

[British Embassy Bishkek announces call for bids: 2019-2020 projects](#)

The programme provides small scale short term funding for projects that support activities directly connected with the UK's Foreign Policy priorities and the objectives of the British Embassy in Kyrgyz Republic. The UK places value on building and maintaining connections between the British and Kyrgyz people in a range of common areas.

The British Embassy in Kyrgyzstan works to develop and sustain the important bilateral relationship between the UK and the Kyrgyz Republic, supporting security, democratisation and prosperity. Our work includes efforts to deepen democracy and embed an international rules based system in Kyrgyz legislation; supporting defence and security cooperation, working to reduce conflict, encouraging sustainable economic growth, and providing modern and efficient services to British nationals.

The programme allocates funding through a competitive bidding process.

Bidding round

We expect project initiatives to contribute to the following objectives:

Human rights and civil society

We seek project bids on a range of subjects, including (but not in any priority order below):

- democracy
- civil society and rule of law
- environment
- freedom of expression and association
- equality and non-discrimination
- human rights
- media freedom
- public diplomacy

Building connections between the UK and Kyrgyzstan in areas of common interest

Bids could focus on fostering connections and exchange of expertise, or they could promote policy dialogue and debate, on a wide range of subjects, including (but not limited to, or in priority order):

Science

- science and innovation projects that enhance UK scientists' collaboration with Kyrgyzstan's leading scientists and share scientific excellence and research infrastructure

- researcher links in areas of UK and Kyrgyzstan excellence
- building the capacity of Kyrgyz science to internationalise
- engaging girls in STEM

Climate

- specialist education in sustainable development
- climate change impact reduction
- reducing the ecological footprint

Tourism and sport

- promoting engagement on tourism and sport

Trade

- the ease of doing business and economic diversification in Kyrgyzstan
- trade barriers
- entrepreneurship

Submission procedure

We invite proposals for projects of up to three months duration (May 2019 to mid March 2020). Proposals would need to identify a clear and complete set of objectives and relevant activities, with activity-based budget. Proposals for 2019/2020 financial year received after 29 February 2019 would be considered in the next financial year.

Project proposals must have a clear purpose supported by achievable and measurable outputs (e.g. events and reports) and outcomes (what the project aims to help address through its activity). The project costs must give the equivalent value in pounds sterling.

Project bids can be up to £10,000.

Applicants are requested to fill in the Project Proposal Form and Activity Based Budget in English and to send them electronically to the British Embassy in Bishkek at: UKin.KyrgyzRepublic@fco.gov.uk indicating 'IP: Project bid and name of your organisation' in the subject field.

[Project proposal form](#) (ODT, 29.3KB) [ABB template](#) (ODS, 10.4KB) [INT Concept Note](#) (ODT, 1.11MB)

Incomplete submissions will NOT be accepted.

Please note that bidding is competitive and only selected projects will receive funding. The Embassy reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant/s of the grounds of such acceptance or rejection. Due to the volume of bids expected we will not be able to provide feedback on unsuccessful bids.