Welcome

Women in the Digital Economy Fund
Round 1 Question and Answer sessions

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Assistance Windows

Grant Window

WHO FOR:
Non-profits
Social Enterprises
Small and Medium Enterprises

TYPE OF SUPPORT:
Grants and technical assistance

Technical Assistance Window

WHO FOR:
Large-scale businesses

TYPE OF SUPPORT:
Technical Assistance

1st WiDEF Request for Applications

Type of Support

- Grant Window
- $500K - $1.5M USD
- 18-24 month awards

Eligibility

- Local Entities at Prime
- Strongly encouraging women-led organizations and enterprises to apply

Geographic Scope

- Global (minus India)
- Priority for Sub-Saharan Africa / South Asia

Thematic Focus

- Broad by design
- Address 2 or more of WiDEF's 5 core areas

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Round 1 Key Dates:

Informational webinars
- March 26, 10 am Bangladesh Standard Time
- March 26, 10 am Central African Time
- March 27, 10 am Pacific Standard Time

Send questions to learnmore@widef.global
by March 31, 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time

Responses and recordings will be published
April 6 by 11:59 pm EST at
https://widef.global/funding

Submission due date
May 6, 2024, 11:59 pm EST

Focus on scaling effective programs across 5 key areas

Improved access to affordable devices and online experiences

Increased availability of relevant products and tools

Elevating digital literacy and skills

Enhancing safety and security

Additionally, all applications need to commit to generating data and insights.

A solution that advances digital inclusion broadly and aims to integrate and scale a proven solution to effectively address gender constraints and close the gender digital divide.

Specific integration of at least two of the core priority areas above, in addition to generating data and insights.

Clearly articulate which components of their existing or proposed programs are scalable across different contexts, and which are specific to the location/context of their pilot/current program.

Entities must have, or be able to adopt, gender-based violence mitigation policies for all digital inclusion activities.

What is a Local Entity?

Local Entity: An individual or organization that:

1. Is legally organized under the laws of a country that is receiving assistance from USAID;

2. Has its principal place of business or operations in a country receiving assistance from USAID;

3. Is majority-owned by individuals who are citizens or lawful permanent residents of a country receiving assistance from USAID; and

4. Is managed by a governing body, the majority of whom are citizens or lawful permanent residents of a country receiving assistance from USAID.

5. May be not-for-profit or for profit entity.

Blog: [What does it mean for USAID programs to be locally led? We asked!](link)
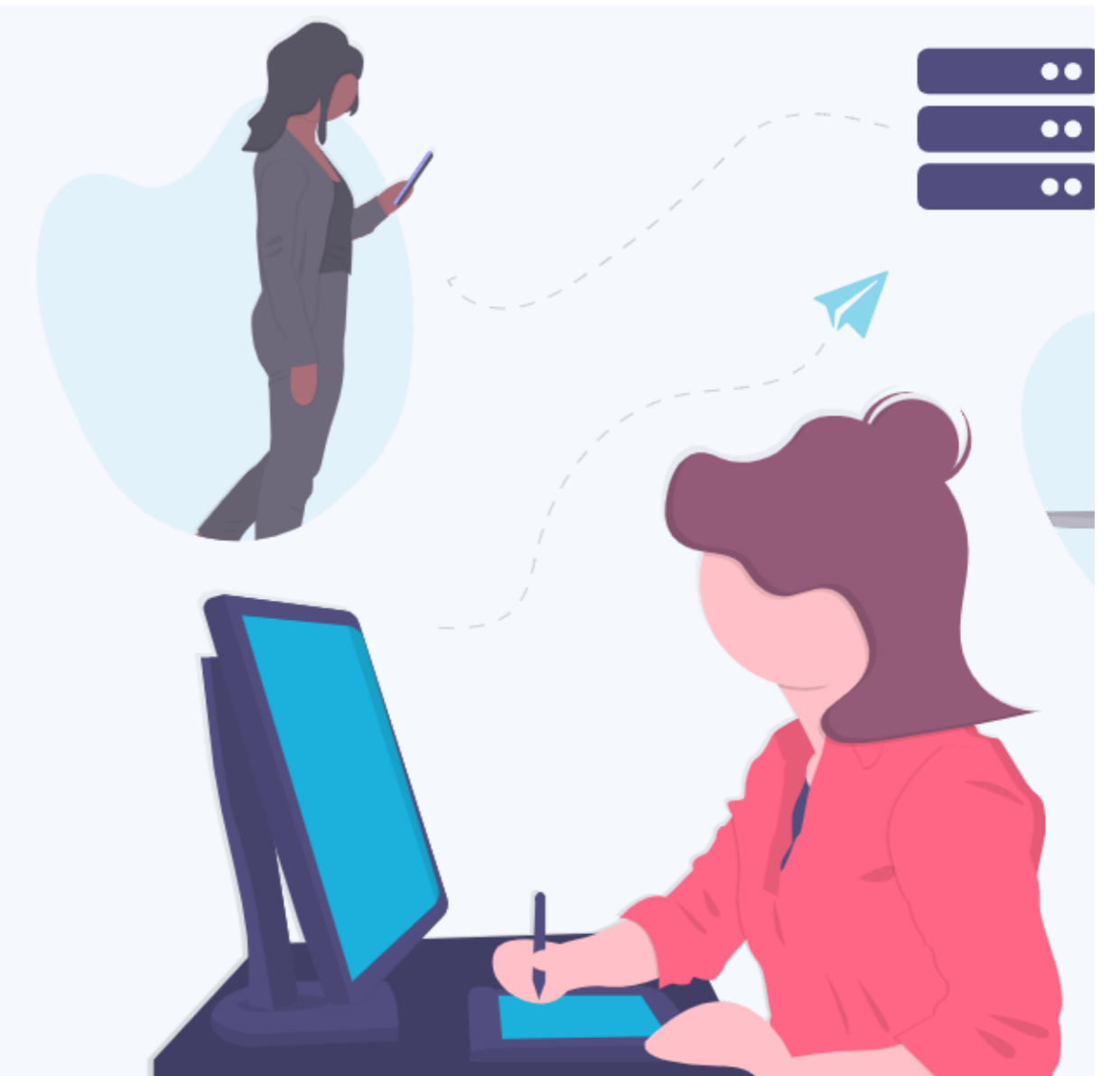
How to get a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

- Start UEI application [here](#)
- [Multiple YouTube videos](#)
- It is free to register
- Replaces DUNS/SAM

Online UEI Registration

System for Award Management Registration. You will recieve a UEI through this application. The process to work with DoD, FEMA, and other government / federal agencies is long and cumbersome. We make it easy.

Get Started Now

FAQ:

Which coutries are not eligible:

Afghanistan, Burma, China, Cuba, Haiti, Jordan, Syria & Venezuela.

India is not eligible for Round 1 as WiDEF will launch India-specific funding opportunities in 2024/2025.

Can WiDEF connect us to partners in countries?

Organizations are encouraged to independently find partners. WiDEF will not facilitate this.

What is the Indirect Cost allowance?
The de minimis is 10% if your organization does not have a negotiated rate (link).

What do we list in Standard Provisions for Non-U.S. Organizations?
APS-OAA-21-00001
WIDEF R1

What is the definition of an SME?
A small or medium-sized organization with up to 249 employees..

Can Local entities engage in sub-awarding non-local entities?
Yes, up to 49% of the total budget can be sub-awarded to non-local entities.

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6. Certification of Recipient

By signing below the recipient provides certifications and assurances for (1) the Assurance of Compliance with Laws and Regulations Governing Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs, (2) the Certification Regarding Lobbying, (3) the Prohibition on Assistance to Drug Traffickers for Covered Countries and Individuals (ADS 206), (4) the Certification Regarding Terrorist Financing Implementing Executive Order 13224, and (5) the Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons above.

These certifications and assurances are given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts, or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipient by the Agency, including installment payments after such date on account of applications for Federal financial assistance which was approved before such date. The recipient recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in these assurances, and that the United States will have the right to seek judicial enforcement of these assurances. These assurances are binding on the recipient, its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign these assurances on behalf of the recipient.

Request for Application or
Annual Program Statement No. ___APS-OAA-21-00001___

Application No. ___WIDEF R1___

Date of Application _____

Name of Recipient _____

Typed Name and Title _____

Signature _____

Date _____

If selected...

- WiDEF will conduct a due diligence assessment of all shortlisted applicants with particular focus on governance and internal controls, safeguarding, ability to deliver, financial management and management of downstream partners.

- Shortlisted applicants will be informed by or before August 2024. Final determinations of funding recipients is expected by October 2024.

- Awardees consent to having project data and insights shared among WiDEF learning outcomes and advocacy activities

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Additional Questions

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