

## Questions Received – 2021 CARSI NOFO

1. We are currently completing our proposal for the NOFO Number: SCS-800-21-GR-001-WHA-042221 and have been unable to find the links for the excel version budget forms SF-424, SF-424A and SF-424B. The pdf were provided but no link to the excel version for us to complete and sign.

All of the required forms, including an excel template for the budget, can be found on the related documents tab of the grant opportunity at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The direct link is [here](#).

2. Furthermore we understand these are to be submitted to the [www.grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) site, is this correct? If so please let me know where on the site.

Correct. The proposal and all required forms should be submitted via the grant opportunity at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

3. I understand a copy of these forms signed are to be included in our proposal send to you, is that correct?

Correct. All forms that include a signature field should be signed by a representative of the applying organization.

4. When can we expect the “Apply” button be activated for this grant in [www.grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) ?

The NOFO is live and you should be able to submit your proposal and all required forms at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). The deadline is June 22, 2021.

5. We would like to know if we should attend the FB Live and Webinar today, considering our annual budget is close \$100k, meaning if we asked for a grant we would ask for \$30k at the most. Also we could partner with some organizations in Desamparados but our proposal would be for no more than \$40k. Saying this, should only organizations with large budgets apply?

We will have approximately \$750,000 available to fund 3 – 4 projects. We estimate the awards to be anywhere from \$100,000 - \$250,000. The NOFO lists the award floor at \$100,000.

6. Buenas tardes, estoy viendo la transmisión, lamentablemente no domino el idioma inglés pero me pareció escuchar que esos fondos son para proyectos fuera del área del Valle Central, es así..?

According to the NOFO, Proposals should be oriented toward activities by civil society organizations working with governments to improve the delivery of government services, particularly to vulnerable and/or marginalized communities and in areas outside of the Central Valley but within Costa Rica.

7. I would hereby like to request further information on the Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to strengthen government institutions through civil society engagement.  
<https://cr.usembassy.gov/embassy/sanjose/apply-u-s-government-funded-grant/nofo/>

The NOFO and all information on this funding opportunity can be found at Grants.gov, specifically [here](#).

8. I'd like to inquire about the SCS-800-21-GR-001-WHA-042221 Funding Opportunity:
- We already have a profile in grants.gov (Horizonte\_Positivo), where do we get a UEI to create an Organization Applicant Profile?
  - After creating the OAP will I be able to create a workspace?

SAM.GOV is transitioning from using DUNs numbers to UEI until April 2022. We recommend going to the Help Desk and requesting a UEI number to go with your entity account. Please follow this LINK ([https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd\\_sp/?id=gsa\\_landing](https://www.fsd.gov/gsafsd_sp/?id=gsa_landing)) to contact the help desk representative to request the UEI for your submission.

Your entity should already have access to workspace within SAM.gov and should be able to modify the account under the Entity Registration Widget. See this link for more information (<https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/office-of-systems-management/integrated-award-environment-iae/iae-systems-information-kit/unique-entity-identifier-update>).

9. Our project contemplates a highly participatory, multi-actor, multi-sector facilitated planning process during the first quarter of its implementation. This planning process will identify shared, measurable, numerical indicators arrived at by consensus. If these are not available at the time that our proposal is presented, does this mean that our project would be disqualified?

No, your project would not be disqualified. But your project should list planned activities and output indicators and outcome indicators.

10. He revisado en la página web, y he encontrado algunos archivos excel y otros pdf. Pero no me queda claro cuáles son los documentos a llenar.

The NOFO clearly states what are the required documents to be submitted with your proposal. More information can be found [here](#).

11. Me gustaría saber si el llenado de los mismos es en idioma inglés.

All documents submitted with the proposal should be in English.