Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund

March 2\textsuperscript{nd} to March 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2017
Somewhere between your exchange program, your school, or your job, you had an idea.

That brilliant, genius idea that is going to change your community and our world.

But first, you need a team to help you, and you need funding.

Through AEIF, we help our alumni fund their dream service projects.
The AEIF competition provides small grants – up to $25,000 – to teams of past and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs to carry out public service projects that utilize skills and knowledge they have gained through their exchange experiences.
The State Department created the Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund (AEIF) in 2011 to support alumni initiatives that promote shared values and innovative solutions to global challenges.

Proposed projects must address one of the AEIF themes. In 2016, 61 grants of up $25,000 were awarded to alumni teams worldwide to support their public service projects.
2017 AEIF Themes

• Business Development and Economic Opportunity

• Civic Participation: Building Resilient Communities

• Cooperation in Science, Technology, Health and Energy

• Education and Inclusion: Pathways to Success

• Empowerment of Women and Girls
AEIF Alumni Teams

To participate, alumni must be members of the International Exchange Alumni (IEA) global online community and form teams of at least three IEA community members.
To participate in AEIF, you’ll have to log onto your International Exchange Alumni (IEA) website account. If you forgot your password, make sure to update it early. Also, update your alumni profile on IEA to make it more appealing to AEIF teams.
Ingredients for AEIF proposals

Alumni Led
• Are alumni the main implementers of the project?
• Is that clear in your proposal?

Clear Goals
• Will a panelist reading your proposal understand the goal of your project?
• Have you made the purpose of the project clear?

Implementation Steps
• How will you implement your idea?
• Have you described the steps you will take to implement your project?

Measurable Results
• What are the anticipated results of this project?
• Does your proposal clearly convey expected results?

Budget
• Budgets must be submitted by March 30 deadline.
• All costs over $200 must be itemized and explained.
Important Dates to Remember

AEIF Launches
On March 2\textsuperscript{ND}, AEIF 2017 begins!
Gather your teams, ideas, and excitement!

Proposals and Budgets are due!
Proposals are due by 12:00 pm (Eastern U.S. Time) on March 30\textsuperscript{TH}!
Submit early, and don't be late as exceptions will not be made.
The winners of the 2017 Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund will be announced in July.
Questions about AEIF?

• Check out our Commonly Asked Questions (CAQs) https://alumni.state.gov/aeif

• For sample proposals and budgets, or guidance on developing your project, please visit the AEIF Help Desk https://alumni.state.gov/aeif-helpdesk

• Participate in a webchat with International Exchange Alumni team on February 23 and March 9, time of day to be determined