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## **YouthPower Learning**

YouthPower Learning Grants RFA#003-2017

“Advancing the Evidence Base for Youth Civic Engagement in Effective Peacebuilding or in Countering / Prevention of Violent Extremism”

### **Questions and Answers**

**Question 1:** *How do we apply? Is there an email or link?*

**Answer:** Please see RFA Section 4, Application and Submission Instructions. Applications must reach the designated point of contact at [grants@youthpower.org](mailto:grants@youthpower.org) on or before the RFA submission deadline.

**Question 2:** *Page 5 of the RFA lists three research questions. Can Making Cents please confirm whether the grant activity should address all research questions or should focus on one research question?*

**Answer:** The grant activity should address at least one of the research questions listed in RFA Section 2, Project Description. Strong applications will address two or more research questions.

**Question 3:** *Please advise if Making Cents or the YouthPower Learning community of practice has a preference for the geographic focus of this grant activity.*

**Answer:** YouthPower Learning is most interested in applications that include activities in low and middle-income countries experiencing or having experienced the conditions of conflict, crisis, high crime, or are susceptible to violent extremism.

**Question 4:** *Please advise if Making Cents or the YouthPower Learning community of practice would prefer the grant activity focus on a single geographic location or involve a comparative study of two or more geographies.*

**Answer:** Applicants may propose a single geographic location; strong applications will include a comparative element (e.g., between countries or between different contexts within a country).

**Question 5:** *Would Making Cents please confirm whether the implementation plan should be explained in detail in Annex A, Section III, #15 or only in Annex C??*

**Answer:** The detail should be explained in Annex C.

**Question 6:** *On page 9 of the RFA, under Ineligible Activities and Expenses, it notes “indirect costs (under simplified grants)” as an ineligible activity and expense. Can Making Cents please clarify whether indirect costs can be charged as part of the proposal budget?*

**Answer:** If supported by a NICRA (Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement), indirect costs may be proposed in the budget.

Question 7: *I would request you to me your email to facilitate us to send our concept note.*

Answer: All inquiries and applications must be sent to [grants@youthpower.org](mailto:grants@youthpower.org).

Question 8: *Are the youth power Grant applications supposed to be sent via email when they filled in or where are they supposed to go?*

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Question 9: *On page 9 of the RFA, under Ineligible Activities and Expenses, the RFA notes “international airfare unless the applicable Standard Provision is included in the grant agreement or when airfare is provided as in-kind grant.” Can Making Cents clarify what is meant by the Standard Provision?*

Answer: International travel associated with the grant must comply with the Fly America Act travel regulations. See RAA5 of <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1868/303mat.pdf> for details.

Question 10: *I would like to know if you have a specific focus (a specific preference) on the youth category that the project can target?*

Answer: Youth, for the purposes of YouthPower, are defined per the USAID Youth in Development Policy, accessible at this link (see specifically “Who are Youth” on page 4):  
[https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Youth\\_in\\_Development\\_Policy\\_0.pdf](https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1870/Youth_in_Development_Policy_0.pdf)

Question 11: *In target countries for this grant opportunity, do we have the possibility to choose the zones of intervention according to the zones where the violence’s and the conflicts arise with acuity in the circles of the young people? Or you have preferences areas we need to target; Are you flexible in choosing areas to target?*

Answer: There are no geographic preferences within or between countries.

Question 12: *Can we propose a research-action to reduce violence and conflicts in youth areas, for example?*

Answer: Yes, if it answers one of the research questions listed in RFA Section 2, Project Description.

Question 13: *Annex A section II No 14: Can you please elaborate more on how we relate degrees and evaluate the quality of achievement? Do you have indicators or we use our own?*

Answer: Applicants are encourage to use the Positive Youth Development Toolkit, available at:  
<http://www.youthpower.org/positive-youth-development-toolkit>.

Question 14: *The Grant Budget Template requests that the offeror include a breakdown of benefits provided to personnel. Would Making Cents clarify if they would be open to a standard presentation of these benefits as a bundled fringe benefits rate applied to staff salary?*

Answer: If supported by a NICRA (Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement), a fringe benefit rate may be proposed in the budget.

10 questions received did not apply to this RFA.