healthy lifestyles, including inclusive sporting activities, exchanges, and community events that connect U.S. and Georgian participants.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/yfimmLjD7LtQUJRr6> 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 14-15 in the NOFO.
 - Quality and Feasibility of the Program Idea
 - Project Planning/Ability to Achieve Objectives
 - 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.