

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

IVLP Impact Awards Application 2023

Eligibility

- 1. Who can apply for an IVLP Impact Award?**
 - a. IVLP Alumni who participated in an IVLP in-person or virtual project with a start date between January 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023.
 - b. Previous applicants and current IVLP Impact awardees can apply again with a new or expanded project if they meet the above criteria.
 - c. Participants in virtual alumni activities are not eligible.
- 2. Should the proposed project relate to the topic of my IVLP program?**
 - a. Yes, IVLP Impact Award projects should demonstrate continued and shared knowledge from their IVLP experience.
- 3. If successful in this opportunity, will I still be able to secure other exchange alumni grants and resources?**
 - a. Yes, we encourage IVLP Alumni to visit alumni.state.gov for additional opportunities.

Project Requirements

- 4. Is English required for my proposal and other documents?**
 - a. Yes, all official program documents must be submitted in English. This includes applications, agreements, and final reports. Interpretation will be available for informational meetings about the application process.
- 5. What if I do not remember the name or date of my IVLP project?**
 - a. Please consult previous emails with your U.S. Embassy or Consulate contact or reach out to ivlpimpactawards@meridian.org if you need further assistance.
- 6. Can the partner organization be the NGO, company, or other organization I am a part of?**
 - a. Yes, but as a Participant Support Grant the IVLP Impact Award must be issued to the applicant as the sole program beneficiary.
- 7. Can the funding be sent to my partner organization or another individual?**
 - a. No, as a Participant Support Grant the IVLP Impact Award must be issued to the individual award recipient. Awardees must be individual program beneficiaries and not service providers nor sub-recipients.
- 8. Can my project generate income or profit for myself or others?**
 - a. No, participants cannot generate profit or income from award funds.
- 9. How long do I have to complete the project?**
 - a. All IVLP Impact Award projects must be completed by January 26, 2024. The Final Project Report is due February 23, 2024.
- 10. Must the proposal be for a new project, or may I strengthen and continue a current project?**

- a. We will consider proposals that build on existing projects, but your proposal should detail how the IVLP Impact Award will advance project impacts for additional populations, activities, etc.

11. Can I apply to do a research project or scientific experiment?

- a. No, projects cannot include research or scientific experiments.

Project Budget

12. Can I pay myself or others' salaries?

- a. No, funds cannot be used to pay any salaries. Honoraria or compensation for labor to the award recipient is not allowed, but they can be used to cover travel and lodging costs for project activities.

13. Can I pay honoraria for specific work?

- a. Yes, projects may include honoraria to experts for specific services if justifiable. Honoraria may not exceed \$250 USD per day per person.

14. Can I donate any Award funds?

- a. No, project budgets may not include donations.

15. Can I use Awards funds for construction?

- a. Awards funds cannot be used for construction or repairs of public infrastructure, buildings or other large-scale items. Costs related to the assembly of smaller items within your project may be allowable if reasonable and necessary. Please reach out to ivlpimpactawards@meridian.org if you have any questions.

16. Can my project receive additional grant funding besides the IVLP Impact Award?

- a. Each project must be completely viable and feasible without the need for additional grants.

17. Will I need to keep receipts and invoices during the project?

- a. Meridian will provide additional guidance regarding documentation requirements upon receipt of your award. We recommend that all recipients document expenses and save receipts.

18. What budget items are allowed or not allowed?

- a. Common items can be found in the table below. For a complete list, please see Part 200 of Title 2 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations: [2 CFR Part 200](#).

Budget Item	Allowable or Unallowable?
Salary or Honorarium for Project IVLP Impact Awardee	Unallowable
Salary for Others	Unallowable
Alcoholic Beverages	Unallowable
Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities), or any system including video surveillance system or telecom. equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou	Unallowable

Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities)	
Entertainment Costs	Unallowable
Monetary Prizes or Sub-Grants	Unallowable
Contingency Costs	Unallowable Please contact Meridian if an emergency arises
Federal Taxes	Unallowable
Income Taxes or Government-Imposed Taxes	Unallowable
Lobbying	Unallowable
Contributions and Donations	Unallowable
Personal Expenses Unnecessary for Project	Unallowable
Fundraising and Investment Management Costs	Unallowable
Fines, Penalties, Damages and Other Settlements	Unallowable
General Costs of Government	Unallowable
Flights Non-Compliant with U.S. Fly America Act or Non-Economy Flights	Unallowable
Honoraria for Specific, Definitive Services that Require an Expert's Background	Allowable at a limit of \$250 USD per person per day per Meridian Policy
Advertising, Public Relations, and Branded Materials	Allowable at a limit of \$200 USD total per project per Meridian Policy
Meal and Lodging Costs	Allowable in accordance with GSA Rates for the project city
Venue or Meeting Space Rental	Allowable
Transportation and Travel Costs (Non-Flights)	Allowable
U.S. Fly America Act Compliant and Economy Flights	Allowable per Federal Travel Policy
U.S. Expenses or Costs to U.S. Individuals or Companies	Allowable with a customized contract, expense report, and receipts per Meridian Policy
Bank Transfer Fees	Allowable
Construction	Allowable if necessary and reasonable
Communications Costs such as Data, Internet, Phone Cards, Zoom License, etc.	Allowable

Additional Questions?

If you have additional questions, please reach out to ivlpimpactawards@meridian.org.