



## **KOSOVO UNITED STATES ALUMNI**

### **Notice of Funding Opportunity**

Funding Opportunity Title: **Alumni Small Grants and Fulbright Alumni Small Grants  
2022/2023**

Opening Date: **July 5, 2022**

Closing Date: **July 31, 2022, at 5 p.m.**

Grant Funding Amount per Project: **Up to 7,000.00 USD**

#### **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Kosovo United States Alumni announces the 2022/23 Alumni Small Grants Program and Fulbright Small Grants Program, funded by the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo. Subject to availability of funds, KUSA will award small grants as described below to alumni of U.S. Government-funded exchanges and training programs.

The programs seek to support alumni-initiated projects to improve Kosovo's educational system, bring transparency to governance, reduce corruption, enhance democracy, grow its economy and ensure sustainable development. Successful proposals will bring together alumni of U.S. government-funded exchange programs to work on a project and share with the Kosovo community the best practices and American values gained during their experiences in the U.S.

#### **II. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

With funding support from the **Alumni Small Grants Program and Fulbright Alumni Small Grants Program**, the U.S. government seeks to support alumni initiatives. Through the given grant schemes, KUSA aims to:

- Provide a platform that allows U.S. government-funded exchange program alumni to

engage with their communities through projects of strategic importance to Kosovo.

- Bring together Fulbright Alumni and U.S. government-funded exchange program alumni.

Proposals should articulate a clear strategic rationale for how it advances policies and priorities set by the U.S. Embassy and other partners. Topics supported for these grant opportunities are as follows:

- Education
- Rule of Law and Good Governance
- Economic Growth and Integration with the West
- Environment and Energy
- Youth, Culture and Sports.

### III. AVAILABLE GRANTS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For the 2022/2023 grant programs, there are two types of schemes, ASG and FASG 2022/203. These grant programs only differ in regards with the eligibility criteria, as explained below:

To be eligible for consideration for the **Alumni Small Grant Program**, applicants must meet the following respective criteria:

- Be alumni of the U.S. state Department-funded exchange programs including, **but not limited to** IVLP, Fulbright, Humphrey, Ben Franklin, TLP, Access, YES, KYEP, UGRAD, Ron Brown, Marshall Center and KAEP.
- Alumni **must** be registered members of KUSA.
- The project team **must** consist of at least TWO alumni of any program.
- Kosovo citizen, with permanent residency in Kosovo.

To be eligible for consideration for the **Fulbright Alumni Small Grant Program**, applicants must meet the following respective criteria:

- At least one of the team members has to be an alumna/alumnus of the **Fulbright Program** including Fulbright Foreign Student Program, Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, Fulbright Faculty Development Program, or Fulbright Humphrey Fellowship Program, SUSI and UGRAD.

- All applying alumni must be registered members of KUSA.
- The project team must consist of at least two KUSA alumni team members. Alumni of all programs can apply, however, **at least one team member has to be Fulbright alumni.**
- Be a Kosovo citizen, with permanent residency in Kosovo.

**When sending the Concept Idea application, please specify the program you are applying for!**

#### **IV. APPLICATION CONTENT AND FORMAT**

##### **Grant Awarding Phases**

The 2022/23 ASG and FASG Programs are split into two phases. In the first phase, all applying alumni are required to submit a concept idea, and the committee will evaluate the submitted ideas. After evaluating the first phase applications, the project ideas that are in line with the above-mentioned supported initiatives will be selected to apply for the second phase. The chosen projects to continue the application for the second phase will be required to submit a more detailed application form including the project alumni team members, specific work plan, and a detailed budget of the project.

Specific requirements for each phase are described below.

##### **Phase I Application Form Requirements:**

- A one-pager of the project concept idea (max. 500 words)
- Estimated funds requested to support this project implementation.

**NOTE: Only the selected concept ideas will be eligible to apply for the second phase of applications.**

##### **Phase II Application Form requirements:**

- The specific work plan of the project, including here number of activities and project timeline
- Specific activity budget breakdown including here a budget narrative
  - This budget breakdown carries specific costs for the main activities of the project (e.g. 70 reports at \$5 each - \$350 in printing materials, or 5 people at \$20 each for 2 round trips from Pristina to Prizren - \$100)

## **V. EVALUATION PROCESS**

A selection committee composed of KUSA's stakeholder community and the U.S. Embassy representatives will evaluate the applications. Each technically eligible application submitted will be evaluated and rated by the Review Committee based on the criteria set below. It will take the committee up to two weeks after the application deadline to complete its review process.

*Applicants may be contacted with questions during this review process.*

## **VI. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Applicants must follow the instructions and conditions contained herein and supply all information required. Failure to furnish all information or comply with stated requirements will result in disqualification from the competition. Applicants must set forth full, accurate, and complete information. Providing false or misleading information in an application will result in disqualification from this and future FASG and ASG competitions.

Application materials must be submitted by email to [info@kusalumni.org](mailto:info@kusalumni.org). The subject line of submission emails should follow this format: [ASG Application "Project Title"], or [FASG Application "Project Title"], depending on the grant you are applying for. For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, please email [info@kusalumni.org](mailto:info@kusalumni.org)

### **Application Files**

First Phase Applications should include the following document:

- Concept Idea Form

### **Deadline for submission of the application**

All concept idea applications must be submitted by email before **July 31st, 2022, at 5 p.m.**, at [info@kusalumni.org](mailto:info@kusalumni.org). Applications submitted after that time will be ineligible for consideration. There will be no exceptions to this application deadline.

**Period of Performance**

This program supports projects up to 6 months in duration.

**Contact Information**

Should additional information be required, please contact Kosovo United States Alumni at [info@kusalumni.org](mailto:info@kusalumni.org) or +383 44 573 066.