

## ANNEX A

### ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Organizations eligible for Project Grant funding are limited to registered local organizations that have an established track record of successful work in areas related to the goals of this project will be eligible to submit proposals.

Proposed projects should reflect new, innovative ideas that do not duplicate previously implemented projects in Serbia. The Project anticipates that the grants will be used to support Serbian organizations working to improve the rule of law and advance reforms in the judicial sector.

In addition, to be eligible to receive grant funds, the applicant must:

- Not use funds for religious or political purposes;
- Not be affiliated with the Project, DPI, or any of its directors, officers or employees, and families of employees;
- Be registered with the applicable local authorities;
- Not duplicate projects previously implemented in Serbia.
- Demonstrate its ability to manage funds up to the amount of the award and, in the case of cost reimbursable grants or hybrids with a cost reimbursable element, successfully pass a Pre-Award Survey; possess financial accountability and maintain detailed records of all expense; have sound managerial, technical, and institutional capacities to achieve proposed project results; are willing to sign applicable assurance and certifications required by USAID; and
- Submit a fully completed application including all forms and certifications and a project description that supports program goals and objectives;
- Not be excluded from receiving Federal awards (please refer to “Prohibition on Funding Terrorism” section of this Manual). The Project will ensure that each prospective grantee does not appear as ineligible/debarred/suspended on any of the following: System for Award Management (SAM); and Blocked Persons List maintained by the US Treasury for the Office of Foreign Assets Control, sometimes referred to as the “OFAC List”; and the United Nations Security designation list. The Project will confirm that a risk assessment has been conducted by name;

Any organization undertaking activities that violate applicable U.S. laws, directly or indirectly, is **not** eligible for funding.

Grant applications that meet minimum eligibility criteria will be reviewed and awarded based on selection criteria, which could include but not be limited to:

- Applicant must be officially registered as a legal entity and working in compliance with all applicable local laws and statutes. If an applicant is not legally registered, the applicant can show proof of effort to secure registration, exemption from registration, or show cause and justify why such registration would be harmful, with supporting documentation, as applicable;
- Likelihood of proposed activity to further Project objectives;

- Appropriateness and feasibility of project activities within the proposed timeframe and budget;
- Demonstrated capacity of organization, including sound financial practice, in areas pertaining to the proposed activity;
- Professionalism and experience of project staff in the subject matter concerned;
- Responsiveness to need;
- Place of performance of the grant; and
- Potential for impact.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to read this funding opportunity thoroughly to understand the type of program sought, application submission requirements and evaluation process.