

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) **CFDA General Annual Program Statement (APS), 2024-0016-APS**

1. Could USAID/CFDA clarify if Concept Note and full application should be submitted on the same date?

Please note that under Part 2, Section III on page 10, the application to the General APS consists of a Concept Note and high-level budget, which must be submitted together. Applicants selected to move forward to co-creation will be notified and additional information for award due diligence will be requested at that time.

2. Could USAID/CFDA clarify if Word/PDF could be used instead of PowerPoint? What is the page limit if a Word document is used?

Applicants may submit concepts in either PowerPoint or PDF following CFDA's provided template. Only PowerPoint or PDF will be accepted. Word documents will not be accepted.

3. Are previous applicants to other CFDA solicitations eligible to submit an application for the same or a similar concept to the General APS?

Yes, previous concepts submitted under other CFDA solicitations but not selected for funding may be submitted for consideration under the General APS or its Addenda. For consideration, the applicant must be eligible and the concept must meet the merit review criteria and align with the stated program objectives in the APS or Addenda. Applicants are encouraged to review the APS' guidance on funding availability under Part 2, Section II, noting that applications may not align with the timing of funding availability.

CFDA may review the same or similar concepts not selected under previous solicitations to ensure that any feedback or eligibility issues from prior submissions have been addressed in the new application. Applicants resubmitting a concept should add one slide to their concept that describes any changes or improvements made since the previous submission. This additional slide will not count against the slide limits given in the submission instructions. See Question #5 below for more information on related situations.

4. Previous communications from CFDA indicated that the geographic focus of activities was more on Africa and Southeast Asia. Does this focus remain the same for the General APS, or is there a possibility to be considered with a project in Latin America and the Caribbean this time?

This General APS does not have set geographic priorities and considers concepts from all regions, including Latin America and the Caribbean. However, applicants should be aware that partnerships may be prioritized based on evolving funding availability and organizational priorities. Applicants are also encouraged to monitor CFIN notifications of the release of Addenda to this APS, which may provide opportunities for specific geographic or technical opportunities or specific geographic or technical focus areas.

5. If we have submitted an application for our concept under the General APS, and CFDA then issues an Addendum to the APS that is a better fit for our concept, can we submit the same concept to the Addendum and still be considered for funding?

Applicants may submit concepts to the General APS or any of its Addenda. However, our expectation is that separate applications to these opportunities are unique, tailored concepts, and not the same concept submitted multiple times (see Question #3 above, as previous applications submitted under other CFDA solicitations unrelated to this APS and its Addenda may be considered).

If an Addendum is released and fits better with a concept already submitted under the General APS , please contact us at CFDAProcurement@cfdaccelerator.com to rescind your General APS application and submit your application under the relevant Addendum within its stated deadline.