Request for Application (RFA)

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The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded **Ukraine National Identity through Youth (UNITY)** Activity implemented by IREX and its partner Making Cents International (Making Cents) is seeking grant applications from qualified entities to provide technical support as described in the Statement of Work in this document. Making Cents anticipates awarding one grant for the subject solicitation.

Grants under this RFA will be awarded and implemented in accordance with USAID and US Government regulations governing grants and Making Cents' internal grant management policies.

Issuance of this solicitation does not constitute an award commitment on the part of Making Cents, nor does it commit Making Cents to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of an application. Making Cents reserves the right to reject any and all applications, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of UNITY.

This funding opportunity is posted on https://makingcents.com/UNITY-grants-rfa and may be amended. Potential applicants should regularly check the website to ensure they have the latest information pertaining to this RFA.

Any explanation desired by an applicant regarding the meaning or interpretation of this RFA must be requested in writing, in English, via yuliia@makingcents.com and must be submitted no later than the date and time specified in the Questions Due line stated above. This will allow sufficient time for a reply/amendment to reach all applicants before they submit their responses. Answers to all questions will be posted to https://makingcents.com/UNITY-grants-rfa by the date specified above. Any information that substantially changes the requirements of this RFA shall be released through the issuance of an amendment to the RFA. Making Cents may, at its own discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of applications.

Making Cents employees and employees of UNITY implementing partners may not ask for, and applicants are prohibited from offering, any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, thing of value, or compensation to obtain or reward improper favorable treatment regarding this solicitation. Any improper request from an employee of Making Cents or a UNITY implementing partner should be reported to businessconduct@makingcents.com.

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1. Project Description

A. Background

The UNITY program aims to foster vested ownership among young people, ages 10 through 35, in Ukraine's democratic, European future by further mobilizing youth leadership around a values-based conception of Ukrainian identity grounded in engagement and pluralism and expanding economic opportunities for youth through innovation, entrepreneurship, and career preparedness.

Since February 24, 2022, the war in Ukraine has ignited an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, significantly impacting workforce development and the entrepreneur ecosystem. Though the war has brought much destruction to the Ukrainian economy, it has also brought opportunity as it turned global attention and awareness to Ukraine, which has elevated demand for access to Ukrainian goods and services. According to the Ukrainian Startup Ecosystem Report prepared by Polish-Ukrainian Startup Bridge, a significant percentage of businesses (30%) are startups founded after February 24, 2022. This data demonstrates the exceptional resilience and strength of the Ukrainian startup scene. UNITY previously commissioned two research reports, The Future of Work and a Labor Market Assessment, which state that the light industry (e.g., textile production, clothing and footwear manufacturing) is conducive for youth-led business startups as it is flexible to multiple environments and not capital-intensive.

B. Objective

The objective of this Request for Applications is to support aspiring youth entrepreneurs (18-25 year old) from smaller hromadas (rural communities and towns with a population of less than 100,000 people) across Ukraine to start businesses in the light industry. This support should result in at least 50 youth completing a business startup school and five participants receiving business launch support and a startup grant of USD 2,000 each.

C. Program Description

Making Cents seeks applicants that propose a youth-focused program responding to both activities outlined below. Making Cents anticipates awarding one grant to achieve both activities outlined below. No grant will be less than USD 50,000 or greater than USD 70,000.

Activity 1: Startup School

UNITY seeks to support youth (ages 18-25 years old) from small hromadas across Ukraine with aspirations to start enterprises within the light industry through a startup school. The startup school should equip youth with the skills, tools, and connections necessary to establish viable businesses in different sub-sectors of the light industry and identify future business opportunities. Successful applicants will align their proposed program with global best practices of youth entrepreneurship that include:

- Soft skills and personal development (e.g., leadership, negotiation, communication, social networking, time-management, presentation)

- Personal initiative development (e.g., self-starting behavior, innovation, identifying and exploring new opportunities, goal setting, planning and feedback cycles, overcoming obstacles)
- Business management (e.g., sales and customer management, staff management/HR, marketing and branding, product design, supply chain/value chain management, inventory)
- Financial management (e.g., bookkeeping, cash flow analysis)
- Technology management (e.g. hardware and software)
- Digital training (e-commerce, digital marketing)
- Accessing financing (e.g., grant- based schemes, equity financing, and debt financing)
- Developing and expanding a business support network
- Business formalization processes
- Risk management and evaluation

Considering that youth are starting their enterprises in a war setting, successful programs will integrate mental health and psychosocial services to develop and strengthen self- and business resilience. Additionally, applicants may consider including guest speakers from the light industry and other successful youth entrepreneurs who can serve as role models, peer-to-peer networking, live working sessions to develop and advance their business ideas, and exposure visits to nearby light industry businesses. Making Cents welcomes applicants to propose designs grounded in a youth lens that respond to common youth entrepreneur requests such as starting sessions in the late morning and running through the evening, integrating technology, and enhancing social media storytelling.

Making Cents expects the awardee to document key outcomes, successes and learning achieved from this activity.

Milestones for Activity 1 should include at a minimum:

- Youth recruitment and selection plan
- Start Up School Design Outline
- List of Start Up School activities, focal topics, and guest speakers
- Key Outcomes and Lessons Learned Report

The successful applicant will have deep familiarity with supporting youth entrepreneurs and the light industry; demonstrable experience designing and implementing business startup schools or bootcamps, as well as connections with coaches, mentors, and advisors who can participate in the startup school.

Activity 2: Continued Coaching Support to Youth Entrepreneurs

UNITY understands that business startup is one of the most challenging phases for youth entrepreneurs. Thus, Making Cents seeks to deepen support to youth-led business startups in the light industry through continued support to promising business concepts and seed capital in the form of grants. To achieve this, successful applicants will provide coaching support through the business launching period following global best practices of extended, tailored, and

targeted support and an individual business startup grant of USD 2,000 to at least five (5) youth participants (of which at least 2 are women).

Milestones for Activity 2 should include at a minimum:

- Youth business selection plan
- Coaching Model Outline
- Periodic Coaching Reports
- Verification of grant distribution to youth-led startups
- Key Outcomes and Lessons Learned Report

The successful applicant will have deep familiarity with identifying viable youth-led businesses, and demonstrable experience providing targeted coaching and mentoring support in the business startup stage as well as managing the distribution of startup grants.

D. Authority/Governing Regulations

Awards will adhere to the guidance provided in ADS Chapter 303, "Grants and Cooperative Agreements to Non-Governmental Organizations," and the terms of the USAID Standard Provisions for Fixed Amount Awards to Nongovernmental Organizations. ADS 303 references two additional regulatory documents issued by the US Government's Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

- 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and
- 2 CFR 700, USAID Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

Making Cents is required to ensure that all organizations receiving USAID grant funds comply with the guidance found in the regulations referenced above, as applicable to the respective terms and conditions of their grant awards, as well as Making Cents grant procedures.

2. Award Information

Making Cents anticipates awarding up to USD 70,000 through one individual fixed award amount grant. The final grant amount will be dependent upon grant activities and final negotiation.

The estimated start date of any grant awarded under this solicitation is April 12, 2024. The duration of the grant award under this RFA is expected to be no more than 12 months.

There is no cost-sharing requirement for this grant.

Making Cents reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted.

3. Eligibility

This RFA is issued to ensure that all interested and qualified organizations have a fair opportunity to submit applications for funding. Making Cents will not accept

applications from individuals or government entities.

A. Types of Organizations Eligible

The following types of Ukrainian organizations may apply for funding under this RFA:

- Non-profit organizations,
- Institutions of higher education,
- Charitable or private foundations, and
- Privately owned enterprises or firms.

B. Further Eligibility Criteria

1. Grants will only be made to the responsible applicant able to demonstrate that they:

   - Are legally organized as one of the above types of organizations.
   - Represent objectives that are consistent with the broad objectives of UNITY.
   - Must have existing capacity to engage key stakeholders.
   - Display sound management in the form of financial, administrative, and technical policies and procedures and present a system of internal controls that safeguard assets; protect against fraud, waste, and abuse; and support the achievement of program goals and objectives. Making Cents will assess this capability prior to awarding a grant.
   - Are in good standing with all civil and fiscal authorities (e.g., not declared insolvent).
   - Possess financial accountability and maintain detailed records of all expenses.
   - Will not charge a fee or receive profit under the grant agreement.
   - Are willing to sign applicable assurances, statements, and certifications prior to receiving a grant, including:
     - Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing (Required for all grantees),
     - Certification of Recipient (Required for all grantees),
     - Certification Regarding Lobbying (Required for all grantees), and
   - Do not appear on any of the following:
     - "Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs" available at https://sam.gov/content/exclusions.
     - List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, maintained by the US Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) available at https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/specially-designated-nationals-and-blocked-persons-list-sdn-human-readable-lists.
     - List compiled by the United Nations Security Sanctions Committee established under UNSC Resolution 1267 (1999) (the "1267 Committee") available at https://scsanctions.un.org/search/.

2. All grantees must secure a unique entity identifier (UEI) and must register in SAM, the System for Award Management. SAM is the US Government's portal for managing the processes for contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements.

Information about registration procedures may be found at www.sam.gov. Organizations may submit applications under this RFA without SAM registration. However, the apparently successful applicant will be required to register and must submit evidence of registration to Making Cents prior to grant award. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to register with SAM early so that, if selected, award will not be delayed. Note that SAM registration is free to all.

3. To make a responsibility determination of financial and management capacity, shortlisted applicants will be further requested to submit the following:
    a. Audited Financial Reports: Copies of the applicant's financial reports for the previous three (3) year period, which have been audited by a certified public accountant or other auditor acceptable to Making Cents. In the event audited financial reports are not available, other documentation regarding the applicant's financial viability and capability shall be provided, for example, income statements and balance sheets.
    b. Certificate of Incorporation/Association.
    c. Cash flow statements.
    d. Organizational chart.
    e. Copies of the applicant's accounting and operational policies/manuals (if available).
    f. Documentation that the applicant has the ability to comply work under the grant award conditions.

C. Ineligible Organizations

Ineligible organizations include:

- Private enterprises and firms that propose fees.
- Private foundations established for estate managing purposes.
- UNITY implementers to prevent any potential conflict of interest.
- Government entities or officers.
- Political parties, groupings, or institutions or their subsidiaries and affiliates.
- Organizations that advocate, espouse, or promote anti-democratic policies or illegal activities.
- Faith-based organizations whose objectives are for discriminatory and religious purposes, and whose main objective of the grant is of a religious nature.
- Any entity whose name appears on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-procurement Programs.

4. Application and Submission Instructions

A. Grant Application

Instructions and templates for the full application are provided in Annexes A-D. Applicants shall present their technical application and budget with accompanying notes in the formats provided and shall follow the instructions and guidelines listed in these annexes.

Applicants must propose activities responding to the RFA's Program Description, introducing innovations that are appropriate to their organizational strengths.

Applications should be kept as concise and succinct as possible. Detailed information should be presented only when required by specific RFA instructions and be appropriately organized and referenced. Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed for responsiveness to the specifications outlined in these guidelines and adherence to application format. Applications not conforming to this RFA may be categorized as non-responsive, thereby eliminating them from further consideration.

Applications shall be prepared in English. Applications in any other language shall be treated as non-responsive and eliminated from further consideration. The applicant should retain for its records a copy of the application and all enclosures that accompany their application.

All grant activity costs must be within the normal operating practices of the applicant and in accordance with its written policies and procedures. For applicants without an audited indirect cost rate, the budget may include direct costs that will be incurred by the applicant to provide identifiable administrative and management costs that can be directly attributable to supporting the grant objective.

The application must be signed by an authorized agent of the applicant.

Applicants that submit full applications that meet or exceed the merit review criteria will be notified of next steps in the application process.

B. Ineligible Activities and Expenses

UNITY grant funds may not be utilized for the following:

- Any purchases that are not necessary to execute the grant activity, including any grantee headquarter expenses that are not directly linked to the implementation of the proposed project.
- Profit or fee.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- International airfare unless the applicable Standard Provision is included in the grant agreement or when airfare is provided as in-kind grant.
- Items having a value of USD5,000 or more.
- Fines, penalties, previous obligations, or bad debt.
- Activities that contribute to the destruction, deterioration, or the degradation of natural resources, and/or environment.
- Illegal activities as defined by the host country and/or USAID.
- Subsidies to organizations that are not legally recognized.
- Ceremonies, celebrations, parties, gifts, or gratuities.
- Purchases of prohibited goods such as military equipment, police equipment, commodities, and services for support of police and other law enforcement activities, surveillance equipment, abortion equipment and services, luxury goods, gambling equipment, climate/weather modification equipment.
- Purchase of restricted goods such as agricultural products, pesticides,

fertilizer, motor vehicles, pharmaceutical and contraceptive items, used equipment, US Government-owned excess property, and surplus equipment.

C. Responsibility Determination

All applicants are subject to a pre-award risk assessment conducted by Making Cents to ascertain whether the organization has the minimum management capabilities required to handle US government funds. The recommendation or selection of an applicant with established procedures does not guarantee an award. To assist in making this determination, finalists will be required to complete a financial capability questionnaire which consists of the applicant's recent audited financial statements, projected budget, cash flow, organization chart, and applicable policies and procedures.

An award shall be made only when Making Cents makes a positive determination that the applicant possesses, or has the ability to obtain, the necessary management competence in planning and carrying out programs and that it will practice mutually agreed upon methods of accountability for funds and other assets provided by Making Cents.

D. Application Submission

Interested applicants who meet the eligibility criteria as listed in Section 3 should prepare and submit an application, in English, using the template and instructions in Annex A. Applicants should submit the full application to the Point of Contact listed in Section 4.E below.

Applicants should submit to the Point of Contact the following materials as a **PDF** package (AND in the **additional format** where indicated below):

A. Signed Cover, Organization, and Program Information, of Annex A;
B. Annex A, Application, in **Microsoft Word**;
C. The CVs of program personnel as indicated in Section III of Annex A;
D. A budget, using Annex B as the template in **Microsoft Excel**;
E. An implementation plan, using Annex C as the template;
F. Signed and dated Required Certifications (Annex D);
G. A copy of the applicant's latest audited financial statements (or NICRA, if applicable); and
H. A copy of the applicant's valid legal registration.

This RFA will remain open until March 29, 2024 5:00 p.m. Kyiv. Applications must reach the designated Point of Contact (yuliia@makingcents.com) on or before the above-mentioned deadline. Applications received after the closure date/time above will not be considered.

Making Cents will record the date formal grant applications are received, the name of the organization, and the signature of the organization's representative who is delivering the proposal.

E. Point of Contact

It is anticipated that this RFA, including any references/hyperlinks/attachments set forth herein, contains everything that a potential applicant will need to apply. However, if additional information is needed, a potential applicant may communicate with the following Point of Contact:

Grants and Procurement Lead, Yuliia Bodashevska
yuliia@makingcents.com

5. Application Evaluation

Full applications will be evaluated by a Grant Evaluation Committee against the review criteria below. These criteria will serve as the basis upon which the application will be evaluated. Selection will be based on evaluation of the applicant's technical proposal and approach and the applying organization's capacity to satisfactorily manage and implement the proposed grant program. Cost and other factors will be considered, and award will be made only if the application is determined to be technically acceptable and cost reasonable.

Category	Description	Points
1. Strategic Fit	• Contribution toward the project objectives	15
2. Technical Approach	• A clear and innovative approach to designing and implementing a youth-focused startup school for enterprises within the light industry • Ability to design to, recruit, and engage 50 youth aged 18-25 from small hromadas • Ability to provide follow-on support to selected youth as they start their enterprise • Ability to distribute and manage startup grants for youth-led businesses • Ability to engage business experts who can participate in the startup school and follow-on support activities • Ability to create and implement a security plan to ensure the safety of participants • Potential obstacles identified and solutions addressed	40
3. Personnel	• Project leaders have relevant experience with similarly complex projects • Relevance of staff technical skills to the proposed program, including grant management • Tasks and subtasks assigned to appropriate skill levels • Supervisory personnel have relevant grant and project management experience	20
4. Organizational Capabilities	• Past performance on similar projects • Soundness of accounting and procurement practices • Capacity to adhere to USAID financial guidelines	15

5. Cost Effectiveness	• Cost realism • Completeness	10
	TOTAL POINTS	**100**

6. Further information regarding RFA

Making Cents reserves the right to change or cancel this RFA or any of its requirements at any time during the RFA process; such actions by Making Cents will either be posted publicly or directly communicated to all applicants, as appropriate.

The preparation of all materials for submission against this RFA to Making Cents will be at the applicant's sole cost and expense, and Making Cents shall not be responsible for any pre-award cost or expense incurred by the applicant nor shall Making Cents be liable for any anticipated outcome from the submission of an application in response to this solicitation.

7. Award and Administration Information

All grants will be negotiated, denominated, and funded in the local currency of the applicant and will specify the applicable US dollar equivalent.

All costs funded by the grant must be allowable, allocable, and reasonable. In no instance will total disbursements made under the grant agreement exceed the applicable US dollar equivalent specified in the grant agreement.

Grant applications must be supported by a detailed and realistic budget as described in Section 4. Making Cents reserves the right to conduct financial reviews or audits to ensure the adequate accountability of applicants expending grant funds.

Grantees will be required to report on a schedule agreed-to during the negotiation phase with reporting aligned with grant deliverables.

Making Cents reserves the right to make an award based on initial submission without discussion; hence, applications should be initially submitted with the most favorable terms from a technical and budget perspective. However, Making Cents reserves the right to enter into discussions with one or more applicants in order to obtain clarifications, additional detail, or to suggest refinements in the program description, budget, or other aspects of an application.

Issuance of this RFA and assistance with application development do not constitute an award or commitment on the part of Making Cents, nor does it commit Making Cents to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, Making Cents reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received. Applicants will be informed in writing of the decision made regarding their application.

ANNEX A – APPLICATION FORM IN RESPONSE TO RFA # UNITY-01-2024

Cover: Organization and Program Information

1. Title of the proposed grant activity (Descriptive, precise, and brief):
2. Name of Organization:
3. Legal Name (If different from that listed above):
4. Type of Ukrainian Organization: operating as a: [*select*: corporation incorporated under the laws of Ukraine; a partnership; a nongovernmental nonprofit organization; a state or local governmental organization; a private college or university; a public college or university; a joint venture]
5. Tax Identification Number:
6. Unique Entity identifier (UEI): [leave blank if your organization has not completed its registration in SAM.gov]
7. Organization contact information:

Name of representative:	
Title of representative:	
Mailing address:	
Mobile:	
Office phone:	
Email:	
Website:	

8. Grant Amount:

Amount requested from UNITY:	[list in local currency]	[list in US dollars]

Note: All applications must be supported by the attached Annex B, Grant Budget template and accompanying budget notes. The budget shall be prepared in local currency and US dollar equivalent.

The application must be signed by an authorized agent of the applicant.

By affixing my signature below, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is accurate, correct, and in accordance with the established guidelines:

Submitted by: [Name, Title]

_____ _____

Signature Date

Instructions:
Page maximums per section are indicated below. All sections must be included in the application, including Annexes. All applications must be submitted in English. Font must be Calibri 11 point, 1" margins on all sides, and in 8.5" by 11" paper/page size.

Section I. Executive Summary (maximum one [1] page)

1. Describe how your approach applies global best practices in supporting youth entrepreneurship and knowledge of the local context in supporting youth start enterprises in the light industry.
2. Provide an overview of your technical approach, program leadership, and implementation plan.
3. Provide an overview of your organization's capabilities to lead this enterprise startup activity.
4. Provide an overview of requested funding, including percentages by major budget category.

Section II. Technical Approach and Personnel (Maximum seven [7] pages)

1. Describe the proposed activity and expected results in detail. Describe the main tasks that are proposed to design and implement: (1) a startup school for youth-led enterprises in the light industry with at least 50 graduates and (2) provide continued start up support and grants to at least five youth participants as they advance their enterprises. Describe the expected results to be achieved, how the tasks are linked to the grant objective, and how the safety of participants will be accounted for. This activity detail should keep in mind the evaluation criteria contained in the RFA.
2. Provide an overview of the implementation plan detailed in Section III and Annex C. Include the anticipated amount of time it will take to achieve project outputs. The progress towards the achievement of these results may be considered to be a progress indicator of the project.
3. Describe the relevant technical qualifications of the program leader(s). Describe briefly the technical qualifications of other program staff.

Section III. Implementation Plan (Maximum two [2] pages)

1. Supply a basic organizational chart for the grant activity proposed.
2. Provide a coherent discussion of tasks and key subtasks, including relevant timeframes. Connect tasks and subtasks from the implementation plan to program staff.
3. Identify supervisory roles by program leader(s) and their project management experience.
4. Three-page maximum CVs are required for all program personnel who will design, lead, provide oversight, and quality control.

All implementation plans must be supported by Annex C, which lists all identified tasks over the duration of the activity.

Section IV. Organizational Experience and Capacity (Maximum one [1] page)
Describe the organization's experience implementing similar activities.

ANNEX B – DETAILED GRANT BUDGET TEMPLATE (Excel-attached as separate document)

ANNEX C: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Relabel the columns in the Timeline section below with the appropriate half-month start and end. For example, if your proposed start date is 15 October 2022, relabel column 1a with "2/22a" for the first half of October, column 1b with "2/22b" for the second half of October, column 1c as "3/22a" for the first half of November, etc. to represent the half-months of 1-15 October 2022, 15-30 October 2022, 1-15 November 2022, etc.

Task List each task. Please be as specific as possible. Use additional pages if necessary.	**Grant Resources Required** and Detailed Explanation of Use	**Bi-Monthly Timeline**													**Person(s) Responsible** Who is responsible for overseeing and implementing the task?	**Milestones** How will you measure the success of the task?
		1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4a	4b	5a	5b	6a	6b	7a	7b	

ANNEX D: REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

D1 – Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing, Implementing Executive Order 13224

By signing and submitting this application, the prospective recipient provides the certification set out below:

1. The Recipient, to the best of its current knowledge, did not provide, within the previous ten years, and will take all reasonable steps to ensure that it does not and will not knowingly provide, material support or resources to any individual or entity that commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated, or participated in terrorist acts, as that term is defined in paragraph 3. The Certification in the preceding sentence will not be deemed applicable to material support or resources provided by the Recipient pursuant to an authorization contained in one or more applicable licenses issued by the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

2. The following steps may enable the Recipient to comply with its obligations under paragraph 1:

   a. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient will verify that the individual or entity does not (i) appear on the master list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, which list is maintained by OFAC and is available online at OFAC's website: https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/specially-designated-nationals-and-blocked-persons-list-sdn-human-readable-lists, or (ii) is not included in any supplementary information concerning prohibited individuals or entities that may be provided by USAID to the Recipient.

   b. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient also will verify that the individual or entity has not been designated by the United Nations Security (UNSC) sanctions committee established under UNSC Resolution 1267 (1999) (the "1267 Committee") [individuals and entities linked to the Taliban, Usama bin Laden, or the Al Qaida Organization]. To determine whether there has been a published designation of an individual or entity by the 1267 Committee, the Recipient should refer to the consolidated list available online at the Committee's website: https://scsanctions.un.org/search/

   c. Before providing any material support or resources to an individual or entity, the Recipient will consider all information about that individual or entity of which it is aware and all public information that is reasonably available to it or of which it should be aware.

   d. The Recipient also will implement reasonable monitoring and oversight procedures to safeguard against assistance being diverted to support terrorist activity.

3. For purposes of this Certification-

   a. "Material support and resources" means currency or monetary instruments or financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, expert advice or assistance, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials."

(i) “Training" means instruction or teaching designed to impart a specific skill, as opposed to general knowledge.

(ii) “Expert advice or assistance" means advice or assistance derived from scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge

b. “Terrorist act” means-

(i) an act prohibited pursuant to one of the 12 United Nations Conventions and Protocols related to terrorism (see UN terrorism conventions Internet site: http://untreaty.un.org/English/Terrorism.asp); or

(ii) an act of premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents; or

(iii) any other act intended to cause death or serious bodily injury to a civilian, or to any other person not taking an active part in hostilities in a situation of armed conflict, when the purpose of such act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act.

c. “Entity” means a partnership, association, corporation, or other organization, group or subgroup.

d. References in this Certification to the provision of material support and resources shall not be deemed to include the furnishing of USAID funds or USAID-financed commodities to the ultimate beneficiaries of USAID assistance, such as recipients of food, medical care, micro-enterprise loans, shelter, etc., unless the Recipient has reason to believe that one or more of these beneficiaries commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

e. The Recipient’s obligations under paragraph 1 are not applicable to the procurement of goods and/or services by the Recipient that are acquired in the ordinary course of business through contract or purchase, e.g., utilities, rents, office supplies, gasoline, etc., unless the Recipient has reason to believe that a vendor or supplier of such goods and services commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in terrorist acts, or has committed, attempted to commit, facilitated or participated in terrorist acts.

This Certification is an express term and condition of any agreement issued as a result of this application, and any violation of it shall be grounds for unilateral termination of the agreement by USAID prior to the end of its term.

Signature _____

Name, Title _____

Organization_____

Date _____