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American Schools & Hospitals Abroad

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ASHA GRANT

START BY FINDING THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) IN WWW.GRANTS.GOV

ASHA grants are posted on Grants.gov, the clearing house for *all* Federal grants. You can key in “American Schools and Hospitals Abroad” or “USAID” in the search field and current ASHA grants will come up.

BE SURE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE – ASHA requires specific criteria

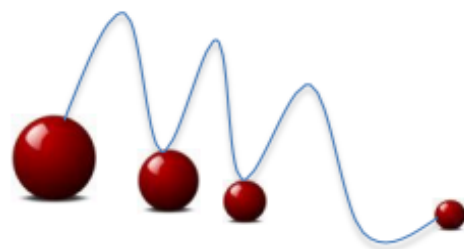
ASHA makes grants to United States Organizations (USOs) that are engaged overseas in the areas of education and/or healthcare. They must:

- Be a tax-exempt, non-profit organization (such as a 501 c3) headquartered in the United States
- USO must be the founder and/or sponsor of an overseas institution (OSI) for which assistance is sought.

REGISTER ON GRANTS.GOV

You must register with Grants.gov. It's easy. Follow the bouncing ball.

1. Complete the required form fields
2. Confirm your email address
3. Add an organization applicant profile



Here's the [Applicant Registration page](#).

APPLY FOR YOUR GRANT

- Submit a Concept Paper following the guidelines outlined in the RFA. Pay attention to the *Merit Review Criteria*.
- ASHA will review your Concept Paper and if accepted, you will be invited to submit a full application.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Proof of secure land title or long term lease for building or renovation
- Application can only include one USO and one OSI
- OSI must be founded or sponsored by US citizens
- USO and OSI must submit independently audited financial statements
- USO and OSI cannot discriminate against any beneficiaries
- OSI must not be under control of foreign government

- OSIs that are schools, libraries, hospital centers, and Centers of Excellence must demonstrate promotion of English language, demonstrate American best practices and values, and effectively communicate to their target audience why / how they are promoting best practices and values that Americans hold dear.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR PROPOSAL DO?

ASHA partners are Ambassadors for Mutual Understanding. The Application should demonstrate that the organization requesting assistance and OSI/project demonstrate *as many of the below characteristics as possible*:

- Promotes American values, ideas, and best practices
- Increases awareness of these values, ideas, and best practices
- Changes attitudes to better reflect core American values
- Encourages action toward American ideals
- Demonstrates that the recipient is a transformative institution that is sustainable AND can show they can have a strategic impact in particular country or region by fostering these values, ideas and best practices.

Applicants are *required* to effectively communicate that their target audience understands that the values promoted through ASHA implementing partners are held dear by Americans (i.e. simply promoting an "American value" is not enough; the connection between that value and the American people must be clear).

For more information go to [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov) or email partnerwithasha@usaid.gov

