

TENDER - ALUMNI SMALL GRANTS

The Embassy of the United States of America and The Democracy Promotion Society (Društvo za promocijo demokracije) are pleased to launch an **ALUMNI SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM** for alumni of the Fulbright Exchange Program, Ron Brown Scholar Program, International Visitors Leadership Program and Voluntary Visitor Program. The purpose of this program is to maintain contacts with and among alumni of U.S. Government-funded exchange and training programs and to exchange and disseminate knowledge and good ideas with civil society.

Applications will be accepted from alumni of all ages and from any field of study. Cross-sectoral and cross-program applications will be particularly welcome, but individual applications that have a broader impact will also be welcome. Projects may focus either on alumni development itself or on topical events of a non-partisan nature that unite alumni for the greater community.

Priority Topics are:

- U.S.-Slovene relations
- strengthening of alumni cohesion and networking
- promotion and strengthening of democracy and civil society
- strengthening of the cooperation between civil society and business
- support for charitable actions and volunteerism
- support for reform and European integration in the region of the former Yugoslavia
- cooperation and networking among alumni in the former Yugoslavia

Project proposals may include the following:

- public or community service programs
- creation of alumni associations and support for alumni association events
- training programs for alumni or training programs run by alumni

- organization of conferences, workshops and round-tables that enhance alumni cooperation in general or in a certain area
- development and publication of textbooks, brochures, pamphlets, internet pages, list-servs or related educational materials on topics that further the cohesion and activities of USG alumni
- other projects that support democratic and economic development initiatives with significant involvement of USG alumni
- speakers series involving or targeted at USG alumni

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The grant can be given only to Slovenian registered non-profit and non-government organizations or to individual alumni.
2. Projects shouldn't last longer than one year. Proposals have to have defined start and end dates.
3. The project purpose should be specific.
4. Letters of support are required for joint or collaborative projects.
5. Grant proposals should include all of the information requested in the application form. Proposals will not be considered until all information is received in both hard copy and electronic form.
6. Proposals must be completed in English, or be accompanied by an English translation. Supporting documents may be in Slovene. Budgets must be calculated in USD.
7. Cost-sharing and in-kind contributions must be documented in the grant proposal's budget. Costs incurred before the official grant period begins (the date that the agreement is signed) will not be reimbursed.

Please mail two (2) copies of the completed Application Form with an original signature on the last page to:

Public Affairs Section
U.S. Embassy Ljubljana
Attn: Tanja Šuštaršič, Program Assistant for Small Grants Program
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1000 Ljubljana
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Please, send as well one copy in electronic form to the following address:
sustarsict@state.gov

In addition, send one (1) copy to

Democracy Promotion Society
Bettetova 16
2000 Maribor

Successful proposals may be awarded from 500 USD to a maximum of 2000 USD. Total amount of the fund for the first year is 8.000 USD.

Deadline for project proposals is March 1, 2007.

Project proposals will be evaluated and selected by the Evaluation Committee. The Embassy will confirm final approval based partly on the availability of funds.

Questions should be addressed to Tanja Šuštaršič (+386 1 200 5685) or Jurij Toplak (ure.toplak@uni-mb.si)