



U.S. Embassy Belmopan
Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI)
2019 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

U.S. Embassy Belmopan, announces a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) to strengthen government through civil society engagement. For more information, please visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Belmopan> or search for “Belmopan” at www.grants.gov. All grant proposals **MUST** be submitted on the www.grants.gov by **June 3, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time (Washington, D.C.)**.

U.S. Embassy Belmopan, depending on the availability of funds and quality of proposals, intends to issue two to three awards in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 USD in total funding. Each award will be for an amount between \$200,000 and \$400,000 USD. Project periods should not exceed two years, and the anticipated start date for successful proposals is September 30, 2019.

This funding will support the U.S. Government objectives under the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) to enhance democracy and governance efforts in Belize. Project proposals should address **one or both** of the following project objectives:

- 1) To increase and enhance civil society and government partnership to improve service delivery and accountability. Proposals should be oriented toward activities by civil society organizations working with national and/or local government, particularly in vulnerable and/or marginalized communities, to improve governance systems. Capacity building for civil society organizations and/or government civil servants should be included.

And/or

- 2) To develop mechanisms that improve coordination and cooperation between key stakeholders to improve basic local, municipal, or central government services for vulnerable and/or marginalized populations especially women. Proposals should be oriented toward enhancing the capacity of civilian front line agents and service providers to increase coordination, monitoring, reporting and response to issues such as, but not limited to, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Trafficking in Persons (TIP).

Please view the full announcement of this 2019 CARSI NOFO under the "Related Documents" tab on the www.grants.gov for more details.

***U.S. Embassy Belmopan will host a CARSI ESF Grants Question & Answer Session on **Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 1:30 pm**. If you are interested in joining us for this event, please RSVP and submit your name and your organization’s name to BelmopanCARSIESF@state.gov by noon on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.