

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT INNOVATION FUND 2017



Definition of Themes for 2017

Business Development and Economic Opportunity

Includes activities that promote or develop best practices in business, as well as enhance the employability of youth or under-represented groups. These activities may include skills training, building awareness of existing job resources, providing information on business development, or promoting job creation through entrepreneurship. Proposals to create for-profit businesses or to directly employ people are not supported through this program.

Civic Participation: Building Resilient Communities

Includes projects and/or activities that support and promote active citizen participation, or observation of the governmental/political process at the local, state, or federal level, freedom of expression and freedom of the press. Community service projects that encompass the spirit of volunteerism to address a local challenge are also acceptable. Proposals that help communities build resilience in times of destabilization are also competitive. Projects that support or oppose partisan political activity are not supported.

Cooperation in Science, Technology, Health and Energy

Includes activities that raise awareness or provide training in health and technology, science, or energy efficiency. Projects that promote access to clean water, public health, food security, recycling programs, use of technology for job preparation are also acceptable. Proposals to provide direct social services (i.e. medicine) to a population will not be supported through this program.

Education and Inclusion: Pathways to Success

Includes activities that promote an equal opportunity to education or that promote mentoring programs such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) or English language. Proposals that provide positive alternatives for under-represented groups (people with disabilities, minorities, or those who are susceptible to trafficking, among others), are competitive.

Empowerment of Women and Girls

Includes activities that enhance or support women's and girls' equal access to the political process, economic opportunity, sports, or education.