

# U.S. Government Seeks NGO Help for Removing Iran from Syria

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*The U.S. Department of State is offering a grant of \$75,000,000 to non-government-organizations to help it to further meddle in Syria.*

The grant [SFOP0005916 - Supporting Local Governance and Civil Society in Syria](#) will go to “Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education”..

The task description is quite interesting as the NGOs which will eventually get the grant will have to commit to counter one of Syria’s military allies:

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SFOP0005916  
Supporting Local Governance and Civil Society in Syria  
Department of State  
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

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**General Information**

<b>Document Type:</b> Grants Notice	<b>Version:</b> Synopsis 2
<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b> SFOP0005916	<b>Posted Date:</b> May 24, 2019
<b>Funding Opportunity Title:</b> Supporting Local Governance and Civil Society in Syria	<b>Last Updated Date:</b> May 24, 2019
<b>Opportunity Category:</b> Discretionary	<b>Original Closing Date for Applications:</b> Aug 02, 2019
<b>Opportunity Category Explanation:</b>	<b>Current Closing Date for Applications:</b> Aug 02, 2019
<b>Funding Instrument Type:</b> Cooperative Agreement	<b>Archive Date:</b>
<b>Category of Funding Activity:</b> Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)	<b>Estimated Total Program Funding:</b> \$75,000,000
<b>Category Explanation:</b> Local governance and civil society	<b>Award Ceiling:</b> \$75,000,000
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b> 3	<b>Award Floor:</b> \$5,000,000
<b>CFDA Number(s):</b> 19.601 -- Syria Assistance Program	
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b> No	

**Eligibility**

**Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Additional Information on Eligibility:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Small businesses, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public International Organizations

**Additional Information**

**Agency Name:** Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs

**Description:** The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to advance the following U.S. Government policy objectives in Syria: • Ensure the enduring defeat of ISIS and counter violent extremism, including other extremist groups in Syria; • Achieve a political solution to the Syrian conflict under the auspices of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2254; and, • End the presence of Iranian forces and proxies in Syria. The Department of State's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Office of Assistance Coordination (NEA/AC) aims to advance these policy objectives by supporting the following assistance objectives: • Strengthen responsive and credible governance and civil society entities to capably serve and represent communities liberated from ISIS. • Advance a political solution to the Syrian conflict under the auspices of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2254; and, • Counter extremism and disinformation perpetuated by Iranian forces, designated terrorist organizations, and other malign actors through support for local governance actors and civil society organizations.

**Link to Additional Information:** [Link to Opportunity in SAMS Domestic - Updated](#)

**Grantor Contact Information:** If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:  
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- 2254; and,
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The operational field for the grant is not only the Syrian northeast which U.S. troops currently occupy, but also the al-Qaeda infested Idlib governorate as well as all government controlled areas.

The related Funding Opportunity Description (available through the above link) does not explain what an NGO could do to advance the highlighted U.S. government goals.

Work on the three year project is supposed to start on January 1 2020. It must be applied for by August 2 2019.

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