

BRIDGEUSA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (BLD) ALUMNI GRANT

This document outlines the terms and conditions of applying for grant support under the BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program. Please read the following information carefully, save a copy, and confirm that you have read, understand, and agree to these terms by signing and dating at the bottom of the document.

DEFINITIONS

BLD Team: Grant administration team, comprised of Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) and the U.S. Department of State BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Alumni Grant funding stakeholders.

Applicant or Applicant Organization: The individual, non-profit organization, or public organization named in the grant application whose personal, professional, and/or organizational information is provided for the purpose of applying for BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Alumni Grant funding.

Fund eligibility is dependent on the following criteria:

- All Applicant or Applicant Organizations must be located and/or registered outside of the U.S.
- Applicant or Applicant Organization's proposal must demonstrate how BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Alumni Grant funds will be used to:
 1. Establish an organization, fund an awareness event, launch a new project, or support another initiative that aligns with the U.S. DoS goals of the BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program OR
 2. Participate in the professional development experience aligned with U.S. DoS goals for the BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program.

Program Proposal:

The Applicant or Applicant Organization's description of the proposed project or initiative, the expert speaker and targeted audience, or professional development experience for which the BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Alumni Grant funding would be used. BLD Team reserves the right to collect additional details on Program Proposals.

Grant Recipient:

An Applicant or Applicant Organization who is awarded and accepts BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Alumni Grant funding.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Alumni Grant Applications:

1. BLD Team reserves the right to select a limited number of Applicant or Applicant Organizations to receive funding based on the findings of the selection committee as to which Applicants or Applicant Organizations best embody the values, goals, and objectives of BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Alumni Grants.
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2. BLD Team reserves the right to reject the application of or refuse funding to any Applicant or Applicant Organization that CIEE does not deem appropriate for funding. If awarded Grant funding, the Applicant or Applicant Organization agrees to use all awarded funds to implement the Program Proposal under the terms of this Agreement. Any changes to the Program Proposal after application submission must be approved by BLD Team.
3. Monetary amounts awarded to successful Applicant; Applicant Organizations may vary. BLD Team reserves the right to adjust monetary awards at its discretion.
4. If selected, grant recipients are required to complete the project or activity selected for grant funds within three to six months after receiving funds. Should a selected Program Proposal not come to fruition by October 30, 2023 for any reason, the Applicant or Applicant Organization agrees to immediately return to BLD Team all funds disbursed. Any changes to this timeline must be approved by BLD Team.
5. No later than 30 days after the Project Proposal is enacted, the Applicant and/or Applicant Organization agrees to provide BLD Team with a brief report describing the event, using the template provided. The Applicant and/or Applicant Organization agrees that written information, testimonial statements, videos, photographs, and/or other representations made available in the report or through public media channels may be featured on the BLD website, <https://www.bridgeusaldp.org/> or otherwise used by DoS.
6. The views expressed by the Applicant and/or Applicant Organization are his or her own and do not represent the views of BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program.
7. Any documents released to the media or otherwise presented by the Applicant or Applicant Organization regarding the work made possible by BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Grants funding shall contain the message: "This program is made possible by funding from the U.S. Department of State. The views expressed by the participant are his or her own and do not represent the views of CIEE or the U.S. Department of State. For more information about CIEE, visit www.ciee.org."

The Applicant or Applicant Organization agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold CIEE harmless for any damages or loss associated with the Program. CIEE makes no representation or warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the suitability of BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program Grants funding, and disclaims all such warranties to the full extent of the law.

8. Should any dispute arise regarding the Applicant or Applicant Organization's obligations arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other agreement between the Applicant or Applicant Organization and BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program, the Applicant or Applicant Organization and BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program agree that they will attempt to resolve the dispute through mediation. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, the Applicant Organization agrees that any controversy or claim (including any counterclaim and the arbitrability of any controversy, claim, or counterclaim) arising out of or relating to the Agreement or any other agreement between the Applicant Organization and
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BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program, which cannot be resolved through mediation, shall be submitted to arbitration in Portland, Maine. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Applicant, Applicant Organization and BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program, and judgment may be entered with respect to such award in any court of competent jurisdiction. Should any controversy or claim (including any counterclaim) arising out of or relating to this Agreement and or any other agreement between the Applicant Organization and BridgeUSA Leadership Development Program be found to not be arbitrable, the Applicant Organization agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts of the state of Maine in Cumberland County for the resolution of any such dispute.

I certify that I am authorized by the Applicant or Applicant Organization to sign this Agreement.

For further reference, please make a copy of the above Terms and Conditions.
