

USAID Youth Excel: Youth Excel Consortium Partner: Kenya
Seeking a Youth Excel Consortium partner in Kenya with a focus on youth networks

Request for Applications (RFA) No. FY23-Youth Excel-Kenya-01
Deadline: 26th January 2023

KENYA CONSORTIUM PARTNER RFA WEBINAR QUESTIONS

Youth Excel and general Program Questions

1. If someone is interested to support the Excel program me but keen to support your initiatives, how does he/she go about it? We invite you to stay engaged in Youth Excel networks where you can connect with youth-led and youth-serving organizations around the world, access positive youth development and implementation research tools, share knowledge and advocacy products, and track funding and other opportunities. Please register for [email updates](#), follow our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and visit our [website](#).
2. Do you plan to expand beyond Kisumu in future? We have activities beyond Kisumu however for this call, it will focus on our work in Kisumu.
3. Are we scaling up existing program or can we come up with other innovation to help Youth Group. We will co-create the planned activities with the partner
4. Among 10 org working in Kisumu are they eligible to apply? Yes they are eligible to apply.
5. Are the 10-organizations working in the same sector or diverse-The current 10 participant organizations are doing different things with a common theme of youth workforce readiness in Kisumu.
6. Can a youth organization join the current ten youth organizations you are working with? No, we are not seeking new participant organizations through this request for applications, but there might be future openings.
7. Is there a cut out or defined Org YE is working with or others will still join onboard? We will continue working with a predetermined current 10 participant organizations in Kisumu.
8. We are in a remote world where people work from home, how are we incorporating organization whose staff are working from home. We shall work with the respective organization so that we agree on how to make it work with their operation style.

RFA related Queries

Number of Partners:

9. For the sake of clarity how many Consortium Partners will be selected? One, as per Section 3. Number (Page 11 of the RFA).
10. Will you recommend Consortium to do 4 RFA submission by getting a local implementing partner to submit application. We are looking for onepartner. Consortiums of multiple organizations are not eligible to apply as per Section 2 (Page 10 of the RFA).

Budgeting and Funding Mechanism:

11. In any case Organization is selected for an award, does YE have policy or direction, can organization use the award to source for activities and be reimbursed later. Advance is given and reconciled based on a Cost Reimbursable Award, as per Section 3. Type (Page 11 of the RFA).
12. Sub grant management. Kindly clarify if the consortium partner will get the funds, then later retransfer to the subgrantee or will the consortium partner only handle paper work? The funding will be advanced to the consortium partner to administer to the participants, and the consortium partner will report on the microgrants to IREX
13. Please give more info on the Micro grants is it within the award ceiling? Yes, the total budget for the microgrants is included in the Award Ceiling. Please budget Micro-grants for 5-10 YLOs (\$7,500-\$15,000) per Section 4. Cost Recommendations (Page 13 of the RFA).
14. Is the expectation that the subgrants are part of the top line budget of 160,000 USD or are the subgrants additional to the 160,000 USD. Microgrant is part of the award ceiling of \$160k. Please budget Micro-grants for 5-10 YLOs (\$7,500-\$15,000) per Section 4. Cost Recommendations (Page 13 of the RFA).
15. Would you able to give more information on budget breakdown. This has been provided for in Section 4 on Cost specifications in the RFA

Scope of Work:

16. Is section one mandatory or you can go for both section one and two-Section one is mandatory ,Section two is optional
17. Can an organization only choose section 1 and nothing on section 2 Yes, this is possible
18. The strategic level partner can choose to do a and b at the global level? or are they limited to only a or b? Section One is the required/mandatory section while section two is optional and partners have the option of choosing all options in this section or either A or B.

Application Process:

19. How to access the link to the attachment-Link to RFA has all the attachment including budget template <https://www.irex.org/program/seeking-youth-excel-consortium-partner-kenya-focus-youth-networks>
20. Do asking or submitting question impact application process of a given application. Questions help applicants to know if they are qualified but doesn't have any impact on their application
21. After every process, YE will visit the partners, what will the team be looking for that is not written on the call for RFA or is it a legal qualification that the YE team will be looking for. Due diligence and risk assessments are done as part of the grants and compliance purposes so that we can ensure that the partner meets all the donor requirements.