



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.

All requests by applicants regarding a meaning in or interpretation of this RFA must be requested in writing, in English, to ybodashevsk@makingcents.com. Such requests 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.



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1. Project Description

A. Background

The USAID/Ukraine Ukrainian National Identify through Youth (UNITY) activity implemented by IREX 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.

Despite the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the UNITY activity continues to invest in young people's ownership of Ukraine's democratic, European future by mobilizing youth leadership and strengthening youth identity grounded in innovation, engagement, and pluralism. Making Cents International (Making Cents) supports IREX in implementing this work by increasing access to opportunities for Ukrainian youth's economic engagement through entrepreneurship.

UNITY will continue the successful financial linkages activities conducted in Years 2 and 3. These activities include regularly sharing current financing opportunities with a growing roster of youth-led enterprises and youth-serving organizations and providing direct coaching to ready-for-financing youth-led enterprises. UNITY recognizes these activities should be integrated into an organization with the potential to continue these activities after the life of UNITY.

B. Objective

This Request for Applications aims to help youth entrepreneurs (18-35 years old) across Ukraine link to additional financial opportunities and prepare to apply for finance. This support should result in (1) the regular online distribution of a newsletter providing information about current financing opportunities for youth entrepreneurs, and (2) at least 30 youth entrepreneurs selected and supported as they access finance to pivot or expand their enterprises.

C. Program Description

Making Cents seeks applicants who propose a youth-focused program responding to the three activities below. Making Cents anticipates awarding one grant for such a program. No grant will be less than USD 15,000 or greater than USD 20,000.

Activity 1: Increasing Youth Entrepreneurs' Awareness of Available Financing Opportunities

UNITY seeks to enhance awareness of the financing opportunities available to youth-led enterprises. This includes strengthening the youth entrepreneurs' understanding of the terms associated with financial products and services and empowering them to make informed choices that align with their business needs. The successful applicant will share detailed information via a newsletter about financing opportunities to give youth-led enterprises a clear understanding of the eligibility criteria and objectives associated with each opportunity, enabling youth entrepreneurs to make informed decisions tailored to their business needs. The



newsletter should share opportunities posted by local, regional, and national government agencies, as well as donor-funded programs and initiatives. It may also highlight opportunities offering capacity-building support to youth-led enterprises.

Applicants are encouraged to build from the current UNITY Financial Linkages newsletter format shared monthly via MailChimp to a roster of over 350 youth-led enterprises and 40 youth-serving organizations. An example of this is newsletter can be found at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13MVPU3KIYfT7rv49F8jhlwtMbnSzPr6L/view>

Making Cents will provide insights and lessons learned from its experience leading the newsletter during the design stage and will also be available for regular consultation.

Milestones for Activity 1 should include, at a minimum:

- Newsletter design
- Regular newsletter dissemination

The successful applicant will demonstrate experience in identifying available financial resources, developing newsletters, and disseminating to youth entrepreneurs.

Activity 2: Supporting Selected Youth-led Enterprises in Preparing for and Applying to Financing

UNITY believes that with individualized assistance, youth-led enterprises can increase their utilization of financial support. A successful grantee will use UNITY's Financial Linkages Toolkit, currently in development, that showcases global and Ukrainian best practices to support up to 30 youth entrepreneurs in applying for financing opportunities through individualized support sessions. These sessions may include supporting youth entrepreneurs as they select an appropriate support program, structure their business ideas in an application, and develop business plans to apply for financing.

Milestones for Activity 2 should include, at a minimum:

- Tailored coaching program outlined that utilizes UNITY's Financial Linkages Toolkit
- Youth-led enterprise recruitment and selection plan developed
- Up to 30 youth-led businesses selected
- Periodic Coaching reporting
- Youth-led enterprises submit applications to financing opportunities

The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience in identifying youth-led enterprises and supporting the finance readiness of youth-led businesses.



Activity 3: Analyzing Results and Impact

UNITY seeks to understand the results and impact of its investment in youth-led enterprises. Thus, successful applicants will provide detailed monitoring, evaluation, and learning throughout implementation and synthesize all learning through a summary report. A summary report may include:

- Overview of all activities performed
- Outputs and outcomes
- At least two stories of how businesses have advanced because of the received support
- Takeaways and lessons learned
- Recommendations for the next round of programming

Milestones for Activity 3 should include, at a minimum:

- Monitoring and evaluation plan developed
- Summary reporting performed

The successful applicant will be deeply familiar with capturing outputs and outcomes and transferring information in an accessible fashion that demonstrates the impact of the support provided.

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 20,000 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 May 6, 2024. The duration of the grant award under this RFA is expected to be no more than 8 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.

E. 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.

F. 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 in Ukraine and operate primarily in the territory controlled by Ukraine.
- 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 (as available).
 - f. Documentation that the applicant has the ability to comply work under the grant award conditions.

G. 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

H. 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.

I. 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.
- 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.
- Purchase of any equipment or software manufactured by Huawei Technologies Company; ZTE Corporation; Hytera Communications Corporation; Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company; Dahua Technology Company; Kaspersky Lab, or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities, including any entity owned or controlled by them or that owns or controls them.

J. 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.

K. 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 May 6, 2024; 5:00 p.m. Kyiv. Applications must reach the designated Point of Contact (ybodashevaska@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.

L. 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 Bodashevaska
ybodashevaska@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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution toward the project objectives 	15
2. Technical Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated proficiency in executing a clear, well-structured financial linkages program tailored to youth-led enterprises • Proven capability to enlist up to 30 youth-led enterprises for participation in the program • Ability to offer coaching assistance to the selected youth-led enterprises • Experience in gathering all financing opportunities relevant to youth-led enterprises • Ability to regularly disseminate financing opportunities 	40



Category	Description	Points
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of potential obstacles and proactive formulation of solutions to mitigate challenges effectively 	
3. Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past performance on similar projects • Soundness of accounting and procurement practices • Capacity to adhere to USAID financial guidelines 	15
5. Cost Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.



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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-03-2024

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]
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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 entrepreneurs in accessing financial opportunities and knowledge of the local context.
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 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) release regular online newsletters for youth entrepreneurs that connect them to various financing opportunities, (2) support 30 youth entrepreneurs in preparing for and applying to financing, and (3) documentation of outputs, outcomes, impact, and lessons learned. 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 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.



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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 _____