FAQs

1. Is this grant opportunity open for single implementers, or can we submit proposals as a joint partnership?
   This opportunity is open to single applicants as well as collaborative consortium. The role and responsibilities of the primary and other partners must be clearly presented.

2. Does the applicant organization have to be registered?
   All applicant organizations are registered with related Government of Nepal offices. A copy of the valid registration certificate must be submitted along with the concept paper.

3. Can an academic institution apply?
   Academic institutions can apply for this grants opportunity, indicating clearly the departments and personnel to be involved.

4. Can individuals apply for this grant?
   To be eligible for this USAID grants, you must be a registered entity. Proposals from individuals will not be accepted.

5. Do we need to come-up with a solution or an invention?
   We welcome applicants to propose either innovative solutions or inventions that contribute to enhancing food security. This is an opportunity for applicant implementing bodies - industries, research organizations, and academics - to present innovations and effective solutions towards combatting food security in Nepal. Private sector applications are highly encouraged.

6. Should this necessarily be at the farmers' level?
   Proposed approaches may relate to activities at farmer level, or at research or industry (private sector/company) levels.

7. Can we submit proposal about an agricultural mobile application project (android platform)?
   Any innovative solutions or inventions that contribute to enhancing food security may be proposed. All submissions must meet the 3 eligibility conditions outlined in the Question 8 and the two thematic categories outlined in Question 9 below.

8. Do the proposals have to meet all the 3 eligibility conditions?
   Yes, all proposals must address each of the following 3 grant eligibility conditions:

   a. Proposed concepts must leverage the transformative power of technology and partnerships to introduce and/or scale-up climate smart, scalable, and sustainable solutions.
   b. Proposed concepts must increase agriculture productivity and bring disadvantaged farmers more income, while also conserving environmental resources.
   c. Proposed concepts must contribute to the sector development of livestock and/or one or more of the four crop categories: rice, maize, lentils, and high-value vegetables. Proposals, whether pilot testing or scale-up idea, must be implemented in or benefit farmers in any of these twenty USAID focus districts: Kanchanpur, Kailali, Doti, Dadheldhura, Accham, Baitadi, Banke, Bardiya, Surhket, Jajarkot, Dailekh, Dang, Salyan, Rukum, Rolpa, Pyuthan, Kapilvastu, Argakhachi, Gulmi, and Palpa.

9. How many awards will there be?
   At least one award will be made in each of these two thematic categories:

   - Poverty reduction using climate-resilient agriculture
   - Ecologically sustainable technologies to improve agriculture production

10. How many proposals can one applicant submit?
    Applicants can submit up to 2 proposals per grant category.

11. Is cost share a requirement?
    Yes. A minimum of 20% cost share of the total cost of activity implementation is required.

12. How can I get the application format?
    The application form can be downloaded from the USAID website http://www.usaid.gov/nepal/newsroom/press-releases

    Regarding your call for proposal/s on above mentioned title, we are planning to go for the contest. In doing so and before contesting for the call, we would like to know if we use your template for our concept?

    Please download the grant concept template from the USAID website http://www.usaid.gov/nepal/newsroom/press-releases, and use the template provided by responding to all questions according to the instructions in there.

13. Is there any specific guideline for the concept note - word limit or space limit?
    There is no such word or space limitation, but applicants must include all the details requested for in the application form. We encourage applicants to submit a concise concept with sufficient detail on the objectives, activity and outcomes.

14. What is a grant title?
    The grant title is a descriptive sentence for your proposed activity. It might be one or two lines and should provide a summary of what the grant is all about.

15. Where should I submit the concept?
    The grant concepts should be sent electronically to sneha.bhattarai@winrock.org within the grant deadline date together with a copy of a valid registration certificate.