

# Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative WomenConnect Challenge (W-GDP WCC)

Request for Applications (RFA), Modification 2

<i>RFA Number</i>	2019-01, Modification 2 Issued Under <u>Digital Frontiers</u> USAID Agreement No. <u>AID-OAA-A-17-00033</u>
<i>Title &amp; Application Website</i>	Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative WomenConnect Challenge <a href="https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site/WomenConnectChallenge19">https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site/WomenConnectChallenge19</a>
<b>Important Dates &amp; Deadlines</b>	
<i>Issue Date of RFA</i>	June 5, 2019
Have questions on this RFA? <i>Deadline for submission of RFA Questions</i>	Submit your RFA questions here: <a href="https://forms.gle/F8cUjS5kNABNL75K9">https://forms.gle/F8cUjS5kNABNL75K9</a> <del>June 21, 2019 at 5:30 pm Eastern Time (ET)</del> <b>July 8, 2019 at 5:30 pm Eastern Time (ET)</b>
<i>Deadline for submission of applications for RFA 2019-01</i>	<del>July 26, 2019 at 12:00 pm ET</del> <b>August 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm ET</b>

The following outlines modifications to RFA Number 2019-01, W-GDP WomenConnect Challenge, issued July 1, 2019. **Any sections not mentioned here remain unchanged.**

Where there are changes to the RFA, deleted text is struck through (~~like so~~) and updated language or information is highlighted (**like so**).

## Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative WomenConnect Challenge Round Two

*The cover letter is modified in part as follows:*

During Round Two of the W-GDP WomenConnect Challenge, Digital Frontiers anticipates disbursing approximately three grants in award funding globally, ranging from ~~\$900,000~~ **\$500,000** - \$1,000,000. The period of performance for each individual award is up to 24 months. The specific amount and period of performance for each award will be determined at the time of the award. Awards made through this RFA will be in the form of ~~Fixed Amount Award~~ **Standard Grant Awards**.

**DUE DATE for RFA 2019-01 Applications: Completed Applications are due ~~July 26, 2019 at 12:00 PM ET~~ **August 6, 2019 at 12:00 PM ET** via the Online Application:**

<https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site/WomenConnectChallenge19>. Applicants should retain a copy of their applications and accompanying documents for their records.

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## Acronyms and Glossary

*The Acronyms and Glossary are modified in part as follows:*

### Acronyms

~~FAA~~—Fixed Amount Award

### Glossary

~~**Fixed Amount Award Grants:** The Fixed Amount Award (FAA) format allows the award of a grant for very specific program elements, without requiring project monitoring of the actual costs subsequently incurred. It is intended to support specific activities, where costs are certain and where the accomplishment of grant "milestones" is readily discernible. Payments are fixed amounts and are made based on the grantee's successful submission or completion of the tasks delineated for that milestone.~~

## Section B – Application Instructions

*The Eligibility Requirements, Responsibility Determination, Instructions for Submission of Cost Applications, Budget, Online Application Platform, and Questions and Answers are modified in part as follows:*

### Eligibility Requirements

- **Organization Type:** The W-GDP WomenConnect Challenge is open to registered US or non-US organizations regardless of type (for example: for profit, not-for-profit, civic groups and others). For-profit Applicants must be willing to forego profit per ~~22 CFR 226.81~~ **2 CFR 700.13**.
  - The following are not eligible:
    - Government entities
    - Individuals

### Responsibility Determination

- Documentation that the Applicant can comply with the award conditions, has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics, and has the required financial capacity (explained in Annex 2). **The applicant must have the ability to segregate funds obtained from the award of the grant from other activities of the organization. A separate bank account is required should a grant award be made.**
- **If selected for award applicants may be requested to provide:**
  - copy of applicant's accounting manual
  - copy of applicant's operations manual

## Instructions for Submission of Cost Application

Cost applications consist of the following:

- Budget and Milestones Table (*Annex 3*)
- Budget Narrative (*Annex 3*)
- Financial Capability Questionnaire (*Annex 4*)
- Registration Documentation (*Annex 5*)

### Budget

All budget lines must be clearly linked to specific project activities. The budget should detail all direct costs associated with the implementation and completion of activities, as well as any indirect costs and program costs such as those related to any sub-agreements and/or contracts. The funds requested must be reasonable and used in a cost-effective manner. Digital Frontiers will assess whether the overall costs are realistic for the work to be performed, whether the costs reflect that the Applicant understands the requirements of project implementation, and whether the costs are consistent with the technical application. Digital Frontiers anticipates awarding approximately three grants ranging between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 US dollars.

In tab two of the Budget template there is a budget summary by milestone. In fixed amount awards, payments are made to the grantee upon the successful delivery of set milestones. Please outline your milestones, deliverables, timeline, and budget amount per milestone for your proposed project duration.

### Online Application Platform

Submissions must be uploaded into the Online Application (<https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site/WomenConnectChallenge19>). The deadline for the RFA Application is ~~July 26, 2019 at 12:00 pm ET~~ **August 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm ET**. Complete instructions regarding how to submit applications are provided on the application website.

### Questions and Answers

Questions regarding this RFA should be submitted no later than ~~June 21, 2019 5:30 pm ET~~ **July 8, 2019 5:30 pm ET** to this form: <https://forms.gle/F8cUjS5kNABNL75K9>). Digital Frontiers will post an amendment to this RFA with the Questions and Answers received by the deadline (now extended to June 21, 2019 5:30 pm ET), to the downloads section on the application website.

## Section C – Selection Process

*The Signing of Grant Agreements is modified in part as follows:*

### Signing of Grant Agreements

Before receiving the first grant installment, **all grant recipients must open a separate bank account** as this is the only means by which grant funds will be transferred from DAI to the grant recipient.

## Section D – Award Information

*The Fixed Amount Awards, and Special Grant Requirements are modified in part as follows:*

### ~~Fixed Amount Awards~~ Standard Grant Awards

Final Grant Agreements will be ~~Fixed Amount Awards~~ Standard Grant Awards. The final period of performance, ~~specific milestones~~, timeline, and ~~payment terms and conditions~~ schedule will be determined in collaboration with each Finalist prior to award.

Grant payments will be made according to an ~~installment schedule~~ the payment terms and conditions agreed upon in the Grant Agreement. In no event will more than 90% of the total agreed budget be disbursed prior to receiving and approving the Final Program Report.

### Special Grant Requirements

**Separate Account:** A separate account must be established to house all funds provided under the grant, as well as all interest income.

~~Pursuant to 22 CFR 226.81, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments such as grant awards. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (22 CFR 226, OMB Circular A 122 for non-profit organization, OMB Circular A 21 for universities, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for profit organizations), may be paid under the grant.~~

~~For non-US organizations, the Standard Provisions for Non-US Nongovernmental Recipients will apply. For US organizations, 22 CFR 226 (<http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ads/cfr.html#22>), OMB Circulars (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a122/a122.html>), and the Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental Recipients will apply. Please see Annex 6 for Standard Provisions.~~

Pursuant to 2 CFR 700.13, it is USAID policy not to award profit under assistance instruments such as grant awards. However, all reasonable, allocable, and allowable expenses, both direct and indirect, which are related to the grant program and are in accordance with applicable cost standards (2 CFR 200 Subpart E for all US-based and for non-US based non-profit organizations, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 31 for for-profit organizations), may be paid under the grant.

For non-US organizations, the Standard Provisions for Non-US Nongovernmental Recipients will apply. For US organizations, 2 CFR 200 and the Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental Recipients will apply. See Annex 6 for Standard Provisions.

**Permitted Uses of Program Income:** The Grantee will inform DAI of any program income generated under the grant and agrees to follow USAID's disposition requirements for such program income, which is in accordance with 2 CFR 200.307. Program income earned under this agreement shall be applied and used in the following descending order:

1. Added to funds committed by USAID and the recipient to the project or program, and used to further eligible project or program objectives;
2. 2. Used to finance the non-Federal share of the project or program; and
3. 3. Deducted from the total project or program allowable cost in determining the net allowable costs on which the federal share of costs is based.

If the terms and conditions of the award do not specify how program income is to be used, then number 2) shall apply automatically. Grantees who are commercial organizations may not apply Option 1) to their program income.

## Annexes

*Annexes 1, 3, 4, and 9 are modified in part as follows:*

### Annex 1: Application Overview

All Applicants must submit the following contents ~~by July 26, 2019 at 12:00 pm ET~~ **August 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm ET** using the online application (<https://app.reviewr.com/s1/site/WomenConnectChallenge19>).

### Application Components

- **Financial & Responsibility Determination**
  - ~~Budget and Milestones Table~~ (Annex 3)

### Annex 3: Budget and Budget Narrative Template

#### ~~Fixed Amount~~ **Standard Grant Award** Budget

Your Budget should follow this template which is provided in excel format in the online application platform. Budget total should not exceed \$1,000,000 US dollars. **Digital Frontiers anticipates awarding approximately three grants ranging between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 US dollars.** The period of performance for W-GDP WomenConnect activities will be up to 24 months maximum.

Standard Grant Award Detailed Budget						
Line Item	Year One			Year Two		
	Units	Rate	Total	Units	Rate	TOTAL in USD
I. Salaries and Wages						
A. Full Name, Position Title			\$ -			\$ -
B. Full Name, Position Title			\$ -			\$ -
C. Full Name, Position Title			\$ -			\$ -
D. Full Name, Position Title			\$ -			\$ -
E. Full Name, Position Title			\$ -			\$ -
Total Salaries and Wages			\$ -			\$ -
II. Fringe Benefits on Labor						
A. Health insurance			\$ -			\$ -
B. Social security			\$ -			\$ -
C.			\$ -			\$ -
Total Fringe			\$ -			\$ -
III. Supplies & Equipment						
A.			\$ -			\$ -
B.			\$ -			\$ -
C.			\$ -			\$ -
D.			\$ -			\$ -
Total Supplies			\$ -			\$ -
IV. Travel and Transportation						
A. Meals and Incidentals			\$ -			\$ -
B. Lodging			\$ -			\$ -
C. Travel to and from x			\$ -			\$ -
D.			\$ -			\$ -
Total Travel and Transportation			\$ -			\$ -
V. Other Direct Costs (ODCs)						
A. Communications (telephone, fax, internet, etc.)			\$ -			\$ -
B. Reproduction Costs			\$ -			\$ -
C. Bank Charges			\$ -			\$ -
D. Expendable Supplies			\$ -			\$ -
E.			\$ -			\$ -
Total Other Direct Costs			\$ -			\$ -
VI. Subcontracts/Consultants						
A.			\$ -			\$ -
B.			\$ -			\$ -
Total Subcontracts/Consultants			\$ -			\$ -
Total Non Labor Costs			\$ -			\$ -
VII. Indirect Costs						
A.			\$ -			\$ -
Total Indirect Costs			\$ -			\$ -
Grand Total			\$ -			\$ -

Standard Grant Award Budget Summary				
	Line Item	Year One Budget	Year Two Budget	Total
I.	Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
II.	Fringe Benefits on Labor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
III.	Supplies & Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IV.	Travel and Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
V.	Other Direct Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VI.	Subcontracts/Consultants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VII.	Indirect Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

### *Milestones Table*

In tab two of the Budget template there is a budget summary by Milestone. In fixed amount awards, payments are made to the grantee upon the successful delivery of set milestones. Please outline your milestones, deliverables, timeline, and budget amount per milestone for your proposed project duration.

We expect that each grantee will have unique deliverables related to their proposed solution. In addition to your own unique deliverables, we will ask that you incorporate the following deliverables into your milestones schedule:

1. ——— Final Workplan
2. ——— Final MEL Plan
3. ——— Status Reports
4. ——— Final Report

### Annex 4: Financial Capability Questionnaire

While 22 CFR 226 does not cover awards to non-U.S. recipients, DAI shall rely on the standards established in that regulation in determining whether potential non-U.S. recipients are responsible to manage Federal funds. A determination shall be made on the potential recipient's ability, or potential ability, to comply with the following USAID and federal-wide policies:

- ~~22 CFR 226.20–226.28 (Financial and Program Management) (See Mandatory Reference, 22 CFR 226.20–226.28);~~
- ~~22 CFR 226.30–226.37 (Property Standards) (See Mandatory Reference, 22 CFR 226.30–226.37);~~
- ~~22 CFR 226.40–226.49 (Procurement Standards) (See Mandatory Reference, 22 CFR 226.40–226.49);~~
- ~~22 CFR 226.50–226.53 (Reports and Records) (See Mandatory Reference, 22 CFR 226.50–226.53).~~

While 2 CFR 200 does not cover awards to non-U.S. recipients, DAI shall rely on the standards established in that regulation in determining whether potential non-U.S. recipients are responsible to manage Federal funds. A determination shall be made on the potential recipient's ability, or potential ability, to comply with the following USAID and federal-wide policies:

- 1) [2 CFR 200 Subpart D](#) (Financial and Program Management);
- 2) [2 CFR 200 Subpart D](#) (Property Standards);
- 3) [2 CFR 200 Subpart D](#) (Procurement Standards); and
- 4) [2 CFR 200 Subpart D](#) (Performance and Financial Monitoring and Reporting).

### Annex 9: Proposal Checklist

- ☐ Budget not exceeding \$1,000,000 USD
- ☐ Including second tab of template with complete Milestone Table