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Enhancing Mobility Innovation FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Innovation FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity provides funding for projects that enhance mobility innovations for transit, supporting a vision for carefree mobility for all – a safe, reliable, equitable, and accessible mobility ecosystem that supports complete trips for all travelers. Funds will be awarded competitively for projects that advance emerging technologies, strategies, and innovations in passenger-centric mobility in two distinct areas.

Of the total available funds, $1 million is available to accelerate innovative mobility and is for
projects to improve mobility and enhance the rider experience with a focus on innovative service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships, and integrated payment solutions; and $1 million is available for projects to support the development of software solutions that facilitate integrated demand-response public transportation services that dispatch public transportation fleet vehicles through riders mobile devices or other means.

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The NOFO implements two provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260), that directs FTA to fund $1 million for competitive awards to accelerate mobility innovations, and $1 million to fund competitive awards for the development of software solutions to facilitate demand-response public transportation. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. § 5312) authorizes the Public Transportation Innovation Program that supports mobility innovations research efforts.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include providers of public transportation, private for-profit, and not-for-profit organizations, state or local government entities, or other organizations such as research consortia, and institutions of higher education.

Eligible applicants may also identify one or more project partners with a substantial interest and involvement in the proposed project.

Applicants must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database and maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by FTA.

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Benefits

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Application Process

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Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Jump StartUp Women Spain

The Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy in Madrid and U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona (known collectively as PD Spain) is pleased to announce that limited funding is available to support activities that promote U.S.-Spain economic bilateral relations in the following priority area: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs.

The Public Diplomacy Section requests proposals for projects aimed at promoting entrepreneurship by empowering women entrepreneurs in Spain. This project proposal will be framed under the Mission’s “Jump StartUp” initiative, which builds support for entrepreneurship and innovation as a means to encourage economic growth.

A “Jump StartUp Women” module will provide skills and resources to women entrepreneurs with startups and scale-ups in Spain to help them grow their businesses, access and interact with the U.S. entrepreneurial ecosystem, and seek investment in the United States. Special attention will be paid to proposals that include businesses working in biotech, health, clean technologies, information, and communications technology (ICT) industries, artificial intelligence, and the “Internet of Things” fields.

Eligibility

Project Criteria

While a wide range of project proposals will be considered, successful projects will incorporate many of the following elements:
• A clearly defined project objective, with specific supporting goals and quantifiable project milestones.
• The project must benefit at least 30 female entrepreneurs who are the founder/co-founders of a startup/company created in the last 5 years across Spain.
• A focus on entrepreneurship/accelerator programming that complements, rather than duplicates, programs already active in Spain.
• The creation, strengthening, or expansion of a women’s entrepreneurship network that encourages and facilitates the transfer of skills and sharing of resources between members.
• A mentorship program that aims to accelerate initial success by pairing them with related, successful businesses and specialized accelerator programs in the United States in an organized and sustainable fashion.
• Provide advanced masterclasses, access to peer-to-peer mentorship, connect them with U.S. innovation hubs, high-level mentoring, and networking opportunities within Spain and the United States.
• An innovative approach that highlights American expertise or U.S.-Spain partnerships and creates/strengthens networks between Americans and Spaniards.
• A sustainable strategic plan to provide program participants with knowledge or skills of lasting value and application beyond the term of the project.

**Note:** All project proposals must carefully follow the instructions in the following sections.

**Eligibility Criteria**

PD Spain encourages applications from the U.S. or Spanish citizens and/or organizations, including:

- Registered public or private non-profit organizations, such as think tanks, business associations, and civil society/non-governmental organizations with programming experience.
- Non-profit or governmental educational institutions; and
- Governmental institutions
- For-profit or commercial entities are not eligible to apply.

**Other Eligibility Requirements**

- In order to be eligible to receive an award, all organizations must have a unique entity identifier (Data Universal Numbering System/DUNS number from Dun & Bradstreet), as well as a valid registration.
- Individuals are not required to have a unique entity identifier or be registered in SAM.gov.

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**Benefits**

- Length of performance period: 1 year
- Number of awards anticipated: 2 awards
- Award amounts: awards may range from a minimum of $18,000 to a maximum of $25,000
- Total available funding: $50,000
- Type of Funding: Fiscal Year 2022 Public Diplomacy Funding
- Anticipated project start: March 2022
Application Process

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