



ADVANCING KOSOVO TOGETHER – LOCAL SOLUTION PROGRAM REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS RFA-12-AKT-LS

Advancing Kosovo Together - Local Solutions (AKT - LS) is a three-year program that aims to increase constructive inter-ethnic cooperation and interaction, primarily between the majority community and minority communities in Kosovo, which is vital to the security and stability of the Balkans.

The program is seeking applications from qualified Kosovar Start-up, Micro and Small enterprises to implement "Advancing Kosovo Together – Local Solution" Grants Program. Any single grant awarded under this RFA will not exceed \$6,000.

Project Description

This Request for Grant Applications solicits proposals from existing micro and small enterprises and startups in the 16 municipalities covered by AKT – LS Program for activities that may be not limited to:

- Job creation, with an affirmative focus on the employment of minority women and youth;
- Activities that support job skills training for minority women and youth;
- Creating economic opportunities for minority women and youth;
- Expanding business development and access to finance opportunities for minority businesses, youth entrepreneurship and women-owned enterprises.

Award Information

For any questions regarding this RFA you may contact at 038 249 677/678 or email (<u>grants@kcdf.org</u>). The deadline for questions is February 23, 2016 at 16:00 hrs. Both the questions and answers will be distributed to all applicants by February 29, 2016 by 16:00 hrs.

Please submit your Applications in a closed envelope no later than March 10, 2016 at 16:00 PM, to: Advancing Kosovo Together Local Solution Program Office, Str. Sejdi Kryeziu Nr. 16, Pejton, Pristina or to: AKTIV Office, North Coordinators' Office Kralja Petra I 183a, North Mitrovica, Kosovo. Applications should also be submitted by mail at (grants@kcdf.org). Any application received after the required time and date specified for receipt shall be considered late and non-responsive.

Information Days with potential applicants will be organized as follows:

- 1. Assembly Hall, Address: 'Aleksandër Moisiu', Pejë/Pec on February 15, 2016 at 10:00 am
- 2. AKTIV Office, Address: Kralja Petra I 183a, North Mitrovica, Kosovo on February 16, 2016 at 10:00am
- 3. Assembly Hall, Vushtrri/Vučitrn on February 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm
- 4. Assembly Hall, Gračanica/Graçanicë on February 18, 2016 at 10:00 am
- 5. House of Culture, Klokot/Kllokot on February 18, 2016 at 2:00 pm
- 6. Assembly Hall, Štrpce/Shtërpcë on February 22, 2016 at 10:00 am

The USAID/AKT – LS program will not cover any costs related to participation in the Info Days.

It is essential that you visit our website <u>www.kcdf.org/AKT-LS</u> for the full Request for Applications document and details on submitting of your Application.