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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **U.S. Embassy Awards \$404,553 in Grants to Nigerian Civic Groups**

The U.S. Mission to Nigeria has awarded \$404,553 in grants in response to applications to its 2017 annual program statement. A total of 23 projects were funded that will address issues of concern to all Nigerian citizens. The grantees include civil society organizations, arts companies, and alumni of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program. Grantees will execute projects to promote women's entrepreneurship and economic development; increase disabled and non-disabled students' access to primary and secondary education; mitigate farmer-herder conflict; and support anti-corruption efforts.

To ensure effective management of the funds, a one day workshop was organized on November 13 to mentor the 23 grantee organizations on best practices in project management. During the workshop, the U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, W. Stuart Symington addressed the organization's representatives, emphasizing their partnership with the U.S. Embassy. He underscored the key role the grantees could play in "solidifying Nigeria's democratic gains, creating economic opportunity, and ensuring a united Nigeria."

The 2018 open competition will soon go live! Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of July 31, 2018. This competition is one of many U.S. assistance opportunities. Full details are available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Information about opportunities specific to U.S. Embassy Abuja is posted on the U.S. Embassy's website and social media platforms.

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