# British Embassy Quito calls for bids for its Bilateral Cooperation Fund 2020-21



The BEQ will run a competitive bidding process in order to ensure we use our allocation for high quality projects that deliver maximum impact and value for money.

The project funds are designated to support links between the UK and Ecuador in several priority areas through small—scale, high-impact project interventions (up to USD 15,000).

Proposals should be related to one of the following policy areas:

- environment and climate change
- gender-based violence prevention, gender inclusion and women's and girls' empowerment
- human rights, media freedom
- anti-corruption and transparency
- crisis preparedness

# Who may bid?

In order to be eligible, your organisation or agency must be a legal entity, commercial company, a registered non governmental (NGO) or governmental organisation, and must demonstrate:

- proof of legal registration
- previous experience in delivering and managing projects
- preferably previous experience working with international agencies/organisations
- the capacity to deliver at least 85% of the proposed project activity by mid-December 2020

## How to bid?

Proposals should be presented by 9 March 2020, using the Concept Bid form

(attached below).

Each institution may submit up to a maximum of 2 proposals.

Only short-listed applicants will be asked to submit a full Project Proposal Form and an Activity Based Budget by 22 May.

\*The Embassy will only contact and follow up with short-listed applicants and will send them the relevant directions directly. If you have not been contacted by 11 May, your organisation unfortunately wasn't selected for the next round.

Please send all project documents to <a href="mailto:BritishEmbassy.Quito@fco.gov.uk">BritishEmbassy.Quito@fco.gov.uk</a>

In the subject line of the email, please indicate "BEQ Projects NAME OF ORGANISATION" and include the project title. Please send one email per proposal.

Date	Activity
11 February	Call for bids
9 March	Deadline for Project implementers to send Concept Bid forms
11 March — 11 May	Embassy's Projects Board to revise and sift eligible proposals
11 May	Follow-up with pre-selected candidates. We will only contact those organisations that have moved to the next phase of the process.
22 May	Deadline for candidates to send the Project Proposal Form and the Activity Based Budget.
15 June	Final results will be informed to the selected organisations.

# Bid guidance

- projects are funded for delivery during a single financial year, running from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, with no expectation of continued funding beyond this period
- concept notes must outline how budgets are to be spent, with a clear consideration of providing value for money
- project proposals must include a communications strategy on how the project will be visible in country

### Attached documents

\*Documents are in English but could be filled and sent in Spanish.

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1. 12 May 2020

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2. 11 May 2020

Updated dates

3. 23 April 2020

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