

The USAID Resilient Communities Program
Request for Applications (RFA) No. 003

for

TOURISM GRANTS

Adventure Tourism and Local Agricultural Product Development in Kazbegi, Oni, Mestia, Dusheti, Sachkhere and Tsalenjikha Municipalities

Issuance Date: February 8, 2023
Deadline for Questions: February 28, 2023
Deadline for Submissions: March 23, 2023

Dear Applicant,

The USAID Resilient Communities Program is releasing a Request for Applications (RFA) to award grants in support of its activities. Instructions for completing the application can be found in Annex A. The grants will be awarded and implemented in accordance with the USAID and US Government regulations governing grants and the USAID Resilient Communities Program internal grants management policies.

The USAID Resilient Communities Program is seeking to improve the productivity of micro and small enterprises from targeted communities and integrate them into regional, national, and international markets and help further development of tourism in targeted municipalities.

Depending on the type of stakeholder, the applicant may operate in the targeted communities or outside of the communities (see below). For the purposes of this RFA, the following stakeholders are eligible applicants:

Type I Market System Actor: These applicants must be located in the targeted communities:

- **Accommodation service providers:** hotels, guesthouses, camping sites, etc.;
- **Culinary tourism service providers:** tourism companies that provide tourists with an experience to learn about local cooking techniques and other similar providers.
- **Producers of value addition to agricultural and non-timber forest products:** producers involved in processing, drying, packaging of traditional products in target communities, including dairy and non-timber forest products, honey, and ham (specifically in Racha). Post-harvest handling and storage and packing of potatoes in target communities of Kazbegi and Mestia municipalities.

Type II Market System Actor: These applicants must be located in the targeted municipalities:

- **Tourist attractions:** privately run tourist attractions (such as museums, galleries, folk houses, art houses, etc.);
- **Event organizers:** entities that are organizing or proposing to organize a cultural, musical, or other event that can attract tourists;
- **Local service providers/tour operators:** providing hiking, trekking, skiing, backpacking, cycling and mountain biking, camping, horseback riding, rafting, caving, and rock climbing etc. tours. These are providers that offer activities and tours in the selected municipalities that can extend the stay of tourists.

The leveraged contribution is anticipated to be at least 50% of the total project cost (e.g., for a \$40,000 grant, the leveraged contribution should be of equal value).

In order to provide detailed information on focus of the RFA, define eligible applicants, ensure understanding of the application form, and facilitate the application process, the USAID Resilient Communities Program will hold information sessions per the schedule below:

Municipality	Date	Time	Location
Dusheti	February 23, 2023	13:00	Dusheti Cultural Center – 2 nd floor Address: #31 Aghmashenebeli str., Dusheti.
Mestia	March 1, 2023	13:00	Mestia Municipality City Hall Address: #1 Seti Square, Borough Mestia Mestia.
Tsalenjikha	March 2, 2023	13:00	Tsalenjikha Central Library Hall Address: #7 Tamar Mepe str., Tsalenjikha
Sachkhere	March 6, 2023	13:00	Assembly Hall of Sachkhere City Council Address: #4 Tavisupleba str., Sachkhere.
Oni	March 7, 2023	13:00	Oni Municipality City Hall – 3 rd floor Address: #40 David Aghmashenebeli str., Oni
Kazbegi	March 9, 2023	13:00	Kazbegi Municipality Educational and Cultural Development Center Address: #24 Kazbegi str., Kazbegi

Please note that applications in response to this RFA are due by **March 23, 2023**. For any questions during the grant application process, please contact grants@cnfageorgia.org no later than **February 28, 2023**.

This RFA contains the **Annex A – Grant Application**

Section I. Program Description

IA. ABOUT USAID RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The USAID Resilient Communities Program is a five-year activity of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by CNFA. The primary objective of the USAID Resilient Communities Program is to improve the resiliency of target communities to benefit from inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development to create jobs, increase incomes and increase micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) revenues, thereby countering protracted malign influence.

To reach these goals, the Program will implement a market-system approach to develop and expand viable supply chains in the Administrative Boundary Line (ABL) improving the competitiveness of MSMEs and supporting associations and service/information/extension providers to foster inclusive and sustainable market systems development.

The Program will provide competitive grants, technical assistance, and co-investment to address identified gaps in targeted supply chains that will result in the improved productivity and productive capacity of MSMEs, strengthened supply chain linkages, increased access to markets, and improved capacity of MSMEs, cooperatives, associations, and service/information/extension providers.

IB. GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Program Purpose: The USAID Resilient Communities Program is seeking to develop resilient targeted communities that pursue and benefit from inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development and are capable of countering protracted malign influence. The approaches to each objective deploys strategies for private sector-led economic transformation, harnessing systems change, catalyzing investments, and building the capacity and resilience of local institutions.

Background/Context: The USAID Resilient Communities Program is improving the ability of businesses in the ABL region to integrate into market systems that can improve their ability to obtain higher revenues, expand their businesses, and increase employment. A Market System Analysis conducted by the Program identified that the mountain tourism market system has potential to create jobs and increase revenues in Mestia, Oni, Dusheti, Kazbegi, Sachkhere, and Tsalenjikha. These five mountainous municipalities can integrate tourism, agriculture, and traditional artisan products. By forging and developing new linkages between agriculture and tourism, new livelihood opportunities can be created that are inclusive and reach scale.

Tourism in the mountainous regions face the following development challenges:

- Lack of tourism sites or activities in destinations that contributes to shorter stay of tourists;
- The number of tourists reaches its peak in summer in Mestia, Oni, and Dusheti, while in the Kazbegi municipality the demand for adventure tourism is highest in winter. Winter mountain destinations have not developed into summer destinations;
- Lack of marketable high-value, experience-based service/product offerings due to an inability to commercialize authentic rural and traditional dishes and experiences and to integrate them into a well-marketed service offering; and
- Insufficient and/or ineffective marketing of tourism providers.

The Program is seeking to support the following types of interventions under this RFA:

- Support to improve the services offered by guesthouses, hotels, and accommodation providers: expanding the offer to extend or enrich the stay of the tourist.
- Support to refurbish and provide basic furniture for guesthouses along routes where there are no other guest houses. Examples of where the Program will consider supporting these types of guesthouses will be along hiking routes where there is no accommodation for multiple-day routes. It should be noted that the applicant must already have the house or cottage in a reasonable condition;
- Support local tourist service providers to diversify their activities to prolong the tourism season in the destination. Offers can include retreats, festivals, development of co-working and camping spaces;
- Improve the sale of local traditional agricultural products in the tourism market. Support to food processing, drying (non-timber), and collection facilities for products that can be sold to tourists, including dairy products, Racha ham, honey, and jams. Support can include processing equipment, equipment to improve quality and volume of feed, branding & packaging of final products and market access related activities;
- Diversification of the farm revenue opportunities by developing agritourism activities such as farm stays, holidays on the farm, on-farm events, pick-your-own, direct sales;
- Setting up facilities to offer cooking classes and other innovative ideas. The Program will support those applicants that can demonstrate that their proposal can extend the stay of tourists.

Eligible applicants can be from the community or municipality, depending on the type of market actor:

Type I Market System Actor	Community
Accommodation service providers, culinary tourism service providers, producers of value addition to agricultural and non-timber forest products in the communities listed in the right column.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gudauri, Kobi; • Glola (village), Ghari, Gomi, Pipileti, Sheubani, Tsedisi, Tskhmori, Utsera • Chuberi, Khaishi • Ananuri, Bazaleti, Chaitali, Chonkadze, Gremiskhevi, Gudamakari, Kvesheti, Mchadijvari, Pasanauri (borough); Argveti, Chala, Chalovani, Chikhi • Chale, Chkvaleri, Etseri, Jvari (City), Lia, Muzhava, Pakhulani, Sachino, Tsalenjikha (City)

Type II Market System Actor	Municipality
Tourist attractions, event organizers, local service providers in the municipalities listed in the right column.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kazbegi Municipality ▪ Oni Municipality ▪ Mestia Municipality ▪ Dusheti Municipality ▪ Sachkhere Municipality ▪ Tsalenjikha Municipality

Interventions in this activity should be scalable and sustainable and should promote improvements in formal and seasonal employment and increases in firm-level income.

Types of Support: The types of support that applicants will be eligible to receive include the following:

Type	Purpose	Maximum Grant Amount	Minimum Leverage
	<p>Investments at the beneficiary level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel/Restaurant/Catering/Guesthouse equipment to expand their tourism offer including developing agrotourism offers • Basic equipment for family-friendly guest houses in areas along routes where there is a deficiency of accommodation for tourists. • Tourism providers that offer innovative products to tourists including cooking classes, local craft development. Equipment, marketing to support the development of these tourism offers. • Camping equipment • Trekking equipment • Equipment for cycling and biking tours (including safety equipment) • Equipment for horse-riding service providers (including safety equipment) • Climbing Equipment (including safety equipment) • Equipment for rafting and kayaking (including safety equipment) • Skiing equipment (including safety equipment) • Marketing and other support to develop festivals and other events to attract tourists. • Other items that can extend the stay of tourists • Agricultural and food processor actors: a package of support that includes processing and drying equipment for agricultural (dairy, Racha ham, honey) and non-timber products, equipment to improve feed production AND branding & packaging of products. <p>Applicants that apply just for equipment will not be considered unless they can demonstrate how they will market and sell their products to the tourism sector.</p>	\$40,000	At least 50% of total project cost

IC. AUTHORITY AND GOVERNING REGULATIONS

The USAID Resilient Communities Program grant awards are made under the authority of the US Foreign Affairs Act and USAID’s Automated Directive System (ADS) Chapter 303, “Grants and Cooperative Agreements to Non-Governmental Organizations.” Grants administered under the USAID Resilient Communities Program will adhere to the terms of the applicable USAID Standard and Required as Applicable Provisions, as well as the USAID Resilient Communities Program grants procedures.

The USAID Resilient Communities Program is required to ensure that all applicants receiving USAID grant funds comply with the requirements found in these regulations, as applicable to the respective terms and conditions of individual grant awards. Under the USAID Resilient Communities Program grants program, USAID will retain the right, at all times, to terminate, in whole or in part, the USAID Resilient Communities Program grant-making authorities or any grants in progress.

Section II. Eligibility

IIA. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

The USAID Resilient Communities Program grant support under this solicitation may be extended to the following actors working in target municipalities of Kazbegi, Oni, Mestia, Dusheti, Sachkhere and Tsalenjikha Municipalities and specifically targeted communities (please find the detailed breakdown by communities above):

- Hotels, guest houses and accommodation providers
- Food service providers
- Tourism service providers
- Producers/processors of agricultural products

Type I applicants should currently be working in the targeted communities and Type II applicants in targeted municipalities.

IIB. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

To be considered eligible for grant receipt, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Demonstrate that the benefits derived from the award will have a positive impact on other actors in the market system including communities living near the ABL.
- Have the capacity, or the ability to gain the capacity with limited technical assistance, to operate their business profitably or sustainably.
- Have identified sufficient demand for their goods and/or services among potential clientele and supply from potential suppliers.;
- Be legally registered, private, for-profit majority Georgian entities (LLC, JSC, cooperatives, sole proprietorships, etc.). No awards may be issued to non-Georgian entities.
- Not be a governmental Ministry, agency, or other public entity.
- Commit to adhering to high ethical standards, including transparency in business dealings and record keeping.
- Agree to abide by acceptable environmental standards and to present information regarding potential environmental risks and mitigation measures. A negative environmental assessment can be a condition for disqualification.
- Be eligible for receipt of USG funds, and not debarred, suspended, excluded, or proposed for debarment on any of the USG-mandated screening databases.
- Be up to date on all applicable taxes and other legal obligations to the Government.
- Provide minimum 50% cost leveraged contribution of total project cost.
- Reach aggregate evaluation score of at least 70 points to be considered for site visit.; and
- Complete and pass a site-visit and pre-award assessment.
- Submit all mandatory documents prior to the deadline stipulated in the RFA.

While the USAID Resilient Communities Program will consider all applicants, priority will be given to projects that impact larger numbers of beneficiaries, address under-served population, including women and youth, the poor, and historically disadvantaged groups, and/or create significant numbers of sustainable new jobs when selecting potential awardees.

IIIC. INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS, ACTIVITIES AND UNALLOWABLE COSTS

The following entities are not eligible for grant funds:

- Government Ministry, Agency, or another public agency.
- An entity having as key staff a direct relative (spouse, child, parent, or brother/sister/sibling) of CNFA, USAID Resilient Communities subcontractors, or USAID staff;

- Entities or members engaged in any activities related to Trafficking in Persons;
- Entities or members engaged, transacting with, or providing resources to individuals or organizations associated with terrorism;
- Entities which have been debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the US Government.

Applicants may not use grant funds for any of the following:

- Private ceremonies, parties, celebrations, or “representation” expenses;
- Purchases of restricted goods, which include agricultural commodities, motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, pesticides, used equipment, or fertilizers, without the prior waiver and approval provided by USAID Resilient Communities Program. Purchase of these goods requires additional approvals from USAID before they may be allowed and procured. As such, applicants are discouraged from requesting funding for these restricted goods unless the goods are necessary to the accomplishment of the grant objectives;
- Ineligible goods under USAID regulations, including but not limited to military equipment; surveillance equipment; police or law enforcement equipment; abortion equipment and services; weather modification equipment; luxury goods; and gambling equipment;
- Construction works;
- Any purchases or activities deemed unnecessary to accomplish grant purposes as determined by the USAID Resilient Communities Program, including any applicant headquarters’ expenses that are not directly linked to the implementation of the proposed project;
- Previous obligations and/or bad debts;
- Fines and/or penalties;
- Creation of endowments;
- Indirect costs such as, but not limited to, overhead or indirect fringe, unless the applicant has documented proof of such rates through audits or USAID-issued NICRA; and
- Any other costs unallowable per the applicable Cost Principles.

Section III. Application Submission Information

III.A QUESTION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Any questions related to this RFA must be submitted to Grants Manager, grants@cnfageorgia.org **no later than 5:00 pm, Tbilisi time, on February 28, 2023.**

Questions must be submitted in writing; phone calls will not be accepted. Questions and requests for clarification—and the responses thereto—that CNFA believes may be of interest to other offerors will be circulated to all RFA recipients who have indicated an interest in submitting Applications. Only the written answers issued by CNFA will be considered official and carry weight in the RFA process and subsequent evaluation. Any verbal information received from employees of CNFA or any other entity should not be considered as an official response to any questions regarding this RFA.

III.B APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Grant applications will be accepted *only* in the application format given in Annex A, Grant Application. Applications and any required supporting documentation should be submitted **no later than 5:00 PM, Tbilisi time, on March 23, 2023.** Applicants must strictly adhere to the requirements of this RFA.

Applications (including all attachments and supporting documentation) should be submitted in electronic form only. The electronic applications should be submitted to the USAID Resilient Communities Program's Grants Manager at grants@cnfageorgia.org and the RFA No. 003 and the applicant organization's name should be stated in the subject line of the email. Applications will be accepted only if the information is provided in the format requested by this RFA. The grant application package should include:

- An Application Form (Annex A) including attachments 1 (Applicant's Certification) and 2 (Copy of the registration certificate (from the National Agency of Public Registry available at www.napr.gov.ge))

Please reference the RFA number in any response to this RFA. Applications received after the specified time and date will be considered late and will be considered only at the discretion of CNFA. Applicants must strictly follow the provided deadlines to be considered for an award.

Section IV. Evaluation, Selection, and Award Information

All applications submitted in response to this solicitation will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

Criteria	Description	Points
Aligned with project objectives		40
	The proposed intervention described is logical and explains how it addresses the constraint in the tourism sector or the ability of the agriculture processor to integrate into the tourism market system. The tourism actor applicant has logically explained how they will connect to the market either directly to tourism operators or directly to tourists. Agriculture applicants have explained how they plan to connect to the tourism sector.	20
	The applicant has explained how the intervention will increase their connections to other tourism actors in the market system, including market actors from the targeted-communities	20
Project Impact		30
	Expected number of new full-time equivalent jobs to be created.	10
	Expected increase in sales from improved services.	10
	Expected impact on women and youth (through ownership and/or employment).	10
Past experience of the applicant		20
	The extent to which the applicant has experience conducting activities like those proposed in the grant application.	20
Cost Leverage		10
	Suggested cost-leverage and budget is reasonable and is in line with project objectives.	10
Total		100

Once applications have been submitted to the Project, members of the USAID Resilient Communities Program Grant Selection Committee will evaluate applications in accordance with the above selection

criteria. Applicants that score below 70 points will not be eligible for receipt of grant funding. Applicants will be notified in writing whether their application was considered acceptable or not.

If the application is considered acceptable, the Project will contact the applicant to engage in further discussions. A decision to engage in a more in-depth and specific discussion following initial selection is a commitment to funding; it is simply a decision to move forward in the collaborative and joint effort to develop an impactful grant project. If the in-depth and specific discussions do not result in the identification and development of a grant activity worthy of further pursuit, then the USAID Resilient Communities Program will inform the applicant that it is no longer interested in advancing the grant project. However, if the more in-depth discussions result in a promising design and concept, the USAID Resilient Communities Program will inform the applicant of that determination.

Applicants considered to be successful will be subject to a site visit from the USAID Resilient Communities Program staff for an applicant pre-award assessment to verify the accuracy of their submission, perform an administrative and financial review, and conduct environmental due diligence. If the site visit assessment uncovers no major issues, the USAID Resilient Communities Program will provide the necessary instructions, technical requirements, and next steps of grant award.

The Project anticipated awarding fixed amount award grants to qualifying organizations applicants, though other grant mechanisms may be used for grantees applicants with less established corporate capabilities and past experience based on the Project's evaluation, pre-award assessment, and site visits, as applicable.

Section V. Terms and Conditions

Applicants understand, by submitting a response to this RFA, that application submission does not constitute an award or commitment on the part of the USAID Resilient Communities Program, nor does it commit the USAID Resilient Communities Program to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, the USAID Resilient Communities Program reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received, as well as issue amendments revising the terms of this RFA before or after receipt of applications. In submitting an application, applicants understand that USAID is not a party to this solicitation and the Applicant agrees that any communications regarding this solicitation will be conducted with the USAID Resilient Communities Program, and not USAID. Applicants will be informed in writing of the decision made regarding their application.

ANNEX A – GRANT APPLICATION FORM

TOURISM GRANTS

Adventure Tourism and Local Agricultural Product Development in Kazbegi, Oni, Mestia, Dusheti, Sachkhere and Tsalenjikha Municipalities

1. General Information

Submission of this grant application is FREE OF CHARGE. Applicants are solely responsible for submitting applications. The USAID Resilient Communities Program will not reimburse expenses associated with the preparation and submission of application materials. CNFA and USAID reserve the right to decline any application received.

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Basic Information		
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Company's Legal Status:	Ltd <input type="checkbox"/>	
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2. Project Goal & Activities

2.1. Describe in detail the proposed project. The proposed intervention should be logical and describe the constraint in your business and how the proposed solution will overcome this constraint. State the main activities that need to be completed.

Describe how the proposed project will: (i) expand your current activities/offer; (ii) how it will improve/create service offer.

Description of the proposed project.

What is the constraint you would like to address with support from the USAID Resilient Communities Program that prevents you from increasing your market?

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3. Project Impact

3.1. Please, provide the information about the projected impact both for the applicant enterprise and for MSMEs.

Impact		Quantity
Expected number of new full-time equivalent jobs to be created.	Yes	
Expected increase in sales for MSMEs (GEL)	Yes	

3.2 Please, describe expected impact on women and youth.

How will women and youth be engaged in your project?

4. Past Experience

4.1 Provide information about the experience of the applicant directly related to the proposed project and planned activities.



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5.1 Specify the source of amounts intended for the applicant’s leveraged contribution:

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#47 Merab Kostava Street, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia

Reference: RFA No. 003

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, hereby provide the attached application to perform all work required to complete the activities and requirements as described in the above-referenced RFA. Please find our application attached.

We hereby acknowledge and agree to all terms, conditions, special provisions, and instructions included in the above-referenced RFA. We further certify that the below-named firm—as well as the firm’s principal officers, and all commodities and services offered in response to this RFA—are eligible to participate in this procurement under the terms of this solicitation and under USAID regulations.

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